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Nickel miner's performance acknowledged

It's been one of Australia's most solid development stories this decade, not only in the field of nickel, but perhaps 2010 was the right year for Mincor Resources NL to win at the Diggers & Dealers awards night.

Managing director David Moore was named GJ Stokes Memorial Award winner for his stewardship of Mincor, overseeing its ascendancy as a profitable miner as the first company to buy Kambalda mines from Western Mining Corporation (WMC).

In presenting the award, Kate Stokes described Moore as "A person who has developed a company that has delivered on all criteria" and said of Mincor "The company, through this person's strong vision, has managed to enhance the regional potential of the assets to a stage where a number of new discoveries have been achieved."

The latter point has been underlined this year, with the producer returning to full capacity at its key Miitel mine, and unlocking further deposits at nearby Mariners as well as North and South Miitel.

Moore gave credit from the podium to the team that had worked

hard to bring the Kambalda Nickel District deposits into solid production.

"I have to say though that it's quite clear I could not have achieved that on my own, and the only reason I'm standing here is because I've had the good fortune to have encountered and debated with and had the support of the most extraordinary bunch of people in the past 20 years in the Australian and global mining industry," he said.

"Obviously all the guys at Mincor have got to take credit – they have put everything into the goals and aspirations we set for ourselves, and they have put everything into it from day one."

Moore acknowledged Mincor's continuing focus on Miitel and surrounding deposits as another milestone, with the company targeting 35% growth in the next two years, indicated by its reserve increase last month to 50,200 tonnes of contained metal, with Mariners N10 reaching a maiden reserve of 299,000t@ 3.5% nickel for 10,600t of contained nickel.

Caroline Smith



David Moore speaks at the Diggers & Dealers awards night.