



Hugo T. Dummett (1940-2002)

1997 Medal of Merit Recipient

Hugo T. Dummett received his Bachelor of Science in 1964 from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He worked as an exploration geologist for Anglo American Corporation and Selection First in Africa until 1965, after which he worked in Canada for Placer and Amax. He immigrated to Australia in 1970, where he worked for Theseus Exploration. From 1973 through 1977, he attended the University of Queensland for postgraduate studies.

Dummett joined Superior Oil's Minerals Division as a Senior Geologist in 1977 and moved to the United States. He left Superior in 1985, joining Westmont Mining, where he was Manager of the Southwest U.S. Exploration until 1989, when he joined his present employer BHP Minerals.

Dummett joined BHP as Manager, Exploration for the U.S. and Central America and has since been promoted to Vice President of Exploration, BHP Minerals in 1994, and then to Senior Vice President and Group General Manager of Exploration in February, 1996. During his tenure with BHP, he has guided the team that discovered the diamond deposits of the Northwest Territories in Canada. BHP Minerals' Exploration group is recognized as one of the best minerals exploration companies worldwide. Current programs explore for base and precious metals, diamonds, and coal in 30 countries and employ a staff of approximately 700.

Mr. Dummett is a member of several professional societies and has received numerous awards including: the "Thayer Lindsley Distinguished Lecturer" for 1998 by the Society of Economic Geologist and the "William L. Saunders Gold Medal" for 1997 by the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME of AIME).