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24 February 2025 Thiess partners with The University of Queensland to develop new learning pathways for mining

Global mining services provider Thiess has partnered with The University of Queensland (UQ) to codesign three new post-graduate qualifications to provide specialised training in mining disciplines and elevate the standard of mining education.

With two graduate certificates and a graduate diploma in resource development on offer, the program is tailored to engineers who want to gain formal qualifications in mining through real world, on the job learning.

Thiess Operations Director – Australia East Peter Rule said: "This partnership brings together Thiess as a leading mining services provider and UQ as a world class tertiary educator to deliver academically recognised qualifications for engineering professionals wanting to convert across from non-mining disciplines to the mining industry.

"Our inhouse learning and development centre, Thiess Institute, and our experience Technical Services professionals, have worked with UQ to shape and influence course content along with developing a flexible learning model to allow students to continue to work in the industry full-time while advancing their formal mining qualifications."

Participants will gain advanced technical knowledge and practical skills directly applicable to the mining industry, learning from industry experts in a blended approach of remote and on-the-job learning, and on-campus intensive training.

As stated by Professor Ross McAree, Head of UQ's School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering: "This collaborative initiative with Thiess represents a transformative approach to mining education, bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry expertise. By co-designing these specialised post-graduate qualifications, we're not just teaching mining disciplines – we're developing the next generation of industry leaders who can drive innovation, safety, and sustainability in resource development."

For more information, search "Resource Development" on the UQ website.

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Thiess partners with its clients to deliver sustainable solutions in open cut and underground mining in Australia, Asia and the Americas. Thiess operates across the mine life cycle from engineering, mine planning and development, asset management, extraction and haulage, and rehabilitation.

Established in 1934, Thiess operates across diverse commodities, geologies, environments, and cultures. As a global services provider, Thiess is uniquely placed to make a significant contribution to responsible, sustainable mining and a low-carbon future by working with its clients, suppliers, and the industry to enable the global energy transition.

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