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GBI offers mines free best practice assessments April 2009

In an unprecedented first for mine operators, mining intelligence leader GBI is offering free best practice assessments to assist the resources industry to work smarter.

Recognising the increasing pressures on mines to remain competitive, GBI is extending its data collection services to include the on-site half-day assessments during which a member of the GBI team will review the mine's efficiency levels free of charge.

At the completion of the best practice assessment, mine operators will be provided with a no obligation report complete with recommendations for achieving greater efficiencies.

GBI CEO Graham Lumley said the assessment would look at a site's strengths and weaknesses, current outputs and world-wide benchmarks and recommend solutions tailored to each mine's individual operations.

"Each mine's operations are different, certainly, however, understanding the data around any mine's operations can greatly assist in identifying inefficiencies. GBI provides the mining industry with the intelligence to achieve best practice, which ultimately impacts on productivity to achieve greater efficiencies and business improvement," Mr Lumley said.

Mr Lumley said GBI had already assisted an Australian mining company achieve a 36% increase in dragline productivity almost immediately.

The M8050 average payload was around 77 tonnes. GBI advised the mine that the existing bucket was capable of much more and that a focus should be brought on filling the bucket. The average payload increased to 96 tonnes immediately. GBI then assisted the mine in sizing and selecting a new dragline bucket which resulted in another increase in payload of 105 tonnes.

"GBI appreciates that mines do not know what the real productive capacity of their equipment is nor fully understand how efficiency savings can be made,"

"However, knowledge is a dynamic and innovative growth industry which is essential for future prosperity of the mining sector.

"It doesn't matter where you look the picture of under-utilisation of capacity is prevalent- the average performance of many mine sites is below best practice, for example mining trucks best practice is up to 50% below best practice, 41% below in excavators and 37% below best practice in electric rope shovels.

"We are offering the best practice assessment to assist mines in gaining a greater appreciation of how understanding their data can assist their business," Mr Lumley said.

The global leader in mining intelligence, GBI has hundreds of years of mining intelligence data collected from mines in Australia and overseas which is unavailable anywhere else in the world.

GBI's team has more than 250 years of collective mining industry experience.



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