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Legend in Mining Award recognises senior South Australian executive

South Australian Paul Heithersay was tonight awarded the prestigious Legend in Mining award at the Mines and Money Conference in Melbourne.

Dr Heithersay received the award for his role in guiding South Australia's transformation into a major destination for investment in mineral resources and energy.

Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy Tom Koutsantonis said Dr Heithersay's recognition at an international investment conference reflects on the high calibre of his work in the service of South Australians.

"Dr Heithersay is a Legend in Mining," Mr Koutsantonis said. "This is a well deserved accolade."

"With his help, South Australia has grown from a small-scale player into a globally recognised location for investment in the resources and energy sector.

"Dr Heithersay's work has been instrumental in transforming the state's profile and I thank him for his exemplary approach and his hard work over the years."

In the past decade, Dr Heithersay has played a key role in implementing the trail blazing Plan for Accelerating Exploration and PACE 2020 while also establishing the Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy as a one-stop shop for investors.

"South Australia is not only recognised for the quality of its resources but the high standards of its regulatory framework and the regulators who assess and oversee the various resource and energy projects throughout the State."

The annual Legend in Mining award is selected by the editorial team at the London-based ResourceStocks magazine.

Dr Heithersay joins previous recipients including former Normandy Mining chairman Robert Champion de Crespigny, former South Australian Minister for Mineral Resources Development Paul Holloway and professor of mining geology at the University of Adelaide Ian Plimer.

In the ResourceStocks latest World Risk Survey, South Australia retained its title as Australia's best, low-risk destination for resources investment for the fourth consecutive year.

The recent Minerals Councils of Australia Scorecard also named South Australia as national leader in mining regulation and administration including clarity of processes, timeliness, compliance cost, government agency capability, predictability and certainty and effectiveness.