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THE FUTURE OF SINKING VERTICAL TUNNELS

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BACKGROUND

This conference and workshop is in response to the industry being under immense pressure to sink shafts in safer and more efficient ways. The global call for no harm has to be taken very seriously. We can sink shafts without hurting people, however to repeatedly achieve this, we need to critically examine all aspects related to the sinking process. The way in which we conduct the entire project, right from mine concept study through to commissioning and handover needs to be considered. Shaft sinking is not only about the sinking cycle.

There are many diverse factors that influence the sinking process including: business drivers in the concept phase, mining methodologies and technology alternatives in the pre-feasibility stages, cost and timing parameters in the feasibility as well as partner selection, technical criteria and management systems during the execution phase.

The purpose of this conference and workshop will be to gain an understanding from mining companies, sinking contractors and EPCM organizations on their perception of the current process. The idea is to look at current best practice and to raise suggestions on how to improve the process using experiences collectively gained worldwide. At the very least the workshop must identify areas of action in order to plan for improvements going forward. Otherwise, deeper ore resources may remain beyond our nations' reach for the foreseeable future.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference should be of value to:

- All stakeholders involved in the shaft sinking arena
- Mine executives and management
- Civil construction companies
- Engineering design and consulting companies
- Project management practitioners
- Mine owners
- Mining entrepreneurs
- Technology suppliers and consumers
- Health, safety and risk management, personnel and officials
- Governmental minerals and energy personnel
- Research and academic personnel

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Sponsorship opportunities are available. Companies wishing to sponsor or exhibit should contact the Conference Co-ordinator.

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