Press release

Women in Mining UK announces Strategic Partnership with Minerals Matter

London – 25 February 2026: Women in Mining UK ("WIM UK") is pleased to announce a new Strategic Partnership with Minerals Matter, formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") in February 2026

Managed by The Mineral Products Qualifications Council ("MPQC"), Minerals Matter is a not-for-profit membership organisation representing the quarrying, mineral products, mining, construction and related manufacturing sectors. The programme leads the sector's drive for succession by raising awareness of quarrying and mining careers among young people, supported by a network of more than 130 Ambassadors engaging directly with education settings across the UK.

This partnership brings together two organisations united by a shared ambition: to strengthen the future of the UK's minerals and mining sector by widening access, increasing awareness and championing inclusive career pathways.

Through the agreement, WIM UK and Minerals Matter will collaborate on outreach and education initiatives, share resources and content, promote relevant activities across both networks, and identify opportunities for joint events and pilot projects. The partnership will also support greater visibility of women in the sector, highlighting professional pathways and leadership opportunities to the next generation.

Lucy Crane, Women in Mining UK, added:
"We are delighted to welcome Minerals Matter as a Strategic Partner. Inspiring more young women to consider careers in mining and minerals is fundamental to building a resilient, innovative and sustainable sector. By working together, we can amplify our impact, connecting education with industry, showcasing real role models, and opening doors to the breadth of opportunities our sector offers."

Hannah Higley, Minerals Matter, said:
"Working with Women in Mining is critical for us to raise awareness of our vital sector to a key demographic, namely the next generation of women. We can demonstrate the fantastic, professional career opportunities and leadership roles that are within reach for women who can be the voice for change in the responsible, forward-thinking and sustainable businesses in our sector."

The partnership reflects WIM UK's continued commitment to advocacy, education and collaboration across the mining value chain. By aligning with the Minerals Matter ambassador network and education outreach programme, WIM UK will help ensure that more young women see mining and minerals as a dynamic, rewarding and future-facing career choice.

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Notes to Editor:

About Women in Mining UK

Women in Mining UK (WIM UK) is a volunteer-run, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the employment, retention and advancement of women in the mining sector. We offer programmes and initiatives to progress women's professional goals and career aspirations, from university all the way to Board level. These include a scholarship programme with the Camborne School of Mines and Imperial College London, internship programme, partnership with Women on Boards UK, and numerous networking, educational and mentoring events. WIM UK publishes thought leadership articles and research as well as the biennial "100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining" (WIM100), which celebrates women's contribution to the mining industry and identifies inspirational role models to encourage future generations of women to consider mining as a career choice. For more information about joining WIM UK, please visit our website. Membership is free and open to everyone, regardless of gender or location.

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