



## **Steve Rogers to step into Parker Centre CEO's shoes**

Dr Stephen Rogers has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Parker Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Integrated Hydrometallurgy Solutions.

"I'm delighted that we've been able to attract a person of his calibre to lead the Parker Centre," says Mr Julian Perkins, Chair of the Centre's Board. "Steve has long experience as a research manager and has most recently been the leader of another successful Cooperative Research Centre. This experience, coupled with his enthusiasm and personal drive, is what Parker Centre will need to realise its long term future success."

Steve was the CEO of CRC LEME (Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration) from October 2005 until the end of June this year when CRC LEME ceased operations. He quickly gained recognition for his strong leadership, people management skills and strategic planning capabilities during this time, which also gave him exposure to the minerals industry.

"He played a central role in the development of the science and business plan for a bid for a proposed new CRC, the CRC for Deep Exploration Technologies," says Board Chair Julian Perkins. This CRC proposes to build on and broaden CRC LEME's successful work on mineral exploration under cover.

"It will be a great privilege to take over the reins of the Parker Centre, which has such a strong established reputation with the minerals industry," says Steve. "I'm looking forward to working with the Centre's researchers and Industry Participants to ensure that the valuable work continues."

Steve has a strong network with government agencies, universities, CSIRO and the minerals industry, and has been a member of the Board of Management of the CRC Association since 2006.

He will join the Parker Centre on 1 September 2008, when he will become only the third person to lead the Centre in its 16-year existence. Steve will succeed Mr Mark Woffenden who resigned as CEO in June after seven outstanding years of transformation and growth of the Centre to take up the position of Executive Director of Curtin University of Technology's new Resources and Chemistry Precinct.

Steve has a research background in biogeochemistry and pioneered the application of bacterial molecular gene expressions to the study of environmental biogeochemical function. Prior to his appointment as CRC LEME's CEO, he was LEME's Program Leader for Environmental Applications of Regolith Science and a Principal Research Scientist with CSIRO Land and Water.

He has a PhD in Environmental Microbiology from the University of Kent in the UK, a MSc in Environmental Technology from Imperial College London and a BSc Environmental Studies from Sunderland Polytechnic (UK). He also holds a Company Directors Course Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The Parker CRC for Integrated Hydrometallurgy Solutions is funded through the Australian Government's CRC Program. CRCs such as the Parker Centre are joint ventures between universities, other research organisations, government agencies and industry. CRCs undertake research driven by the needs of industry and then transfer the resulting knowledge and technology to industry.

The Parker Centre comprises four Core Research Participants (CSIRO Minerals, Curtin University of Technology, Murdoch University and the University of Queensland), nine Core Industry Participants from the minerals industry and 12 Supporting Participants.

The Centre is developing the hydrometallurgical knowledge and technology required to maximise the returns from Australia's mineral resources derived using hydrometallurgical processes, and to reduce the environmental impacts of these processes.

The Centre's research spans two broad areas – Breakthrough Technologies and Process Fundamentals – and focuses on alumina, base metals and gold, which are Australia's three major commodity markets that utilise hydrometallurgical processing. The independently estimated value (delivered and expected) of the Parker Centre's research outputs to its industry clients since the Centre's establishment in 1992 totals over half a billion dollars (net present value).