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Transforming Resource Extraction and its Evaluation

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CRC ORE was launched in 2010 for 5 years to address the mining challenges associated with deteriorating resource quality, increasing energy consumption and declining industry productivity

Working with industry to create value from the integration of proven technologies in novel ways that assist in maintaining the viability of operations beyond periods of high commodity prices



Metal Mining is about the Separation of Valuable Minerals







Energy inputs at different stages of production are not equally efficient at breaking and fracturing rock

- Increasing blasting energy can reduce energy requirements for crushing and grinding, and increase the throughput of the mill
- Net result is a slight increase in energy consumption but an improvement in energy productivity



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Grade Engineering Addresses Feed Quality Improvement









Grade Engineering focusses on improving feed quality with outcomes having a change agent effect on whole of business optimisation







Production Impacts from Energy Efficient Equipment



Production Impacts from Emission Pricing



Production Impacts from Grade Engineering



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Summary – Doubling Energy Productivity in Metal Mining



Separation of valuable minerals requires a reduction in size

Removing barren material at coarser particles sizes



Not all energy inputs are equal

 Optimising the intensity of energy employed along the entire production chain to best achieve the desired outcome



Not all rock is the same

 Understanding the variability of the rock is fundamental to unlocking greater energy savings



Energy efficient equipment alone will not get us there

A combined approach is required



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