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ROSOND debuts new generation drill rig

ROSOND has acquired a drill rig, the first in the company's new generation fleet set to substantially change the company's approach to drilling.

The rig features two power packs – one diesel and one electric, one of which is selected for use depending on the operation at hand. The power pack can be detached from the drill rig itself, thereby making the rig smaller and enabling it to get into hard-to-reach places. In addition, the machine is fully remote controlled.

According to ROSOND's Operations Director Ricardo Cravo Ribeiro, the new machine is specifically designed for geotechnical operations, and will be used in activities ranging from surface exploration drilling, to water control, ground consolidation and drain holes underground.

The machine attracted a great deal of interest when Cravo Ribeiro posted a clip of it in action on LinkedIn, generating more than 2000 views in two weeks.

The new rig is the first of ROSOND's new generation fleet, which features several innovations. Cravo Ribeiro believes the new fleet will have the potential to modernise several aspects of the company's approach to drilling.

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About ROSOND

ROSOND is active in surface and underground mining development and exploration drilling, cementation works and pre-cementation of shafts, as well as grout pack support systems.

In 1956, multinational company RODIO started servicing southern Africa's mining and civil engineering industries. RODIO created ROSOND to become RODIO/ROSOND, which established a niche presence in the market and introduced many original cementation techniques used for geotechnical purposes. These included high shear, high-speed mixing and equipment for the grouting of cement and the long-range pumping of cement slurries. In 1991, the international RODIO group was sold, becoming an independent company owned by Swiss-based GEOSOND Holdings. In 2011 ROSOND management bought the South African operation from Geosond, which included a 25 +1% empowerment deal.

In 2014 the ROSOND group expanded to Mozambique to service the mining and civil industries.

ROSOND has serviced most of South Africa's blue chip mining houses, expanding its operations over several decades.

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