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Freeport-McMoRan Copper Mine in Morenci, AZ  
Google Earth photo courtesy of Lindsay Hawk

## Monthly Meeting

January 19, 2012

Dinner at the Warwick Hotel – 1776 Grant St., Denver, 80203

Cash Bar Reception: 5:30pm  
Dinner: 6:00pm

Speaker: Red Conger, "Production Growth Update at Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold."

Mr. Red Conger currently serves as President of Freeport-McMoRan Americas where he is responsible for seven mining operations in North America and four mining operations in South America. Freeport-McMoRan employs 10,000 people and annually produces 2.4 billion pounds of copper. Mr. Conger also has environmental and corporate social leadership responsibilities in three countries.

For the past 34 years, Mr. Conger has served in a multitude of senior management roles of increasing responsibility in the copper mining industry and is considered a leader in change management and production efficiency.

Red Conger received the Colorado School of Mines Distinguished Achievement Medal 2007 and the 2009 Daniel C. Jackling Award for his significant contributions to technical progress in mining. He is an active board member for the National Mining Association (NMA). Mr. Conger holds a B.Sc. Degree in Mining Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and has completed post graduate executive management studies at Duke Fuqua School of Business. Red and his wife Sissy have four children and reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

Cost: \$45 per person  
Students welcome at \$15 per person with reservation

Pay at the door. Check or cash, please. No Credit Cards.  
No shows will be billed.

RSVP to Cathy Begej by noon on Monday January 16th.  
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<http://www.warwickdenver.com/denver-colorado-hotel.aspx>

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## Upcoming Meetings

February 15, 2012:  
Lunch at Maggiano's DTC, 7401 South Clinton St.,  
Englewood, 80112

Speaker: Fred Menzer, "Update on Climax and  
Henderson."

Mr. Fred Menzer is a graduate of Western State College of Colorado and Colorado State University. He joined Phelps Dodge at the Morenci Mine in 1979 and was there until 1993. Since 1993 he has held various exploration, business development, and operations positions in the United States, South America, and Africa, including Manager of South America Exploration; Managing Director of Phelps Dodge Mining Ltd., South Africa; General Manager, Chino Mines Company; General Manager, Henderson Operations; Vice President Global Operations for Climax Molybdenum; and Vice President Africa.

Mr. Menzer is currently Vice President, Colorado Operations for Climax Molybdenum Company and is based in Colorado.

Additional details regarding meeting locations, times, costs, and reservations, etc. will be published in upcoming newsletters.

March 15, 2012:  
Lunch at Denver Marriot West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden, 80401

Speaker: Bill Crowl, "Mineral Tenders in Central Asia, especially Afghanistan."

Mr. Crowl is currently the Vice President, Mining Sector for Gustavson Associates in Lakewood, Colorado. As an Economic Geologist for over 39 years, he has worked for mining, exploration, and consulting companies. Bill has had the pleasure of working for DeLamar Silver Mine, Homestake Mine, Flour Daniel Mining & Metals, SRK Consulting and now, Gustavson. Until 1990 all his work was done in the US. Thirty-three countries later, he is still going.

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Henderson Mine from Stanley Mt.  
Google Earth photo courtesy of Craig Fagerness

## Paste and Thickened Tailings Training Course

Paterson & Cooke are presenting the 4th annual training course on paste and thickened tailings technology at the Colorado School of Mines from January 31 to February 3, 2012. The course, presented in conjunction with Professor Andy Fourie of the University of Western Australia, provides delegates with a thorough background to the field so that they are better equipped to successfully implement Paste and Thickened Tailings systems. More information and registration can be found at the address below.

[http://www.patersoncooke.com/services/courses/PT\\_T\\_Brochure2012.pdf](http://www.patersoncooke.com/services/courses/PT_T_Brochure2012.pdf)

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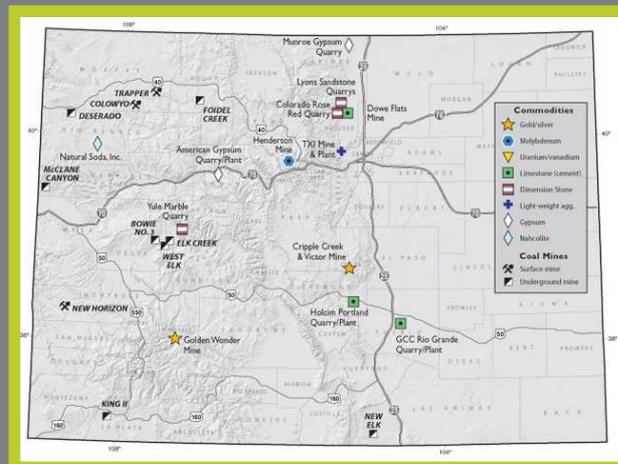
## Mentors Needed for the 2012 SME Annual Meeting

In order to be properly matched with a Mentor or Student, it is imperative that applications are received by January 20, 2012. Whether you are a seasoned SME Annual Meeting veteran or a first timer, you have the opportunity to affect the future of SME by participating as a mentor in this year's SME Annual Meeting Mentor Program.

Mentors can be instrumental in helping students to begin developing a network in the industry by showing students the "ropes" and introducing them to colleagues. This is a marvelous opportunity to have a real impact in the society at a personal level. Students requesting mentors will be matched with mentor volunteers, based on information drawn from the Mentor Form. Both Mentors and Students will be notified before the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Don't miss your chance to be a valuable resource to our student members - SME's future leaders. To volunteer or request further information for the Mentor Program, contact Mona Vandervoort at [vandervoort@smenet.org](mailto:vandervoort@smenet.org), or phone 303-948-4227. To sign up online go to: [http://www.smenet.org/mentor/Mentor\\_App.cfm](http://www.smenet.org/mentor/Mentor_App.cfm) or you can sign up when you register for the annual meeting.

For 2012 SME Annual Meeting & Exhibit information go to: <http://www.smenet.org/meetings/>



## Colorado Mining Association's 114<sup>th</sup> National Western Mining Conference and Exhibition

The 114<sup>th</sup> National Western Mining Conference and Exhibition is to be held March 19-22, 2012 at the Westin Tabor Center in Denver, CO. The preliminary program and registration is available on the CMA website at [www.coloradomining.org](http://www.coloradomining.org) or click here.

Since the Colorado Mining Association's founding in 1876 - the year that Colorado achieved statehood - a diverse and vibrant mining industry has grown throughout the state. Colorado is the nation's number one producer of molybdenum, the fourth leading producer of gold, the 11th ranking coal producer, and the only source of specialty minerals like pure sodium bicarbonate. The conference will provide updates on the latest opportunities in Colorado's diverse mining sector.

Equally important, the conference will also feature Colorado's diverse infrastructure of Colorado based companies whose reach spans the entire globe, with Denver at its core. Colorado based companies have figured in some of the most important corporate, merger and acquisition activities in the entire industry, which the conference will showcase.

So mark your calendars for March 19-22, 2012 and make plans to stay in Denver, the center, the core, the nucleus and heart of worldwide mining, the Mile High Mining Hub



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