



20 July, 2007

MEDIA RELEASE – IMMEDIATE USE

Professor Jim Joy to Head Up Safety2007

Professor Jim Joy from the University of Queensland is just one of the high profile keynotes to address Safety2007 in September.

Professor Joy will deliver two topical presentations including **“Is a Worksite Safe? Establishing the Case for Acceptable”** and **“Can Design Kill? Human Error and Equipment Design”**.

His first presentation will focus on how to practically consider the safety of a mine, considering the perspectives of the community (law), the corporation (governance), the manager (personal accountability), the individual worker (personal safety) and the public individual (industry image) by applying a basic site model.

He suggests a practical, implementable approach to thinking and deciding about the risk with an overall site approach.

Most fatalities in the Australian mining industry involve equipment operation or maintenance. The Professor’s second presentation will cover the design error problem, how it can be identified, what to do about it and offer skills orientated points in three site level approaches intended to reduce human factors design risk.

The approach is based on industry accepted human error classification developed by Professor James Reason and applied in many industry investigation methods. Professor Joy will also introduce a new global mining equipment design improvement initiative.

Jim is the Professor of Risk Management in the international Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre in the Sustainable Minerals Institute at the University of Queensland.

He is currently working with the US government to examine Australian style mining risk management in US mines, as well as chairing an international multi-company working group, the Earth Moving Equipment Safety Round Table. Professor Joy has worked on many industry risk management projects across Australia and overseas.

He has also been involved in corporate advisory roles to BHP Billiton, WMC and, currently Xstrata, as well as having been a Panel member of the 2005 NSW Mining Safety Review.

Other keynote presenters confirmed include:

- Lieutenant Commander Sellers, Deputy Director-Human Factors, from the Royal Australian Navy will present **“Aspects of the Safety Investigation into the Sea King Incident”**

- Dr Karl O’Callaghan, Commissioner of Police, will present *“Police and Occupational Safety and Health”*

The Safety2007 Conference, sponsored by **Coffey Environments, GIO, Kirfield Limited, Advanced Safety Magazine, Western Hearing Services and TCC Group**, will be held at the **Sheraton Perth Hotel** on **Tuesday 25** and **Wednesday 26 September**.

The conference program is now available and incorporates a total of 20 presentations featuring a broad range of topics and quality speakers. For a copy of the full program, please contact IFAP on 9430 6611 or visit www.verticalevents.com.au

Other events to be held in conjunction with the conference include a cocktail function and the Skilled Gala Dinner featuring the 2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards presentations and the IFAP Corporate Golf Day, raising funds for nominated charity, PBF Australia.

IFAP is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation celebrating 35 years of leadership in workplace risk management solutions.



This media release is available on IFAP’s website at: www.ifap.asn.au/publications/inthenews.html

Contact Details

IFAP:

Rebecca Johnston – Marketing/PR Officer
Ph: 9431 6276
M: 0400224731
Email: rjohnston@ifap.asn.au

Vertical Events:

Stewart McDonald – Director
Ph: 9388 2222
Email: stewart@verticalevents.com.au

Abbie Robson – Events Manager
Ph: 9388 2222
Email: abbie@verticalevents.com.au