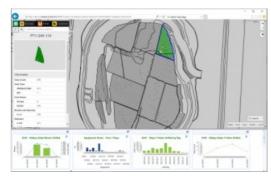




Hexagon Mining Purchases Mine Production Management Firm



Hexagon Mining has acquired the technology company MiPlan. Based in Perth, Australia, MiPlan develops mobile software applications for field data collection, fleet management, production management and reporting. The company has a proven track record of increasing mine productivity and providing a rapid return on investment.

Hexagon Mining President Hélio Samora said MiPlan's solutions suite will be a formidable addition to the company's technology portfolio and significant news for customers of both companies. Safer, more productive mines depend on making sense of their data, said Samora. MiPlan's range of apps represents a scalable, real-time mobile production management solution.

Data flows

Samora said that MiPlan's comprehensive MiiNT platform is particularly significant for Hexagon Mining customers. MiiNT supports the data management, analysis, and reporting needs of any sized operation. The solution streamlines data flows between traditionally disparate systems and departments, simplifies on-demand data interrogation, trend analysis, and reporting over live operational data.

Samora added that blast engineers will welcome the addition of MiPlan's MiD&B application, which will provide immediate enhancements to Hexagon Mining's blast design solution. This will close the loop on design, field data capture, reconciliation, and reporting, said Samora.

The MiFleet solution will enhance Hexagon Mining's operational offerings and appeal to a wider variety of mining operations. It will deliver lightweight fleet management capability with near real-time infield feedback.

Applied to Hexagon Mining's suite of technologies for planning, operations, and safety, these solutions will empower customers to act – not react – on real-time data at any stage of the mining value chain, no matter their location, said Samora.

MiPlan managing director, Robert Daw, said it is a fantastic outcome for the company's xisting and future clients, not to mention the MiPlan team. The range, experience, and calibre of the Hexagon Group will contribute to the continued improvement of our existing offerings and provide a great platform for the next generation of solutions that mining businesses need to stay competitive. An acquisition by Hexagon held great appeal from the beginning due to the complementary solutions delivering immediate benefit to the market. It is also a big leap forward in our vision of aligned mines, Daw added.

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