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AWARDS SHOWCASE INNOVATION AND REGIONAL BUSINESSES

NSW Minister for Resources and Energy Chris Hartcher has congratulated the winners of the second annual NSW Mining Suppliers Awards at a gala event last night celebrating businesses servicing NSW's mining industry.

"I would like to offer my congratulations to the winners of the awards, the runners up and the industry as a whole," Mr Hartcher said.

"These awards highlight the range of businesses operating within the industry in NSW, and showcase how small to medium and regional businesses can succeed in the State of NSW.

"It is important we recognise the vital contribution the mining industry makes to regional NSW especially jobs.

"The awards have showcased how success of small family businesses is also vital to the economic development of NSW.

"These businesses help keep the mining industry in NSW strong, and after all, a thriving resource industry ultimately helps put downward pressure on the price of essential services like energy for the benefit of the people of NSW."

The awards also highlight the strong environmental and safety standards governing the mining industry.

"The innovative leadership of companies, such as the winner of the Professional Services Category, the Hunter Valley Training Company, who have developed a program to help prepare trainees with safety skills in operating complex heavy machinery in confined spaces, is vital to ensuring that our high standards in industry are maintained."

"In order to continue to drive the NSW economy forward, we need to support businesses and jobs and encourage growth."

"These awards highlight how our mining industry and its affiliated industries are delivering growth and prosperity to our State. I'm proud of the state of businesses in NSW in this industry and am impressed with the passion and innovation we have seen amongst the winners and runners up."