



BRITISH TUNNELLING SOCIETY

Thursday 16th February 2012 at 6.00pm

At The

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
ONE GREAT GEORGE STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON SW1P 3AA

THE CHILE MINE RESCUE ITS IMPLICATIONS TO PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MINE AND TUNNEL WORKS

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The major mine collapse at the San Jose mine high in the Atacama region of Chile in late summer 2010, would not have even made the local news had there been a viable second means of egress. The borehole techniques used in the rescue were not new, and have been used successfully several times since the 1950's.

The presentation will look at the history of San Hose, the collapse itself, the rescue attempt and the aftermath. It will discuss just how such an incident could be dealt with should a repeat occur.

All too often in recent years mining has had stories of tragedy. The presentation will examine how the Chile mine rescue became the most followed story in many years, culminating in the very successful rescue of the 33 miners.

Tea and biscuits will be available at 5:30pm

Advance booking not required

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