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**PYOTT-BOONE ELECTRONICS TEAMS WITH MINECOM  
TO PROVIDE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MINE INDUSTRY**

Pyott-Boone Electronics, a leading manufacturer and supplier of communications and monitoring systems for the mining industry, has signed a partner agreement with Australian company, MineCom, to distribute its innovative mining and underground communications solutions to the American channel. The agreement is effective August 2006.

Pyott-Boone Electronics, based in North Tazewell, Virginia, has been providing leading-edge communication and monitoring technologies to the coal mining industry for 35 years. MineCom's customised communications solutions represent an excellent fit with Pyott-Boone Electronics and their mission to supply the most advanced technology available.

MineCom has been improving the productivity and safety of global mine site and tunnelling operations for nearly 20 years. The lynchpin of MineCom's product range is its Leaky Feeder systems that provide the backbone for voice, data and video capabilities.

Nancye Howell, Pyott-Boone Electronics' *Vice President* said the timing of the partnership could not be better as many American mining companies are currently in the process of upgrading their communications networks.

"The important link between reliable communications and employee safety cannot be overstated in the mining sector. We're delighted that MineCom chose us to exclusively represent its best-of-class products during this intense period of industry-wide improvements" said *Howell*.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is committed to ensuring companies offer safe work environments for miners and improve the ability of rescue teams to locate them in the case of accidents. MSHA and industry are working together to achieve full safety compliance by 2009.

Michael Johnson, MineCom's Export Sales Manager, said the Company was proud to be in the final stages of accreditation for its own range of MSHA-approved technologies, including leaky feeder system.

"The U.S. coal industry is currently faced with an urgent need to track underground activities. Whether its voice communication systems, control over mining processes or site-wide surveillance; our products enhance operations through numerous safety and productivity benefits," said Mr Johnson.

Mr Johnson said, "A formal agreement was the inevitable outcome of what has been a strong commercial relationship between our two organisations, for a number of years. Pyott-Boone is an established company, with a strong distribution network and highly experienced team."

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### **About Pyott-Boone Electronics**

Pyott-Boone Electronics was established in 1972 to supply the coal mining industry with the most technologically advanced communication and monitoring systems available. Today, Pyott-Boone Electronics is recognised as a leader in its field, serving a diverse range of other markets where its electronic manufacturing and quality capabilities are effectively utilised. Pyott-Boone distributors currently promoting the MineCom line of products include Logi-Tec, Inc., Murrysville, PA; Virginia Electric Supply Co., Duffield, VA; Mine Service Co., Hazard, KY; Electronic Laboratories, Inc., Logan, WV; Shook and Fletcher Supply, Birmingham, AL; and Mine Safe Electronics, Sturgis, KY.

Additional distributors and agents are currently being considered as the U.S. and Canadian marketplaces are developed. Pyott-Boone Electronics is headquartered in North Tazewell, Virginia.

### **About MineCom**

MineCom is a subsidiary of TR Corporation, a leading group of specialised brands offering a variety of cutting edge technologies to business.

MineCom manufactures a range of communications and electronic equipment for underground mining and tunnelling projects, material handling and transportation facilities and processing plants around the world. Products include Leaky Feeder systems, personnel and vehicle tracking, wireless automation, skip and shaft automation, traffic control systems and radio communication equipment and systems.

MineCom has offices located in Melbourne, Australia and agents located in South Africa, Russia, Poland, Sweden, UK, Spain, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Peru, Chile, Canada, USA, China, Indonesia and New Zealand.