

MineCom scores \$2.5m contract with global mining giant

MineCom, the innovative manufacturer of underground mine communications and electronic equipment has won a communications contract valued at A\$2.5 million, by copper mining giant KGHM Poland.

KGHM Polska Miedz SA (KGHM), ranked as the world's seventh-largest copper supplier and the second largest source of silver, awarded the contract to MineCom and its Polish agent, against stiff international competition.

The contract covers the supply of a mine wide communications system linking three adjoining mines in Poland's Midwest region. Each mine will be equipped with two independent UHF (EU format) Mincom MCA2000N SMARTReverse Head Ends located underground for increased redundancy and linked via fibre to a high capacity Tait T5100 Trunking system located on the surface.

SMARTReverse technology ensures that voice and data communications are never lost due to cable damage, therefore the system is FULLY REDUNDANT. In a number of recent mine disasters communications were lost completely with trapped miners below the cable break, due to a fire or an explosion taking out the telephone and/or leaky feeder cables. A SMARTReverse system would have enabled mine safety officers to continue to communicate with the trapped miners, gaining first hand information as to the level of damage, injuries, advising and comforting them and then guiding them to safety.

KGHM initially approached MineCom in 2001 seeking a communications solution for an underground rail haulage route near Lubin. The solution had to meet a number of goals including frequency challenges and meeting the tough European regulations and standards in force.

Consultants estimate that the cost of the upgrade could be (Based on increased production and workplace efficiencies) fully recovered within 18 months. Ends.

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About MineCom

MineCom manufacture a range of communications and electronic equipment for mine & tunnelling projects around the world. Our products include Leaky Feeder systems, Personnel & Vehicle Tracking, Wireless Automation, Skip & Shaft Automation, Traffic Control systems and Radio Communication equipment and systems.

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