Chapter 10.7 - Mine Surveying of the SME Mining Engineering Handbook

(Report on the current state of developments by Dr Andrew Jarosz)

Here are the dates and some details regarding the development of Chapter 10.7 - Mine Surveying.

Start of September 2008: ISM Presidium Meeting, Kimberley, RSA. Announcement of the request from Peter Darling (handbook main editor) asking ISM for involvement with writing of the new Chapter 10.7 titled Mine Surveying. Establishment of the chapter development team: Dr Andrew Jarosz, Chair (Curtin University – WASM, Kalgoorlie, Australia), Dr Fred Cawood (Wits University, Johannesburg, RSA), Mr. Gary John Bardill (Bardill Barnard Chartered Surveyors, Sheffield, UK), Prof. Frank Hart (Bluefield State College, Bluefield, WV, USA).

End of September 2008: Development of the "Plan of Action". Agreement on the chapter's contents and assignment of responsibilities. (Sections: 1, 3, 4 and 7 = A. Jarosz; Sections: 2, 5 and 6 = F. Cawood, help with introduction = M. Livingstone-Blevins).

End of April 2009: Completion of the first draft (Contributors: F. Cawood, Section 2; A. Jarosz, Remaining Sections) and submission of the draft for comments to other members of the development team. Total length of the chapter over sixty pages. Thanks for extensive input and comments from Prof. F. Hart.

End of May 2009: Request from the main editor to reduce contents to ~30 pages.

End of July 2009: F. Cawood withdrew from the process (as he was overwhelmed by his standard university responsibilities).

Start of October 2009: Collation of the reduced (from 65pp to 23pp), corrected and updated second draft of the chapter. Submission of the draft to the main editor, P. Darling

Start of November 2009: Draft has passed over the two additional hurdles: three technical reviewers and a production review.

December 2009: Chapter has been edited for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, punctuation, and consistency, as well as, conformance with SME's book-publishing style.

February 2010: Manuscript of the chapter is created and it passes the proofreading stage.

It is my understanding that the Handbook is now in the last pre-production stage.