

## Australasian Melbourne Branch

### Underwater Mining

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Mitre Tavern, 5 Bank Place, Melbourne

Drinks and Snacks 5.30pm: Presentation Starts at 6:00pm

Chaired by: **Brendan Hocking,**

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Underwater mining has been conducted throughout history using various techniques ranging from panning for gold by hand in rivers, to dredging for diamonds in the alluvial plains of African river deltas. With the rapid rise in ore prices, new frontiers are now being explored to mine high value ore deposits formed by subsea volcanoes at water depths of around 2000 metres. This technical evening will overview advances in subsea mining.

#### Needles in an underwater haystack – copper and gold from the seafloor

**Steve Rogers, CEO, Nautilus Minerals Inc.**



Steve will present an overview of the Solwara 1 project located in the territorial waters of PNG. This world-first project is focusing the imagination and enthusiasm of some of the largest resource groups from around the globe. Nautilus is working towards the commencement of seafloor production in 2010 (subject to timely permitting) which will mark the birth of a new industry ...the excitement, like the project, continues to grow.

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