

Announcement

New Product – Open Pit Metals Solution

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RungePincockMinarco Limited (ASX: RUL) [RPM] has today launched Open Pit Metals Solution (OPMS)™, an evolution in mine planning software focused on scheduling open pit metal mines.

Following on from the release earlier this year of mine planning solutions for open cut and underground coal, OPMS is a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) product that is configurable to the specific requirements of the mine and uses a standard, process driven interface to make planning activities much easier to master and more cost effective to maintain.

OPMS incorporates RPM's 45 years of mining experience into a configurable user interface that integrates geological and mine design data with haul route plans and RPM's industry leading scheduling solution, XPAC. The result is a comprehensive end to end planning solution, in a script free environment, that dramatically improves the speed and transparency of the planning process including the ability to automatically update schedules for changes in the underlying geological models.

Consistent with RPM's enterprise software strategy, OPMS will link directly with SAP to provide the planning information required to generate production planning orders used across the enterprise.

Commenting on the release, Richard Mathews RPM's CEO and Managing Director said "OPMS is the third of our big three releases this year following XERAS for Enterprise and XACT for Enterprise. Initial customer responses to OPMS have been very encouraging. The user driven interface that guides users through the scheduling process, from end to end, appears to be just what the doctor ordered. Our approach of standardising and simplifying the underlying power of our industry leading XPAC scheduling engine means that users can now master the application quickly while at the same time having the confidence that comes with using XPAC."

"This is all about productivity improvements through speed of execution. Using OPMS, a full schedule can be scoped and implemented in days rather than weeks. Users can be generating, evaluating and delivering results up to 75% faster than they have been able to previously. In terms of maintaining the schedule we are now talking hours rather than days"

OPMS includes RPM's new Material Flow Interface, a simple, easy to use graphical representation of the material flow modelled through a mine, from the pit and its transition through processing to the final product. This on screen representation also automatically creates the underlying dependencies, constraints, targets and underlying mining rules that are used right across the solution and would have previously been manually scripted by an engineer. OPMS also includes upgraded and extended Advanced Scheduling Optimization capabilities.

OPMS is RPM's third Commodity Based Solution and has been launched at Exposibram 2013 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. RPM plans to release several more Commodity Based Solutions in the coming year aimed at other major commodity mining methods.

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RungePincockMinarco Limited (ASX: RUL) is the world's largest publicly traded independent group of mining

technical experts, with history stretching back to 1968. We have local expertise in all mining regions and are experienced across all commodities and mining methods.

Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange on 27 May 2008, RungePincockMinarco is a global leader in the provision of advisory consulting, technology and professional development solutions to the mining industry. We have global expertise achieved through our work in over 118 countries and our approach to the business of mining is strongly grounded in economic principles.

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