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PUBLICATION POLICY, EDITORS AND PEER REVIEWERS

A total of 151 abstracts and 127 papers were peer-reviewed for publication in Mine Closure 2008, and 83 papers were accepted for final publication. Two papers were withdrawn.

We are grateful to all those authors who submitted abstracts and papers – all had merit, and we encourage them to continue supporting the principles of sustainable development that are highlighted in the Mine Closure seminar series.

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The following guidelines have been developed to ensure that all criteria are met for acceptance of the Mine Closure 2008 Proceedings (ISBN pending) as a peer-reviewed multidisciplinary publication.

Thank you for your support of the peer-review process.

1. Authors of accepted abstracts for the Proceedings of 'Mine Closure 2008' were invited to submit a manuscript for review, following the format given in the "Author's Guidelines" and "Paper Template".
2. The language of the Proceedings is English (U.K).
3. Each submitted manuscript is being reviewed by at least two independent and anonymous peer-reviewers. The reviewers are considered highly knowledgeable in their fields, have themselves published papers in peer-reviewed publications, and have prior experience in the peer-review process.
4. The reviewers CV's must be emailed to Isabel Weiersbye (Isabel.weiersbye@wits.ac.za) for placing on record by the Editors at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and the University of Western Australia, Perth.
5. Should the two reviewers disagree on paper acceptance, a third reviewer will be selected and his/her opinion will be conclusive.
6. The reviews will be collated by Isabel Weiersbye of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and the corresponding authors notified of the outcome and review recommendations.
7. The final (accepted), corrected and formatted papers will be re-submitted by the corresponding authors to Isabel Weiersbye at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg by the date requested in the covering email to the corresponding author.
8. The editing of the papers will be conducted by Isabel Weiersbye and Peter Dye of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and Andy Fourie and Mark Tibbett of the University of Western Australia, Perth.
9. The identity of the reviewers of each paper will remain **anonymous** to all except the Editors. However, we would like to acknowledge the time, effort and expertise that the reviewers invest in the peer-review process. We propose to list the names and affiliations of the reviewers in alphabetical order in the published Mine Closure 2008 proceedings in order to acknowledge their contribution to the proceedings. Please notify Isabel Weiersbye if you do not want your name to appear in this list.

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 - Is the paper of benefit and interest to the seminar delegates and the larger mining community?
 - Does the paper title and abstract reflect the content of the paper? If not, recommend correction.
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