

Green Gas DPB manager receives medal for mining development work

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This year's celebration of the Feast of St. Barbara, the mining profession's patroness, saw Green Gas DPB's Josef Holecko awarded the Georgius Agricola Medal in recognition of his work on mining development. Josef Holecko, who is Manager of the Geomechanics and Geophysics Department of Green Gas DPB, received the medal from Ivo Pegrimek, the Chairman of the Czech Mining Authority.

The Georgius Agricola Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding work in the field of mining development. Employees from organisations that are supervised or inspected by the Czech State Mining Administration are eligible to receive the medal. Mr Holecko was awarded this medal, in particular, for his contribution to the advancement of mining safety in mines endangered by rock bursts.

Since the late 1970s, Mr Holecko has been focused on the development and practical application of seismic methods towards rock-burst prevention. The findings of his scientific work, which are at present used on a daily basis

in all the rock-burst mines of the Ostrava-Karviná Coal Basin, are of benefit not only to the Czech mining industry but also the broader international mining and geo-mechanical community.

We are all extremely grateful to Josef Holecko for his important scientific work, and for further strengthening the reputation of Green Gas DPB. It is only fitting, therefore, that his work and achievements have now been recognised by the award of the prestigious Georgius Agricola Medal.



From left: Mr Josef Holecko and Mr Ivo Pegrimek, the Chairman of the Czech Mining Authority