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Leica Geosystems wins Coveted Award: Surface Mining - Ancillary and Analysis

Leica Geosystems' Jigsaw360 Mine Management Solution has been honoured for its innovation and positive technological contribution to the mining industry by winning the category of Surface Mining – Ancillary and Analysis at this year's Mining Magazine Awards.

Announced at a gala dinner at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (8th October 2009), the annual award ceremony acknowledges advanced mining technologies and equipment, and companies who are committed to continued research and development for the respective year. The results are based on the opinion of industry advisors, online voting and Aspermont staff [Aspermont publishers of Mining Magazine].

A renowned award within the mining sector, Kevin Greenwood, Vice President Leica Geosystems Mining Systems, said "It is Leica Geosystems' goal to be the best, and the most reliable, mine management solution provider in the world: we are very happy to receive this Mining Magazine Award. The Surface Mining category included innovative products from our industry counterparts, and we proudly accept this recognition. We have invested heavily in the research and development of the Jigsaw360 Mine Management Solution and, moving forwards, will continue to do so that our further gain from optimised operations and maximum return on their investment."

Mr Greenwood also commented that, "There has been a great deal of positive feedback with regards to the benefits that sites are experiencing from their Jigsaw360 installations. Word of this has spread throughout the sector and, looking towards 2010, we are excited by the growing global base that we are experiencing as a direct effect of the mining industry's demand for revolutionary results-driven products."

More information about the Mining Magazine Awards can be found at www.miningcongress.com/mining-magazine-awards.

Jigsaw360 overview

With the acquisition of US-based Jigsaw Technologies in 2007 by Leica Geosystems' parent company, Hexagon AB, a new breed of mine management technologies evolved, and September 2008 saw the official launch of Leica Geosystems' Jigsaw360 to the mining sector. Setting a new industry benchmark, and changing the expectations of what it is that sites demand from their mine management solution, Jigsaw360 has rapidly become the choice of many leading global operations around the world.

Jigsaw360 is a state-of-the-art integrated monitoring and guidance solution that utilises highly-advanced real-time technologies to automatically provide optimised truck and shovel assignments; increase site productivity and machine uptime; monitor and report key performance indicators, and minimise site operational costs. Jigsaw360 is fully scalable to meet the needs of every mining operation, and features optimum levels of flexibility by integrating high- and low-precision systems, as well as with other solution providers.

About Leica Geosystems Mining Systems

Leica Geosystems' state-of-the-art integrated monitoring and GPS guidance solutions unearth site productivity with a revolutionary product range for draglines; blast-hole drills; electric shovels; dozers; excavators; haul trucks; loaders, and auxiliary assets.

Highly advanced real-time analysis and reporting software gives entire sites the tools that they need to stay on top by efficiently controlling resources and equipment. The result? Informed decision making, optimised productivity and unparalleled performance for maximum site output: backed up by a reliable global service and support network.

About Leica Geosystems

With close to 200 years of pioneering solutions to measure the world, Leica Geosystems products and services are trusted by professionals worldwide to help them capture, analyse, and present spatial information. Leica Geosystems is best known for its broad array of products that capture accurately, model quickly, analyse easily, and visualise and present spatial information.

Those who use Leica Geosystems products every day trust them for their dependability, the value they deliver, and the superior customer support. Based in Heerbrugg, Switzerland, Leica Geosystems is a global company with tens of thousands of customers supported by more than 3,500 employees in 28 countries and hundreds of partners located in more than 120 countries around the world. Leica Geosystems is part of the Hexagon Group, Sweden.

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