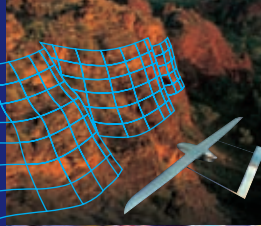
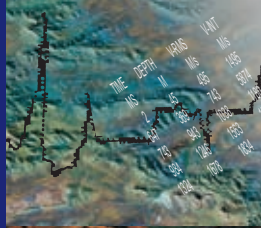


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How Does AMIRA International Work?

AMIRA International is a not-for-profit company that is run by a Board of Directors elected by its members.

It exists solely to serve its members. It was founded in Australia in 1959, as Australian Mineral Industries Research Association, to allow member companies to pool resources to pursue non-competitive collaborative research. The model and the research results it achieved proved so successful that it began to attract an international membership. Eventually, with the majority of its members domiciled outside Australia, it was reconstituted as AMIRA International Ltd to serve the industry globally.

Today its members and its research providers are drawn from every continent with the result that it has unrivalled capability to draw on the world's leading researchers in every relevant discipline to meet the needs of members.

A global network



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Join AMIRA International and enjoy these benefits

We bring to our members four key advantages:

1 Leverage on their research funds combined with reduced risk.

By helping a number of like-minded companies to share the cost of a research project we enable them each to access all the IP benefits at a fraction of the cost and risk.

2 We give our members access to the world's best researchers.

Over almost half a century we have built up relationships with the world's leading mineral research institutions and individuals. We know where the best expertise in any field lies and we can harness that (either individually or in partnership with other researchers) to create research teams of unrivalled ability.

3 We provide proven operating protocols and service.

Our Research Directors have developed proven protocols for ensuring that research delivery is world class. We provide that service to our collaborating member partners.

4 Networking

Being part of the AMIRA fraternity keeps you in contact with the global research community and abreast of developments.

Because of these benefits, AMIRA International continues to attract new members and provide expanded services.

For membership inquiries phone head office on 61-3-8636 9999 or contact your regional AMIRA office.

AMIRA International: The mineral industry's partner of choice for collaborative research

About AMIRA International

AMIRA International is an association of the world's minerals companies and their suppliers.

We develop, broker and facilitate collaborative research projects that strengthen our members' businesses. We coordinate research projects suggested by members and also bring to them new opportunities identified by researchers or our own research directors.

We currently have around US\$50 million of member-supported projects under way. Our members include 20 of the top 25 mineral companies by market capitalisation.

We do this by:

- Maintaining the world's biggest network of quality research providers
- Identifying R&D opportunities anywhere in the world that may hold value for member companies
- Developing project proposals to seize these opportunities
- Generating funding support for this research through member sponsorships so that no single member needs to bear the full cost and risk
- Pursuing other forms of support (grants etc)
- Overseeing these projects so that members gain the expected benefits
- Supporting research infrastructure
- Providing a forum where industry R&D specialists can network

Fields of research include:

Geoscience

Mine Engineering

Mineral Processing

Extractive Metallurgy

Sustainability

Multidisciplinary research covering more than one of the above areas

Using this service our members are able to concentrate their research resources on the core projects that are critical to their competitive success while we give them access to the best technology in other fields at reduced cost and risk. It also keeps them plugged into vital industry information networks.