

## COMMUNIQUE

A summary of the  
Nano Diesel Particulate Matter Working Group meeting on 29 June 2017

### 1. Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA) project

Members noted that the MRIWA (M495) Project: a study of nano diesel particulate matter (nDPM) behaviour and physico-chemical changes in underground hard rock mines of Western Australia, has officially started and that an industry partner has been identified.

MRIWA advised the Working Group that they will be preparing routine progress reports, for the project sponsors at key project milestones, and a final report will be published by MRIWA and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

### 2. Medical Research Project / Health Study Group

Members discussed the logistics required to get on site and begin the required inductions, consents, questionnaires and sampling (based on the project methodology).

### 3. Project stream communications / consultation

Members noted that thorough consultation will be required for both project streams and the nano Diesel Particulate Matter Working Group will make project communications more accessible, where possible, by publishing material in plain English.

### 4. Guideline on Recommended Practices for Battery Electric Vehicles in Underground Mining

Members noted the guideline released by [Global Mining Standards and Guidelines \(GMSG\) Group \(Canada\) on Recommended Practices for Battery Electric Vehicles in Underground Mining](#).

### 5. Article – Critical Reviews in Toxicology

Members were referred to a [journal article](#) which examines the strengths and weaknesses of different study methodologies for exposure assessment. The article will be discussed in more detail at the next Working Group meeting.

### 6. Next meeting: Scheduled for 14 September 2017

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