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Timken

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Minera Panama S.A. has revised the original 2008 purchase of Metso grinding mills for the Cobre Panama project and has confirmed the resizing of mills. The original grinding mill supply has been revised to two SAG mills of 40 ft (12.2 m) in diameter and four ball mills of 26 ft (7.9 m) in diameter. This change is a consequence of a more detailed throughput modeling conducted as part of the basic engineering phase and will provide a reasonable design margin over the nominal throughput. Delivery will be completed by the end of 2013.

The Cobre Panama project is located approximately 100 kilometers west of the Panama Canal. It is estimated that start-up will commence by the end of 2015. Once the new Cobre Panama mine is in full operation, the concentrator will be capable of processing ore at a rate of 150,000 dmtpd over the first 10 years of operation. According to figures included in the FEED Report (March 2010) the average annual metal production rate over the first 16-years has been estimated at 289,000 tons of copper, 108,000 ounces of gold, 1,544 million ounces of silver and 3,600 tons of molybdenum.

The original order was included in Metso's order backlog in Q2/2008 and now the upgraded value of EUR 54 million is included in order backlog in Q2/2011.

Minera Panama S.A. is developing its world-class deposit in the Republic of Panama. The company is owned by Inmet Mining Corporation, a Canadian-based global mining company that produces copper and zinc. They are active in production, development and exploration.

Minera

RE-SIZES METSO'S EQUIPMENT FOR MINING



PTDA Business Index

HINTS AT RAPID EXPANSION

Firms seeking a glimmer of hope that economic conditions are improving, despite recent media reports to the contrary, need look no further than the Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) Business Index. The PTDA Business Index indicated the first quarter of 2011 was the fourth consecutive quarter for business growth among PTDA members. With a reading of 85.5, the recently released first quarter results indicate the power transmission/motion control industry expanded at a faster pace compared with fourth quarter 2010 when the index was at 73.4.

The full report is available through PTDA's website at www.ptda.org/Index. It includes United States and Canadian breakout data in addition to historical data. Conducted jointly by PTDA and Cleveland Research Company, the Index was modeled after the widely respected Purchasing Managers Index and tracks change in business activity, new orders, employment, supplier deliveries, inventories, prices and

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backlog in the PT/MC market to arrive at an overall index.

Founded in 1960, the PTDA is the leading association for the industrial power transmission/motion control (PT/MC) distribution channel. A U.S.-based trade association, PTDA represents 188 power transmission/motion control distribution firms that generate more than \$10 billion in sales and span 3,500 locations in North America and 11 other countries. Members also include 187 manufacturers that supply the PT/MC industry. PTDA is dedicated to providing exceptional networking, targeted education, relevant information and leading-edge business tools to help distributors and manufacturers meet marketplace demands competitively and profitably.

Serapid Group

WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Serapid Group recently announced the hiring of four new employees for positions in engineering, manufacturing and marketing: Devin Badaczewski, Emanuel Chirila and Anthony Lelej. Badaczewski is a designer in the engineering department. He will complete his mechanical engineering degree at Kettering University in Flint, Michigan in December. Prior to joining Serapid, he held several internships, including one at MHart Corporation.

Chirila has been appointed to the position of project engineer. He has over 17 years of mechanical engineering experience designing small mechanics and assembly automation machines. Lelej has been hired as a builder in the manufacturing department. Prior to joining Serapid, Lelej worked as a job setter for American Axle in Detroit.

Kevin Dombrowski, engineering and operations manager, says, "We are excited to bring Devin, Emanuel and Anthony on-board. Even in this tough economy, our company has continued to grow. They will be a great addition to our team."

Additionally, the company recently announced the appointment of Bonnie Taube to the position of marketing manager for North America and Europe. Taube will have the key responsibilities of creating marketing strategy to grow and expand the Serapid business worldwide. "We are thrilled

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Bonnie Taube

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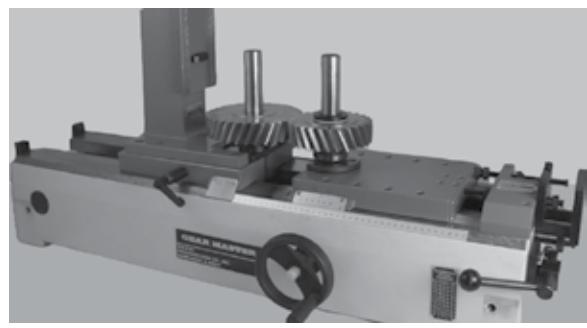
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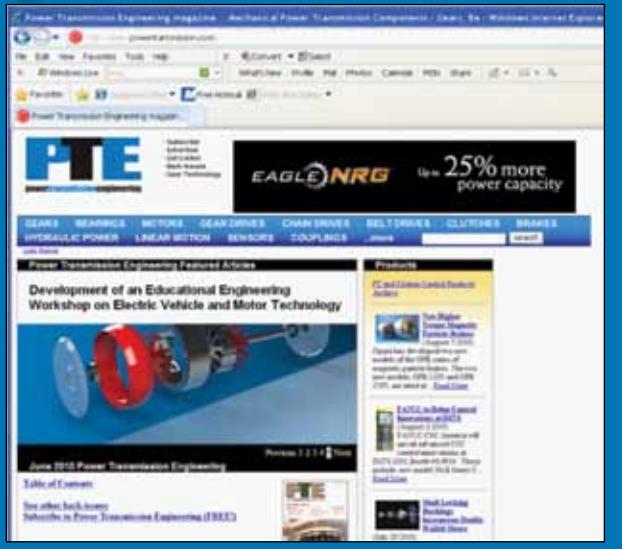


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to bring Bonnie on-board to coordinate global marketing, develop our corporate brand identity and generate new project opportunities," remarked Said Lounis, president of Serapid Group.

Prior to joining Serapid, Taube worked in publishing as the founder and president of a commercial real estate magazine. After selling her publication to 21st Century Newspapers, which is now owned by the Journal Register Company, she worked as an advertising executive for The Oakland Press. Taube was a captain in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, and has an English degree from Syracuse University. As the new marketing manager, Taube brings more than 15 years of advertising and marketing experience to Serapid and will have a major role in growing and expanding Serapid Group worldwide.

Emerson

JOINS WATER FOOTPRINT NETWORK

Emerson Industrial Automation has joined the Water Footprint Network (WFN) as a partner in the organization. The Water Footprint Network is a non-profit organization based in the Netherlands. The organization's mission is to promote the transition towards sustainable, fair, efficient use of fresh water resources through increased awareness of how the consumption of goods and services and production chains relate to water use and its impact on fresh water systems. The WFN has partners from around the globe. They include Coca Cola, U.S.; C & A, Germany; Am Bev, Brazil; Barilla, Italy; and Unilever, U.K.

Today there is a shortage of fresh water in many parts of the globe. In developing countries about 80 percent of illnesses are linked to poor water and sanitation conditions. Clean, safe water is a cornerstone of socio-economic growth. Lack of fresh water can impact the ability for a region or country to provide food. Some examples of water footprints include; beef—15,500 liters of water per KG of beef; corn—900 liters of water per KG of corn; rice—3,400 liters of water per KG of rice and 2,400 liters of water for one hamburger. "As a company that sells globally, we need to understand how we can impact sustainability in both our operations and the operations and supply chain of our customers," says Jeff Himes, senior product manager, System Plast.

Mike Suter, vice president of marketing, Power Transmission Solutions, noted; "Our customers have asked for help in reducing water usage. By joining the WFN we provide support to their global effort while gaining the ability to access new technical information and participate in the development of water research and policy agendas."