

... and software based GPS guidance systems.

This strategic merger further strengthens Leica Geosystems' presence within the Western Australian mining and agriculture industries.

In August Leica Geosystems also officially launched its Western Australian office for mining systems. Leica

solutions for mining machinery. As part of the establishment of a Western Australian office, Leica Geosystems recently expanded its technical presence with the recruitment of key personnel including a WA account manager and senior project engineer.

Already established in Perth, the company's local foundation is poised to play a pivotal role

the delivery, implementation and ongoing operation of Leica Geosystems' state-of-the-art systems are effectively supported at all times.

"This latest strategic acquisition and focussed Western Australian expansion, in conjunction with our recent launch of our Jigsaw360 Mine Management Solution at MINExpo, signifies our

commitment to western Australia, a powerhouse of the global mining industry," mining systems vice president Kevin Greenwood said, speaking of Leica Geosystems' advancement into the West Australian market.

"Demand and distance have demonstrated the benefits of Leica having a solid and tangible presence in Western Australia," he said.

months ago, and this latest acquisition, we are dedicated to this region and are wholly committed to our customers there.

"We believe this benefits not only Leica Geosystems, but also our customers who have much to gain from our world-class productivity and profitability enhancing solutions within their mining operations." ■

New technology solution for cell monitoring

MIPAC, experts in major industrial process control, has launched CellView, a new wireless solution to automate cell condition monitoring in tankhouse operations.

CellView is a critical foundation for an effective tankhouse management system and enables customers to achieve optimum production, quality, safety and environmental standards.

It combines the latest

advances in wireless technology with an extremely robust design to increase the efficiency and profitability of electro-refining and mining operations.

"MIPAC developed CellView in response to a need in the marketplace for tools that enable a more efficient, safe and profitable refinery operation," MIPAC product manager Tony Mathison said.

"CellView allows operators to produce more cathode at a

higher, more consistent quality without having to increase inputs."

CellView has been developed and tested with the assistance of Xstrata's Townsville Copper Refinery and Xstrata Technology, and has undergone operational testing at the Townsville Refinery.

The first order has been received, through Xstrata Technology, for a major Greenfield copper plant project with Kazzinc in Kazakhstan.

CellView is also being trialled with one of Europe's largest copper producers and processors.

The CellView system consists of wireless cell monitors communicating via a robust, state-of-the-art mesh network to a central operator interface.

It makes use of long life sensors and an extremely robust upper level communication system which uses the mesh networking devices to provide continuous

online monitoring.

MIPAC said CellView's benefits included continuous, real time monitoring of cell performance; it enabled increased production through early detection of process problems; reduced maintenance and implementation costs, particularly compared to hard-wired systems; it is at least 25 per cent smaller than alternatives and therefore uses much less of the precious real estate in a tankhouse. ■

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