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Passport 360 part of Start-ups Unearthed Africa at Mining Indaba 2019

22 January 2019: A local provider of smart solutions for the administrative, safety, and procurement requirements of the mining industry, Passport 360 is one of four African start-ups that have secured a coveted pitch slot at the Start-ups Unearthed Africa session at the Investing in African Mining Indaba on 6 February at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Open innovation platform Unearthed and the Investing in African Mining Indaba 2019 partnered to offer four African emerging technology businesses the opportunity to pitch their innovative industry solutions at the world's largest mining investment conference at the so-called Start-ups Unearthed Africa session. Unearthed comprises a community of over 5 000 entrepreneurs, innovators, and industry professionals focused on solving the energy and resources sector's challenges.

Applications were open to any hardware or software tech start-up from across the continent that had a prototype, product, or service that can impact the mining industry. The successful applicants were announced on Thursday 17 January by Unearthed Industry Lead – Crowdsourcing **Holly Bridgwater**.

Bridgwater herself will moderate the one-hour start-up session. Following a short introduction about Unearthed, each company will have a ten-minute pitch slot, followed by a group question-and-answer session.

"I am excited that we have the opportunity to share some of the amazing tech being developed in Africa with a global audience, including about 750 investors, leaders of over 220 mining companies, and 34 government ministers," Bridgwater highlights.

In addition to the four pitch slots, each start-up secures a full complimentary pass to the Investing in African Mining Indaba 2019 from 4 to 7 February. The top ten applicants will also receive media coverage profiling their businesses, and to spread the word about Unearthed's global network.

"This is really exciting for Passport 360. It represents an amazing opportunity for us to highlight how our solutions can optimise any mining company's overall organisational efficiency, from the moment the first contractor is engaged, all the way to the end of the project lifecycle," Passport 360 Director and Co-Founder **Siobahn Whitehead** comments.

"Our solutions ensure transparency, productivity, and efficiency within the procurement and onboarding process. We aim to change and improve processes by applying technology that results in better and more sustainable outcomes for all our clients and stakeholders."

Clients include leading Blue Chip companies such as WBHO, Concor, ABB, Anglo American, De Beers, and Thyssenkrupp. Passport 360 will be represented in the pitch slot by Strategy and Business Growth Lead **Jared Kangisser**.

The Start-ups Unearthed Africa session at the Investing in African Mining Indaba 2019 takes place from 13:30 to 14:30 on 6 February. For more information, visit www.miningindaba.com and <https://unearthed.solutions/>.

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Passport 360 is the smart solution to your administrative, safety, and procurement needs. We ensure your organisation operates effectively with our automated Passport 360 System. Access information anytime, anywhere in real time. One unified system that seamlessly integrates people, Service Providers, safety and compliance management as well as your plant and equipment.

About Uearthed

Uearthed is an organisation that generates opportunities for entrepreneurs and helps improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the global resources sector through hackathons, online competitions, and a technology accelerator. Since 2014, Uearthed has connected over 5 000 innovators to over 100 industry challenges, producing over 400 prototype solutions.

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