



A Word from the MD

Our second Edition of AST Training Talk and there is lots to talk about. We were inducted into the Hall of Fame by the NT Chamber of Commerce for our export success in 2009, and trainers found themselves in places as far as Jharkhand, India and West Irian Jaya, Indonesia.

The crew in Banda Aceh achieved a significant milestone with completion of the Gas Cooling Tower scaffold which was on time and without incident! The task of dismantling the scaffold will commence in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the reading!



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Safety Helmet with a Difference!

On a recent training assignment to Jharkhand Province in India, AST Trainer Ric Thompson observed an interesting addition to the standard safety helmet.

Moulded into the top of the helmet is a bucket for carrying tools and equipment!

Note sure if it would comply with Australia Standards, but a good idea from those Indian chaps!



The Indian tool holding safety helmet!

Gas Cooling Tower Scaffold Complete

The AST crew in Banda Aceh have finally completed the erection of the Gas Cooling Tower Scaffold.

It has been a big job with a constant shortage of equipment, cyclonic winds, and three minor earthquakes along the way!

The quality of the job and focus on safety was recently acknowledged by Lafarge Senior Management conducting a global HSE audit. The job was given the highest rating for safety!

Well done to the team!



AST and Kaefer crew on top of the Gas Cooling Tower Scaffold at the Lokngan Cement in Banda Aceh



The completed job!

Purple Bra Day

Friday the 18th June was Purple Bra Day.

The BCFWA encouraged people, male and female alike to wear their purple bra on the outside of their clothes to show they care and are breast aware.

Carol and Rhonda from our Perth office made an impression on all the Dogman and Riggers attending courses when they supported this great cause.

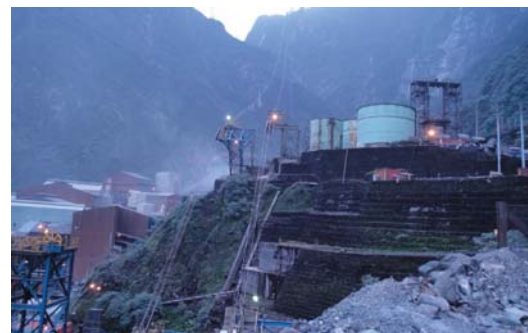


Training in Mountains of Irian Jaya - PT Freeport Indonesia

AST delivered its first training course (Advanced Rigging) for PT Freeport Indonesia this month.

The Grasberg mine as it is known is one of the largest gold and copper mining operations in the world. Located 4000m above sea level in the rugged mountains of Irian Jaya (West Papua), the operation is complicated by high rainfall, steep slopes and security issues.

The mine employs over 20,000 people and is the largest tax payer to the Indonesian government.



PT Freeport Mining Operation



Thoughts from the Top End!



This month felt like the first month of the dry season with much cooler weather and a noticeable influx of tourists.

The V8 Supercars weekend and a few other annual events like the Greek Glenti festival keep the place buzzing.

On the work front, AST was invited to speak at the launch of the 2010 Export Awards at Sky City Casino in Darwin.

The event was attended by the NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and 165 guests from Government and Industry.

AST was also presented with a Certificate as an inductee to the International Business Councils Hall of Fame in recognition of our export success in 2009.



AST receives a certificate from the NT Chief Minister inducting AST into the ICBN Hall of Fame

High and Dry!

This photograph was sent in by AST Trainer Russell Flanagan working in Banda Aceh and shows a 2600T barge that was pushed 5km inland during the 2004 Tsunami.

The barge was a floating power station for the local community; it's still operational but no longer floating!



The AST Scorecard

- 319 statements printed in WA for June - (represents 0.014% of WA's population)
- 100 statements printed in NT for June - (represents 0.044% of NT's population)

As part of RTO compliance AST surveyed 127 students and 11 clients using the Government Learner and Employer feedback forms. AST attained -

	Students	Clients
Overall Score	76.6%	73.7%
Best Result (Trainer Quality)	80.3%	77.8%
Worst Result (*Active Learning)	73.9%	-
Overall Satisfaction	80.1%	76.7%

Well done on the high score for Trainer Quality. And we doubted you! We need to lift our game in the Active Learning category, whatever that means.

Note that half of the Employer Questionnaires that were returned were not fully completed as some questions were irrelevant.



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