



APEX MINING CO., INC.



Apex Mining's president and CEO, Luis R. Sarmiento, ASEAN Eng. (2nd from left) and AVP for Supply Chain Management Alejandro Lito R. Aprieto (right) accepted the awards on behalf of APX. Also in photo are AVP for Corporate Affairs and Communication, Ma Teresa L. Pacis (left) and Executive Assistant Beatriz Magpayo.



The employees of the Maco Mine Site in Davao de Oro tuned in to the PMIEA Awards Ceremony via Zoom. In photo are the winners of the Mines' Best Personalities (l to r): Marvin Badayos and Ronnie Rojo with Maco Mine's Resident Manager, Engr. Richard Licang.

APEX MINING IS PLATINUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE IN PMIEA 2021 *Wins big at the Safest Mines Awards*

APX, 26 Nov. 2021 -- Apex Mining Co., Inc wins the PMIEA Selection Committee Platinum Achievement Award (Underground Mining Operation) in the 2021 edition of the Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award (PMIEA).

APX also wins three top awards in the Safest Mines Awards: Safest Underground Mining Operation; Most Improved Safety Performance; and, Safest Exploration (Category A).

Select employees of APX are also winners in all the categories of the Mines' Best Personalities: Ronnie N. Rojo, Best Underground Safety Inspector; Johary S. Unggel, Best Underground Mine Supervisor; and, Marvin A. Badayos, Best Underground Miner.



The PMIEA is part of this year's 67th Annual Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC) and is spearheaded by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

PMIEA, established by virtue of Executive Order 399 (s. 1997), is the highest accolade given to companies with exemplary achievements in the protection of the environment in the mining and ecology sector.

Says Luis R. Sarmiento, President and CEO of Apex Mining, "We are humbled by the DENR's recognition of our team's hard work."

Sarmiento says they share these wins with their community partners and host LGUs. "Their trust in us is key in the success of our initiatives and projects."

Apex's win is considered a vote of confidence by its regulators as it is the first time in some two decades that the plum reward in the underground mining operation category has been won.

Apex prides itself in institutionalizing safety as a way of life, with safety best practices deeply ingrained in its operations. In fact, its Maco Mine was cited by MGB-RXI with the Safety Milestone Award for recording over 2.1 million man-hours without lost time accidents (LTAs) between 11 March and 30 June 2021. For the first half of 2021, the company's Safety Department initiated 24 training sessions for around 477 participants.

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