



Dr Louisa O'Connor (left) showing one of our technical handbooks to WASM student Sara Dawood

Developing future talent at the WA School of Mines

As an industry leader, we believe that developing future talent is one of our responsibilities. This year we are helping with the education of a number of select students at WASM - Curtin University's Western Australian School of Mines, through our scholarship program and the provision of technical reference hand books.

The best performing students will be awarded the handbooks covering minerals processing, crushing and screening and slurry pumps. Our Australasian Marketing Manager - Peter Newfield said, "The best and brightest engineering students of today are likely to be our employees or clients of tomorrow. By supporting them we are supporting the future of our industry."

Senior lecturer and undergraduate academic coordinator for the Bentley Campus, Louisa O'Connor said the books are a "quality resource" and considered a valuable complement to student learning.

"These technical publications are concise and factual with excellent illustrations and provide an unbiased opinion of a standard that you would expect from an academic author," she said.

"They are much more practical and, therefore, useful to students who are undertaking project work which requires them to know about various pieces of equipment in the plant."

Our Marketing Coordinator, David LeRoy said we often received requests from students asking for our technical handbooks.

"Based on this demand, I approached Louisa and offered to supply the School with a consignment that will help the WASM students with their studies. I know how difficult it can be to find technical material to compliment your university work," David said.

Fourth year and final year metallurgical engineering students and postgraduates working on process design will benefit most from the handbooks.

Louisa said that interaction between WASM and mining industry equipment suppliers provides students with valuable exposure to R&D, design and build as well as consulting environments.

"This interaction helps students to understand the complexities of every day

issues regarding processing plants which they would otherwise find hard to understand through lectures and seminars alone," she said.

Established in the Goldfields in 1902 and originally located in Coolgardie, WASM now has two campuses; one in Kalgoorlie and the Bentley campus in Perth.

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