



AustCham newsletter

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Phu Bia Mining’s HIV and AIDS program recognised at 2022 ARROW Awards

Phu Bia Mining’s outstanding HIV and AIDS program have been recognised at the 4th ASEAN Red Ribbon for Outstanding Workplace (ARROW) Awards, during the 8th Meeting of the ASEAN Business Coalition on HIV and AIDS held in Singapore on 12 to 13 October 2022.

The 2022 Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Red Ribbon for Outstanding Workplace Award (ARROW) recognises companies in the region that implement initiatives to create a safe and healthy working environment through HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention programs. Since 2016, the ASEAN ARROW Awards are held every two years and this year, for the first time, Lao companies were invited to participate.

In August, Phu Bia Mining and two other companies were shortlisted by the Government of Laos’ 2022 ARROW Awards selection panel. The Government of Laos nominated Phu Bia Mining for the Awards, in recognition of the Company’s good practice HIV and AIDS program targeted at its employees, contractors and local communities in Xaisomboun Province.

The Company’s initiatives are designed to increase knowledge and awareness of sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV prevention, treatment, and care, combat stigma and discrimination, mobilise public debate and provide medical support to those living with HIV.

This award acknowledges the Company’s efforts that align with the Government of Laos and health authorities’ approach to preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS across its operating sites and local communities.

The Company would like to thank and congratulate every employee who has contributed to initiatives recognised by this Award. In particular, the site medical teams for their outstanding approach to implementing health and safety programs that protect our people and communities.

<p>2019 WINNER AUSTMINE MINER INNOVATION AWARD</p> 	<p>2018 WINNER FRIEND OF LAOS 2018 WINNER FRIEND OF ASEAN AWARDS</p> 	<p>2018 WINNER ASEAN OSHNET EXCELLENCE AWARD OHS MANAGEMENT</p> 	<p>2017 LAO PDR LABOUR ORDER MEDAL 2011 LAO PDR LABOUR ORDER MEDAL CLASS 1 POVERTY REDUCTION</p> 	<p>2015 WINNER AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS MOST PROFITABLE CARBON REDUCTION ACTIVITY</p> 
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Left: Phu Bia Mining Managing Director, Steve Gimpel (first from left), Medical Doctor, Dr Anongxai Khoutphouthone (second from left), Region Chief Medical Officer, Dr Bounhome Phouvong (third from left) and Company's representatives following the virtual Awards ceremony in Vientiane.