

Australian pit to implement new pit-to-plant management system

Qmastor Limited, a leading Australian supplier of bulk material management information systems and services, announced in November last year that it has secured a contract with Xstrata Coal for the provision of its award winning Pit to Plant.net system at the Oaky Creek coal project located in the Bowen Basin, Queensland.

Qmastor will provide Oaky Creek with a pit to plant stockpile management and mine reconciliation solution through the use of its Pit to Plant.net and dPipe products. The system will provide detailed material tracking; inventory, stockpiling, blending and grade control; as well as mine reconciliation. The system will also integrate seamlessly to existing systems such as Runge's XPAC and the wash plants distributed control system for automated data synchronization and extraction.

Trent Bagnall, managing director of Qmastor Limited stated "This installation strengthens our dominant position in Australia's coal mining industry for supply chain management information systems."

Xstrata Coal, (a division of Xstrata plc) is the world's largest producer of export thermal coal and a significant producer of coking coal. The company produces, on a managed basis, in excess of 70mt (million tonnes) of coal each year. Xstrata Coal has interests in over 30 coal mines located in Australia and South Africa and employs around 10,000 people, including contractors.

The world-class Oaky Creek project boasts two underground longwall operations and one open cut operation, all of which exclusively produce high quality coking coal. These modern large-scale mining operations have the capacity to produce in excess of 10mt of coking coal each year.

Qmastor Limited (ASX: QML) is a renowned provider of specialist management information systems and services to the global mining, port, power generation and other bulk commodity industries. Since, 1987 Qmastor has pioneered innovative solutions to empower clients to improve their operations and maximize profit through the efficient use of resources across the supply chain.

Martin Engineering reaches two sales milestones

Martin Engineering, the Neponset, Illinois, USA-based supplier of systems and services to improve industry's handling of bulk materials, has crossed two significant milestones in the company's history, including the achievement in November of the its first worldwide US\$100 million sales year.

In addition, the 62-year-old privately held company noted that during the month of October last year, it had exceeded US\$1 million in total (historical) sales.

"We are honored to have our products and services gain worldwide acceptance allowing us to record our first US\$100 million sales year," said Edwin H. Peterson, chairman of Martin Engineering. "And we are further gratified that we also have exceeded the landmark of US\$1 billion in total sales since my father started the company."

"We look forward to pursuing our lean enterprise philosophy of continuous improvement far into the future. At our rate of growth we will reach our second billion dollars in sales a lot quicker than it took for the first."

Martin products include belt cleaning systems, transfer point components, air cannons, industrial vibrators, and custom-engineered Martin inertial flow transfers and Martin S-class air-supported conveyor systems.

Founded in 1944, Martin Engineering is the world's largest and most experienced company specializing in flow aid devices and dust and spillage control for conveyors and transfer points in the handling of bulk solids in a clean, safe, productive way. Headquartered in Neponset, Illinois, the company now has subsidiary operations in Marine City, Michigan and Kirkland, Washington, as well as Brazil, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Turkey, and United Kingdom. In addition licensees represent the company in Canada, Chile, Australia and India. Martin products and services are also available from authorized representatives around the world.

Flexco unveils conveyor lifter

Flexible Steel Lacing Company (Flexco) has announced the introduction of Flex-Lifter, a conveyor belt lifter with a 4,000 lb (1,810kg) safe lift rating, the highest available for today's conveyors.

The portable, versatile beltline maintenance tool is designed to safely lift fully loaded troughed or flat conveyor belts. The Flex-Lifter lifts troughed belts using adjustable wings, and flat return belts using a return lift bar included with each unit.

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