



# Aussie mission big hit with local mines

The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) hosted its first mining mission to New Zealand when 18 mixed Aussie companies toured some of the country's largest sites.

The mission was a result of Tasman relationships formed at AIMEX in Sydney last year and proved so successful it is to become an annual event.

"The mission was an opportunity for supplier and operator to get together and from relationships that are mutually beneficial," says mission tour leader and Austrade Cross Regional Team Leader, Donna Joyce.

The programme involved a range of activities with site visits from Waihi to Stockton and functions in both islands that provided an opportunity for all to get together in a relaxed way and make new contacts, she says.

Austrade works with 280 mining companies in Australia and assists these companies in markets around the world to source goods and services.

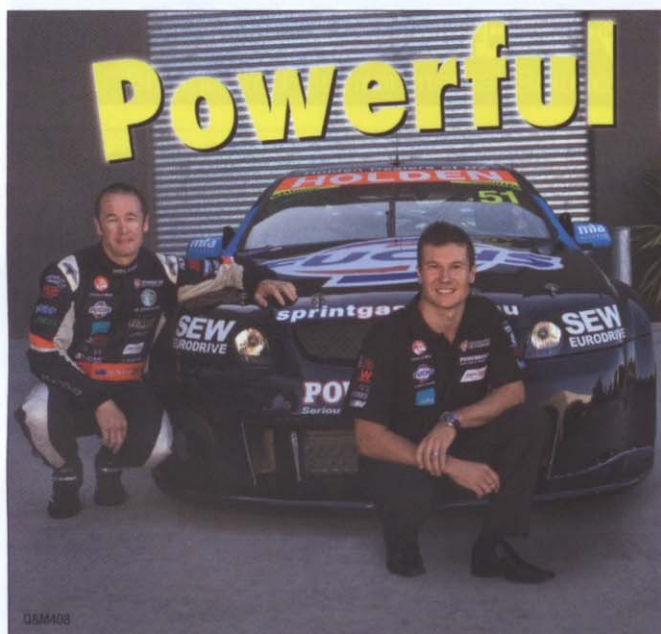
"For New Zealand the proximity to supply has great benefit, with a flight from Sydney easier to access than to Perth. Of course, the ANZAC relationship and established CER agreement makes Trans Tasman transactions straightforward."

The next mission is being organised for May next year, and will include the Otago mining region.

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Top left to right: Matching goatees on top of the World at Stockton Mine. Bill Sbrinovski of MMD Australia and Peter Morely of Bullivants. Real food in West Coast size portions: Daryl Bird of Blue Heeler Mining & Construction Services, and David Bigger of Pegasus Safety, dining in Greymouth after the tour to Solid Energy's West Mine. That's our machine: Austrade team leader Donna Joyce and Carl Howe of Anderson Group stand next to an Anderson Group made underground mining machine. Above: Card sharks take advantage of the train ride from Christchurch to Hokitika after the flight was cancelled. From left: Kerrie Simpson of the Vocational Institute of Training Australia; Bevan Day and Eric Davidson from Modular Mining Systems; and Isaac Court of Austrade Australia.



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