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Lonmin scoops multiple safety awards

Lonmin Plc (Lonmin) has been honoured by its peers with a host of prestigious industry safety awards.

The Association of Mine Managers of South Africa (AMMSA) awarded 14 of its 36 annual prizes for safety excellence to Lonmin managers at a ceremony at Welkom, South Africa, last Friday evening (Dec 2nd).

Lonmin's safety management team, has driven forward a host of innovative and forward-thinking policies aimed not only at immediate safety improvements but also at changing thinking and behaviour to achieve long term change.

The Lonmin team has explored best practice and new thinking with both local and international health and safety experts. The awards also recognised the way Lonmin had taken key learning points from other industries and applied them successfully across its mining operations.

Mark Munroe, Executive Vice President Mining, said: "I'm delighted for the team, but safety is not just about the people at the top, it all starts with each operational team member making a difference by acting in an appropriately safe manner and builds from there."

He added: "It's great that our work has been recognised by our peers, which means a lot to us, but we'll be striving as hard to improve tomorrow as we were yesterday, that's the nature of what we do."

Lonmin has introduced many safety practices and technologies in recent months, in areas as diverse as support, mining methods, innovative training and emergency & disaster management.

Managers were particularly recognised by the AMMSA for the way Lonmin staff had been helped to take ownership of safety issues in their areas, starting with an innovative "safety summit" dealing with leadership, safety culture, simple systems and establishing an enabling environment.

Following a tragic series of fatalities in early and mid 2011 management and employees came together to sign a safety pledge,

Lonmin CEO Ian Farmer said: "Mark's team deserves credit for its hard work, and I'd like to add my congratulations on their achievement, particularly in helping create an impressive level of awareness about our determination to reach zero-harm in our business."

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