

**Aspermont appoints Richard Roberts as Editor in Chief of its London based global mining publication Mining Journal and [mining-journal.com](http://mining-journal.com).**

Aspermont is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Roberts as Editor In Chief of Mining Journal. Richard is a well-known figure in mining journalism, with more than twenty years' experience in the sector. He has previously been Managing Editor for Aspermont Limited in Perth, editor of Australia's Mining Monthly, Australian Longwall, ResourceStocks and The Miner Newspaper.

Most recently Richard has been the founding proprietor and managing editor of the successful Highgrade.net. Highgrade.net will become part of the overall Aspermont offering immediately, and will be integrated into the development of Mining Journal.

During Richard's previous involvement with Aspermont he was instrumental in the early years' success of Australia's Mining Monthly and MiningNews.Net.

The Mining Journal role will focus on delivering to the 178 year old title a new enriched content shape across print, online and tablet delivery. There will be a concentration on in-depth mining insight, news analysis, and enriched content through interactive media.

Richard Roberts noted "I am delighted to be joining Mining Journal, the leading global mining publication, and re-joining Aspermont, which has become the major player in international mining information media. HighGrade has forged a niche in the market, with its unique content mix and reporting style, and I am certain the global mining community will welcome this approach to covering the industry."

Simon Thompson, Executive Director of Aspermont's UK operation commented: "We are delighted to have Richard join us and take the helm of Mining Journal at such an important moment. He brings experience, passion, and leadership. He will be heading a very strong team and our ambition for the title has never been greater."