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Industry pioneer acknowledged for contribution to the Queensland mining landscape

Cement Australia's East End Mine Manager, Sandra Collins has been acknowledged for her achievements in the resources sector being presented with the prestigious Resources Award for Women by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland Penelope Wensley AO on Friday.

The awards, organised by the Queensland Resources Council to coincide with International Women's Day were attended by over 500 industry professionals celebrating the contribution women have made to the resources sector over the past year.

Sandra was the first woman to study mining engineering in Queensland and to her knowledge was the first female mining engineer to work in the mining industry in Australia.

"It's wonderful to be recognised for my achievements over the past 33 years in the resources sector" said Ms. Collins.

“I am amazed at the amount of positive reinforcement the Queensland Resources Council and its member companies are providing the industry, helping realise the value of a diverse workforce” said Ms Collins.

One such member company is Cement Australia who received a Highly Commended award in the Best Company Initiative category.

General Manager Human Resources, Melinda Horton O’Callaghan is pleased with the progress the company has made over the past year and acknowledges there is much work still to be done.

“More women came to Cement Australia than those who left last year, a pleasing statistic. We have also worked hard to develop and mentor women within the organisation, giving them every opportunity succeed and contribute” said Ms Horton O’Callaghan.

Cement Australia wishes to congratulate all winners, nominees and entrants in this years awards.

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