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# Media release:

## OZ Minerals Copper Sculpture Award

Two important aspects of South Australian life 'Copper' and the 'Arts' have come together in the OZ Minerals Copper Sculpture Award – launched today as part of the South Australian Living Arts Festival (SALA).

OZ Minerals has launched a Copper Sculpture Award to support artists who work in copper or who would like to work in copper. OZ Minerals CEO Terry Burgess explains 'we wanted to find a creative way to connect communities with the metal that is such a large part of the South Australian economy. Given South Australia's arts profile the link was obvious and we are really excited about this Award'

The Award will work like an arts commission. South Australian artists and schools will be given the opportunity to submit ideas and apply for assistance in obtaining copper and production costs. Winners of the 'Award' will have until the 2011 SALA Festival in which to create their works.

The Award is open to all South Australians – with two categories for artists and one category for schools. We are particularly encouraging people from the far north of South Australia to participate in this program as this is the location of the states copper mines.

OZ Minerals operates the Prominent Hill copper mine in northern South Australia, located approximately 130 kilometres from Coober Pedy. The mine employs approximately 600 people of which over 80 percent are from South Australia.

OZ Minerals is proud to be an award partner of the SALA Festival. This arts festival is a particularly good fit for our business as it encourages regional as well as metropolitan participation.

We hope this is the start of a great South Australian partnership between copper and the arts. Entries to the Award close on Monday July 5 2010.

Entry information is available at [www.ozminerals.com](http://www.ozminerals.com) and [www.salafestival.com](http://www.salafestival.com) or by calling the SALA festival office on 08 82188450.

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