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Mt Isa's minerals processing mainstay

MIPAC, a recognised authority in process control and automation, has been successfully improving operations for major industrial processing plants around the globe for more than 30 years.

MIPAC's experience with mineral processing in Mount Isa dates back more than 30 years. In the early 1970s, Mount Isa Mines (MIM) established an instrument engineering project for major capital projects.

In the early 1980s this group focused primarily on instrumentation and came to be known as Mount Isa Mines Instrument Services (MIMIS).

During the late 1980s, MIM shifted focus and decided not to continue with its own instrument services group.

Seeing an opening in the market, the members of MIMIS formed their own company now known as MIPAC. All of the MIMIS employees joined the MIPAC team, with seven becoming shareholders.

Since those early days in Mount Isa, MIPAC has gone on to deliver process control, automation, electrical engineering and advanced process optimisation to more than 100 projects in global industries such as mineral processing, pulp and paper, food and beverage and oil and gas.

MIPAC has a team of engineering and operational experts and offers a suite of services and technology to its global client base.

Recently MIPAC added to this portfolio with the launch of its award-winning

CellView solution for Tankhouse Management and the introduction of MIPAC Process Advantage to stabilise and optimise industrial process.

"MIPAC is proud of our Mount Isa heritage and we're pleased to continue working with the teams at Xstrata," MIPAC managing director Eddie DeRivers said.

"Our most recent project with Xstrata Zinc improved operations in Mount Isa by stabilising production, allowing the plant to operate closer to process constraints, increasing feed-rate and concentrate production."

The project was nominated in the 2009 PACE Zenith Awards, and is also a finalist in the upcoming Australian Mining Prospect Awards. ■



At the helm: MIPAC managing director Eddie DeRivers.



EXPERIENCE: The MIPAC team has been working in Mount Isa for 30 years.

