

Schneider Electric and Ampcontrol join forces to optimise underground coal mining operations

Sydney, Australia – November 11, 2014 — Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management, and Ampcontrol, Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company, today announced a partnership to co-develop an operational intelligence solution that will specifically address the needs of underground coal mining operations.

The collaboration will see the development of an effective solution modelled on Schneider Electric's current Ampla Manufacturing Execution System (MES), leveraging Ampcontrol's underground coal systems and process expertise. The partnership will result in a seamless and holistic operational management solution capable of providing mining customers with an improved level of production insight into the performance of underground operations.

"As the importance of mining efficiency and reliability grows, the combined expertise of Schneider Electric and Ampcontrol ensures these specific needs of underground coal mining will be met," said Yong The, Global Strategic Alliance Manager, at Schneider Electric. "We are confident that the integration with Ampcontrol and their capabilities in offering electrical and control system implementation in the underground mining domain, we will continue to guarantee that solutions offered cater for the high standards and requirements this sector demands."

The relationship will give Schneider Electric and Ampcontrol's customers a significant advantage by empowering them to make more proactive and informed decisions to both benchmark and improve asset and production performance. These benefits can be achieved across the entire spectrum of underground operations, including longwall, continuous mining and coal clearance solutions.

"Schneider Electric was the perfect fit to partner with Ampcontrol as the company's solutions complemented our existing range of services," said Troy McKay, Business Development Manager – Automation, Ampcontrol. "We are considered an authority on system integration, with 45 years of experience,

in electro-technology and real-time solutions for the underground mining sector, and the collaboration with Schneider Electric will further expand these capabilities. Although the short-term focus is the Australian market, we are excited that the relationship will be a great opportunity for both.

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companies to work collaboratively on wider reaching global customer opportunities and long-term prospects.” “Schneider Electric and Ampcontrol have a long history of working together in the sector. The evolution of the relationship creates an opportunity for both companies to provide comprehensive, viable and effective solutions for Australian customers”, concluded Sam Yfantis, Industry Sales Director, Schneider Electric Australia.

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