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## SOUTH32 ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL WINS OPERATION OF THE YEAR

South32 is proud Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) has been named Mining Operation of the Year at the NSW Minerals Council's 2020 NSW Mining Industry and Suppliers Awards.

The award recognises achievements across IMC's operations, with the business focusing its efforts on operational excellence, making meaningful contributions to local communities and ensuring a long-term future.

"I am honoured that IMC has been recognised as Mining Operation of the Year in New South Wales," said Jason Economidis, Vice President Operations at South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal.

"We've got a lot to be proud of at IMC, including a team consisting of some of the best in the industry. We are committed to working with the community and other stakeholders to ensure we remain a sustainable operation for many years to come."

South32 has continued its focus on long-term sustainability and investing in its workforce. Since 2004, IMC has contributed more than AU\$4.1 million to community projects through its Community Partnership Programs and Community Trusts. IMC spends around AU\$160 million a year with over 400 locally-based suppliers.

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#### About South32:

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. With a focus on growing our base metals exposure, we also have two development options in North America and several partnerships with junior explorers around the world.

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