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SME 2018 Photo Contest Winners

*Industry theme produced wide variety of entries*

Sponsored by the Coal & Energy Division of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), the 2018 photo contest theme was “Mining in Motion” where judges looked for single photos or multiple images stitched together that show “motion” and capture mining professionals in action. First, second and third place prizes included cash and a one-year SME membership.

The first place winner of the 2018 SME Photo Contest is Fanteri Aji Dharma Suparno, with his photograph entitled “The Normal Loading.” The photograph invokes the quintessential action of above-ground mining.

Second place winner Dan Witkowsky captions his entry “Fire Assaying: You Can’t Hurry Tried and True.”

The third place winner is Isabel Casasbuenas Cabezas, with the photo “Argos Mine in Columbia.”

Additionally, there were nine honorable mention honorees this year, including three photographs from the international community. Photos ranged from the Bertha SR 99 tunneling machine to a SAG ball mill in motion. Winning entries will be showcased at the 2018 SME Annual Conference & Expo and 91st Annual Meeting of the SME-MN Section in Minneapolis, MN, February 25-28, 2018. More than 6,000 attendees will be viewing the winning entries which will be displayed onsite at the conference, and the images will be published on the SME website and Facebook pages.

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