



Paul Arthur Hodges

2008 Medal of Merit Recipient

Paul Hodges has had over fifty years of service to the mining industry. He has a degree in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and is a registered professional engineer in Arizona. In his career, he has served in all capacities from laborer to locomotive driver and from General Manager to Director in underground mines and open pit mines in North America, South America, and Africa. He has mined copper, lead and zinc, molybdenum, uranium, arsenic, and diamonds. His responsibilities have covered exploration, project startups, operations management and financing. He has worked for Anaconda, Asarco, RTZ , St. Joe, and most recently, Compania Minera El Indio.

While with RTZ, he was directly involved in or consultant to the Palabora Mining Company in South Africa, the Rossing Uranium project and other exploration projects in southern Africa, the Letseng-la-Tare1 diamond project in Lesotho, Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, Lornex in Canada, Cerro Colorado in Panama, Udoken in the USSR, and Coed-y-Brenin in Wales.

In his career, Paul has held a number of executive positions. He has been Director of Mining Operations, Rio Tinto Management Services, President of Anamax Mining Company at Twin Buttes, Arizona and President of Compania Minera El Indio. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of AZCO Minerals and has been a director of Lac Minerals Limited. He is currently a consultant to the mining industry. Out of these career experiences, he developed the expertise for which he is best known - the design, development and operation of open pit mines.