

2014 Mining Review

2014 saw iron ore prices drop 40% to below \$70 p/t at one point. Contrast this with the previous few years, during which the seemingly unending boom created opportunities and wealth aplenty, it makes for grim reading. Gold and coal also took heavy losses over the year.

This calamitous drop in the commodities market -on which WA relies so heavily -and the subsequent tightening of the belt has been felt by the vast majority of the companies in the mining sector, at all levels. Despite the big three continuing to increase their production levels, they have all cut their CAPEX forecasts for 2015 whilst simultaneously taking a beating in the stock market. Next in line, the mid and junior level miners have felt the pain in a much more direct way. Most have slashed jobs whilst a few simply could not survive. Those that remain may not be around for long.

Beyond the miners, contractors of all sizes have had to readdress the way they conduct their business with even the biggest being sucked in.

As most analysts do not see the iron ore price rising above \$80 p/t any time in the next 12-18 months, businesses are slowly coming to terms with the new climate in which they operate. Spawning from this will be better run and more cost effective companies. Optimisation and automation will be a key driver for the majority of the miners and operators. Wages and charge out rates alike will continue to lower.

Whilst this spells bad news for most, SG Controls will continue to offer the most competitive services and the most efficient way of doing business. We hope our pragmatic approach to operations and our treatment of clients will ensure we continue to sit on the right side of the fence.

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DECEMBER REVIEW

A typical December saw many companies wrapping things up for the holidays. With site crews winding down and planned maintenance scheduled for the New Year, things were a little quieter than in the previous couple of months. This did not stop us picking up a couple of extra projects though including one new client and the resumption of our relationship with an old one!

We continue to support our partners in the industry by providing electrical and controls systems design, commissioning and maintenance support.

Things are setting up nicely for January and hopefully 2015 carries on where 2014 left off.

For those of you who worked over Christmas, thank you very much for all your hard work. For those who managed to get some time with the family, we hope you enjoyed yourself and will be ready to go in January.

Good luck to all in 2015.





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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Current and upcoming employment opportunities at SG Controls are listed below.

In addition, this is your chance to let us know where you currently are, whether you are interested in any work and if so what type.

This newsletter is designed to give previous employees preference for upcoming work and allows us to maintain an accurate, up-to-date labour database.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities or want to let us know you are available for work please send in your latest resume, certificates and two recent, applicable references to:

recruitment@sgcontrols.com.au

I would like to thank you in advance for all your correspondence and look forward to chatting to you soon.



If this newsletter is not something you are interested in or have full time employment elsewhere and wish to unsubscribe, please reply **STOP** to recruitment@sgcontrols.com.au



Opportunities:

If you are one of the following or know of anyone who is looking for work please send your resume and relevant licenses and certificates to:

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Control Systems Engineer

- Relevant tertiary qualifications or certificates
- Experienced in control systems design and commissioning
- Available for site works

Rio Tinto Inducted Electricians

- Relevant tertiary qualifications or certificates
- 4+ years' experience in commissioning in the mining industry
- Rio Tinto HSE/Essentials and Lock Holders inductions

BHP Inducted Electricians

- Relevant tertiary qualifications or certificates
- 4+ years' experience in commissioning in the mining industry
- Current BHP WAIO training and inductions



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SAY SOMETHING...

Do you have something you would like to share with everyone at SG Controls? It could be a safety issue, a sporting achievement, or a new member to your family? If so we would love to have your contribution to the monthly newsletter!

Please email admin@sgcontrols.com.au and
one likes pictures! 😊



FACEBOOK

We have now got a Facebook page up and running so don't forget to "like" and "share" the page. The page can be found as

<https://www.facebook.com/SGControls>



LINKEDIN

Don't forget to follow us on linked in as well! Our linked in page is:

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/3280618?trk=tyah&trkInfo=tas%3ASG%20Controls%2Cidx%2C1122>



SG Controls are continuing to have a global presence.

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SG CONTROLS NELSON POINT

Shutdown work continues at Nelson Point this month, with SG Controls again providing electrical support to complete the punch list items on Shiploaders 1 and 2.

KARRATHA

A small team of Hazardous Areas inspectors and designers have been engaged to complete audits on a number of sites in the Karratha and Pilbara region.

NAMMULDI

SG Controls continue to assist commissioning of the mobile machines in the expanded stockyard. Site acceptance testing is progressing smoothly and work looks like continuing until at least the end of the year.

MUNDARING

Electrical and HVAC maintenance continues at the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant, with SG Controls taking the reins for the next three years, providing on call and scheduled maintenance services.

SINO Iron

SG Controls are currently assisting with commissioning and operational activities in different sections of the stockyard and dry plant. As commissioning and operations continue to progress side by side, our involvement looks set to continue well into the first quarter of 2015.



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