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Peter Beattie at AIMEX to fly flag for Australian mining manufacturers

The first day of AIMEX 2011 also saw a visit from former Queensland Premier Peter Beattie, visiting the show as the federal government's recently appointed resources sector supplier envoy, with the task of championing Australian industry in the resources sector.

Mr Beattie spoke to a number of exhibitors who are successfully designing, manufacturing and supplying products to mining companies in Australia and around the world.

According to Darren Anderson, Chief Operating Officer, Diversified Mining Services (DMS) Underground and DMS Engineering, the former Premier is a good friend of the business.

"When he was Premier of Queensland, Peter had a lot to do with our organisation and helped develop our profile overseas in particular," said Darren.

"Thanks to him we participated in international trade missions to China and Russia, as well as securing manufacturing and distribution agreements with Atlas Copco, Prairie Machine and Parts and Wirtgen.

"His visit to our stand at AIMEX is very much about reacquainting ourselves with him and reinforcing the relationship."

DMS is using AIMEX to launch its new Coaltram underground utility vehicle designed and manufactured in NSW.

"If the first few hours were an indication, it's going to be a long week for us; we were just inundated, it was hard and fast that's for sure, good quality enquiries and lots of them," said Darren.



DMS's Terry Young (left) chatting to Peter Beattie at AIMEX yesterday.