INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY POLICY BOARD  
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1. Board membership
Three new member were appointed to the AES board in the past year. In Jan 08 we welcomed Wynand Kleingeld and at the same time Stephen Lay and Steve Westhead were also co-opted. Both are currently working overseas and their contribution is likely to be via email.

2. Board meetings
AES board meetings were held 31st January, 29th May and 30th October. A meeting was also held end June for those AES board members on the Finex 08 organising committee.

3. Opportunities for growth of Division Community or constraints
The strategy of the AES is to promote divisional activities within the global mineral exploration industry and in those downstream activities that have an earth science input. During the year the launch of PERC resources and reserve code for European Stock Exchange regulation was a major success. The significance of PERC and that of competent persons regulation in reporting of exploration results returns Institute members into the first division of international geological communities. Institute appreciation to Steve Henley and the PERC committee should this match achievement.

4. Technical programme
This year’s AES achievement was to host a major international conference on mining finance and exploration. The event was shared with the Irish Association for Economic Geology, The Mineral Deposit Study Group of the Geological Society and the Association of Mining Analysts. The AES board is particularly grateful to Ian MacDonald, editor of IMM Transactions B, who was able to obtain the venue free of charge. As AES had no ‘start-up’ budget for the conference board members individual industry contacts came to the fore in obtaining company sponsorship to underwrite the two-day conference. The event attracted 175 delegates, 150 of which were fee paying. The conference was a major success and feedback from registrants was very positive. The AES board is particularly grateful to organising committee chair Bob Foster whose tireless efforts and industry profile encouraged many of those prominent in the industry to speak at the conference.
5 Foresight / Innovation and Growth
AES is concerned primarily with geology and exploration. These activities are truly global and therefore foresight innovation and growth challenges are similar to those of other national-based internationally focussed organisations such AUSIMM, SAIMM, CIM and SME. The new federal approach may perhaps go some way to enable AES to flourish in the global industry.

6 Professional membership developments
Individual board members encourage and succeed in recruit new professional members. The AES board has strong links with MinSouth and the Scottish Mining Institute. Of particular note is the MinSouth link and its joint ventures with the Association of Mining Analysts. London is a major mining finance capital reflected in the support for the Finex 08 conference and the Masterclass series.

7 National and international linkages with other Societies / Institutes
AES has links with the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the The Irish Association of Economic Geology.

8 Government interfaces
Apart from the BGS there is little Government sponsorship of the Earth Sciences in the UK. The CBI does have input to government through its Minerals for Britain programme that is primarily concerned with the planning controls of the extraction of industrial minerals. AES board member attended their recent one-day conference

9 Publications
The board is currently reviewing the content of the website. The old AES site had a significant number of Earth Science related articles from Materials World that need to be reinstated. The pdf’s used on the old site are preferred to the new text only articles. The 26 presentations at Finex 08 are hosted on another site that enables video. MinSouth has a large database of earth science presentations. Links should be made. Thanks to Ian McDonald for the bringing Transactions B up to date.

10 Awards/prizes. The board has a recommendation for the Futer prize for a long-standing member

Appendix A – Technical Programme as of December 2008
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