

**PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE
ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG) EXPERT GROUP ON
MINERALS & ENERGY EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Recent and Upcoming Activities

Since 1996, the Expert Group articulates, coordinates and promotes issues related to minerals and to energy exploration within APEC. At present, GEMEED has a Sub-group on Environmental Cooperation, headed by Japan, and two Steering Committees assisting the projects EWG 05/2001T (led by Australia) and EWG 07/2001T (led by Chile).

1. Fourth Environmental Cooperation Workshop and Sixth Annual Plenary Meeting - October 15 - 16, 2001, Acapulco, Mexico

Both meetings were hosted by the Mining Promotion Division of the Ministry of the Economy of Mexico. The plenary meeting (appended summary record) agreed in matters related to updated terms of reference for the Expert Group, the consideration of a proposal for a ministerial meeting, mining and sustainable development, and projects' advances. The Workshop "*Trends in international dialogues for Sustainable Development*" included nine papers on the subject, all of which have been placed in the GEMEED website.

2. Comprehensive Linked Database on Mining and Energy Related Opportunities and Regional Legal Framework within APEC Member Economies - Extension of Phase 3 (EWG 05/2001T)

The contract arrangements for the third Phase extension have been finalized, and the project is now starting activities aimed at its independent financing.

3. Survey of Factors Influencing Demand for Minerals and Metals in the APEC Region (EWG 07/2001T)

The project focuses on the demand side of the mining business and its prospective increases in energy demand, addressing a matter of strategic importance to producers, exporters and consumers of minerals and metals. The contractor started work in September 2001. Main activities to date have been: design of electronic questionnaires for data on how metals demand forecasting is done, and promotional efforts; a target database for both elements; the sending of the questionnaire worldwide; and the collection and initial processing of answers. The rate of replies is satisfactory, and a progress report will be delivered at the next GEMEED Meeting on May 22 in Alaska.

4. Next GEMEED Meetings

20 – 22 May 2002, Anchorage, Alaska, USA: ECOW 2002

Workshop on Mining and Community Engagement, followed by the GEMEED Planning Meeting, hosted by the Department of Commerce of the United States. Preparations will be ready for the time of this report's delivery at EWG23.

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Seventh Annual Plenary Meeting.