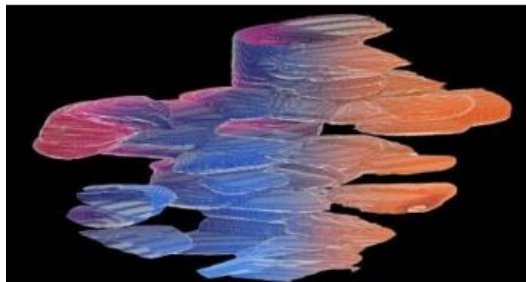


# Maptek Vulcan 64-bit Mining Software



Mining technology provider Maptek is releasing Vulcan 64-bit to global mining customers during April. The launch kicked off at Expomin in Santiago, Chile this week. Vulcan 64-bit combines the advantages of a 3D modelling environment with the power of modern 64-bit technology to make it possible to work with large datasets. The 64-bit support covers the entire software offering, allowing all Vulcan users access to the platform.

Eric Gonzalez, Vulcan product manager, said that the release was supported by user experiences reported from the global 64-bit beta testing programme which ran in the lead-up to the release.

Both 32-bit and 64-bit versions are shipped simultaneously under Vulcan 8.1.4. Data is compatible between platforms, allowing users running 8.1.4 32-bit to share data and projects seamlessly with 64-bit user colleagues. Vulcan 64-bit users will notice some small changes in workflows from the previous 32-bit version, mostly relating to set-up for third party components such as ODBC drivers. For own applications, it will be business as usual.

Vulcan 8.1.4 includes new options for resource modelling and short term planner tools, along with composited models for stratigraphic deposits, stripping ratio tools for stratigraphic models and improved grade shells.

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