**Boulby Update – Q3 2021**

* Government, STFC and Covid restrictions continued throughout the period with agreed hybrid working practices for staff. Visitors and contractors had to provide evidence of Covid free status (evidence of double vaccination status or negative test result). Other requirements included regular LFT testing, wearing of face coverings, ongoing ventilation of surface building, the underground laboratory and continuing to monitor the room(s) CO2 with staff reacting accordingly. Covid risk assessment updated.
* All 9 Boulby Laboratory staff are 100% compliant with STFC SHE mandatory training. Other safety training continues in accordance with ICL and STFC requirements regulations. 1 day ‘Insight’ Team Training undertaken for Boulby staff.
* No accidents incidents reported in the last quarter.
* Ongoing discussions with ICL to agree a lease and/or Memorandum of Understanding regarding the future tenure of the surface building and the underground laboratory. Further discussions have taken place with ICL relating to H&S responsibilities on site and underground
* BES have been engaged through the STFC contract to undertake pressure vessel testing at Boulby. They attended the mine and surface laboratory and inspected pressure vessels, providing certification and written schemes of examination. Further discussions have taken place to see if there are further compliance certification services that could be provided to Boulby by BES.
* PAT testing has been completed on c.350 electrical items by external contractor and all up to date.
* Contractors complete the site pre-visit information form and mine induction prior to entry onto the Boulby site. They are required to provide a task risk assessment(s) / method statement(s) and complete the Boulby Underground Lab Induction prior to proceeding underground.
* Visits to Boulby included Executive Board, Estates & Operations, HR Representatives, Business Development Team, Michael Portillo, BBC and ITV and the MINAR Team for two weeks.
* Two Safety Tours were carried out using the STFC Safety Tour Check Lists – issues were found with regard to light bulb replacement, signage, trailing cables, spill kits – report to be completed on SHE Assure.