



# UNDERGROUND COAL

## COURSE CONTENT

### Introduction

*Health & safety, world coal mining, open pit verse underground, and resource base.*

### Asset Evaluation

*Allocation of assets, evaluation process, and margin ranking.*

### Geology & Exploration

*Coal types, properties, exploration, modelling, design considerations, and reporting.*

### Mining Systems

*Selection drivers, technical considerations, equipment required for each system.*

### Geotechnical Assessment

*Assessment parameters, support design, and influence on design/operation / profitability.*

### Ventilation & Gas Management

*Gas reservoirs, economics, uncertainty in testing, drainage systems, and equipment & structures.*

### Mine Design Parameters

*Access, panel orientation, resource coverage, width, flexibility, risk assessments, and selection.*

### Equipment Selection

*Equipment & services required, maintenance process, non-productive time, capital estimation.*

### Coal Clearance

*System parameters, interface, bins, standardisation v specialisation, and operational considerations.*

### Mine Infrastructure

*Drift/shaft, electrical, water, hydraulic fluid, compressed air, dewatering, and consumables.*

### Mine Planning

*Systematic approach and options evaluation.*

### Economic Evaluation

*Range analysis, cost estimation, revenue calculations, resource valuation, and NPV v IRR.*

## Overview

The aim of this course is to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence the design of a longwall mine. As a result of attending this course, participants will have a greater understanding of how the major design decisions for a longwall mine are made, be able to optimise the mine layout, and make better decisions in the analysis of a mine design.

## Delivery Mode

Classroom

## Duration

Two Days

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## Learning Outcomes

- Learn how to apply margin ranking techniques.
- Learn how to optimise the key parameters of longwall mine design (panel orientation, resource coverage, and longwall width).
- Understand geological factors affecting mine design.
- Know how to conduct an assessment of the geotechnical environment for a longwall design.
- Understand how to analyse the ventilation and gas situation for the mine.
- Know how to assess the economics of the design.

## Who is the Course for?

- Mine Planning Engineers
- Planning Managers / Superintendents
- Senior Operational Personnel
- Equipment Manufacturers