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Mine training partnership supports five new apprenticeships

HVTC is seeking to find suitable candidates to fill five sponsored apprenticeship positions through an innovative training program the company is undertaking with the Doyles Creek Training Mine Project, announced today.

The apprenticeships, offered in a range of areas including Mechanical Fitting and Electrotechnology, will commence in January 2011 and will involve a six month intensive placement at the HVTC training facility followed by placement with host employers in relevant industries.

The apprenticeship positions have been made possible through the financial support provided by NuCoal Resources as part of its commitment to deliver training outcomes through its Doyles Creek Training Mine Project.

Executive Director of HVTC, Kay Sharp AM, points to the creation of the apprenticeship positions as an example of the way partnerships between the HVTC and business can deliver outcomes for aspiring tradespeople.

"Doyles Creek Mining approached us with an intention of providing funding support to assist training in a range of areas. We have used the funding to create five sponsored apprenticeship positions," Kay Sharp AM said.

"The five apprenticeships sponsored by Doyles Creek Mining provide outstanding opportunities for a future career in the Mining Industry, whilst assisting Doyles Creek Mining to satisfy their commitment to provide training opportunities to young people from the Upper Hunter. Employers with whom the apprentices are placed benefit through having very affordable yet enthusiastic workers and the apprentices benefit through gaining highly marketable qualifications that will be with them for life. Everyone wins from the arrangement," Kay Sharp AM explained.

Safety, Training, Environment & Community Manager for Doyles Creek Mining Kenny Barry is excited about the association with HVTC.

"The Hunter Valley Training Company is highly respected in the community. They are involved with our Training Mine Project as a member of the Community Trust and we see these five apprenticeship positions as the first of what will be a long standing involvement with the Project for many years to come," Kenny Barry said.

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HVTC is one of Australia's leading group training companies. With twelve regional offices and two Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) across NSW and Queensland, its core business is the employment of apprentices and trainees and their placement with selected companies who act as host employers. HVTC was founded in 1981 with a commitment to providing quality and innovative vocational education and training to meet the needs of industry.

Doyles Creek Mining has an Exploration Licence for an area in the Jerrys Plains region. It intends to establish the Doyles Creek Training Mine Project. The Project will involve an underground coal mine with an area of the Training Mine to be specifically devoted to the training of people in the workings of an operating mine. Attached to the Project will be the Doyles Creek Training Mine Community Trust. Members of the Trust include HVTC, The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the University of Newcastle.

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