

Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining, Exploration and Energy Ltd (AEMEE)

Commercially advancing Aboriginal owned enterprises
in Australia and internationally

AEMEE is an incorporated not-for-profit company set-up to assist in advancing commercial opportunity for mining and allied industries that support Aboriginal community economic development and engagement in mineral resource management.

AEMEE was established in recognition that Aboriginal people want economic and social opportunity, to be involved in decision-making and to share in the rewards that result from mining on their traditional lands.

AEMEE will help build relationships that can put Aboriginal people and mining interests in a position to negotiate formal access, impacts and agreements in relation to mining issues. It has a local, state, national and international focus.

AEMEE will identify potential business opportunities bringing technical and business expertise, wider access to capital, and experienced managers.

The logo for AEMEE, featuring the letters A, E, M, E, E in a stylized, white, sans-serif font. The 'M' is significantly larger and more prominent than the other letters, and the 'E's are also larger than the 'A'. The logo is set against a dark orange background.

AEMEE

www.aemee.org.au

Vision

For Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining, Exploration and Energy Ltd (AEMEE) to commercially advance Aboriginal owned enterprises in Australia and Internationally.

Background

Discussions on the establishment of AEMEE began in 2005 at the Mineral Council of Australian SD6 conference in Alice Springs, where it was agreed to formally set-up a body with a focus on enterprises in mining exploration and energy.

AEMEE is modelled on the Canadian Aboriginal Mining Association, which was established in 1991, and which has over 200 members, comprising interested Aboriginal communities, mining companies and governments and suppliers who through their membership commit to include Aboriginal peoples in the mining sector in diverse ways.

AEMEE is governed by up to ten Directors. They meet as often as is necessary, but at least twice in each calendar year. An AGM is held annually.

Objectives

In pursuit of AEMEE's objectives Directors aim to:

- advance the condition and welfare of Aboriginal people by increasing their involvement and interests in the resources industry in economic development, mineral resource management and environmental protection;
- improve relations and understanding between Aboriginal people, Aboriginal corporations and all relevant participants in the mining industry;
- create opportunities for Aboriginal corporations to build the wealth, assets and goodwill within the resources industries; and
- increase opportunities for Aboriginal corporations to develop into viable, profitable and successful businesses.



Bringing people together

AEMEE will, through its Board and Members, bring together professionals from the mining industry, private sector business and from the legal and Aboriginal land rights disciplines to:

- develop, and facilitate development of joint or agreed policies and strategies in relation to matters of importance to its Members;
- implement joint or agreed strategies and otherwise advocate and promote joint or agreed policy positions;
- facilitate the provision of research and other professional services to its Members in relation to matters of importance, particularly those of national and international significance;
- keep Members informed through convening meetings, forums, seminars and workshops dedicated to advancing and promoting their interests;
- promote its Members and provide social and networking opportunities;
- engage proactively with the community and governments;
- host and administer programs in areas where there is a specific Member and industry community benefit; and
- administer one or more funds into which all gifts, donations and bequests to the company will be credited.

Benefits for members

For business it will provide a reference point for working through and doing business with Aboriginal interests.

AEMEE will build networks, relationships and linkages with governments, industry and communities to leverage opportunities for Members.

For Aboriginal people and Aboriginal owned businesses it will provide an opportunity to speak and act with one voice on matters such as taxation, legislative reform, industrial relations and in commercialism generally. The return for Aboriginal stakeholders will be employment, pride, confidence and self-belief.

For corporations and industry peak bodies there may be economic benefit through the positive engagement and support of Aboriginal people as their business partners.

For government at all levels increased business activity is anticipated to generate an increased tax base, and the multiple social benefits derived from employment and community access to business opportunities.



Membership

Membership of AEMEE is open to Aboriginal individuals, businesses or corporations, sole traders, privately owned businesses, public listed companies, not-for-profit companies, industry representative bodies and associations and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) with demonstrated involvement in the mining and/or energy industry.

AEMEE employees

AEMEE may employ an Executive Officer to manage its day-to-day activities and to implement the direction of the Board.

Other key staff will be employed as required and AEMEE will also use the services of industry specialists to assist in feasibility studies, planning, managing the start-up and ongoing monitoring of projects.

For more information

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