Journey to the Digital Mine
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Digitalization is the major key for increasing cost-efficiency and automation of operations and processes in the mining industry, especially in hazardous and hard to reach environments.
Five fundamental drivers in the Mining Industry

Handling lower ore grades will be the major challenge in mining industry in the future

**Lower Grade**
- Continuously decreasing of average ore grade
- Less large high quality deposits

**Go deeper**
- From open pit to underground mine
- New underground operation

**HSSE**
- Health, Safety and Security in harsh environment
- Awareness of environmental care
- Lack of skilled talents

**Costs**
- CAPEX efficiency
- OPEX reduction
- Organizations and processes optimization
- Standardization

**Output**
- Increasing ore recovery
- Asset Efficiency & Reliability
- Production and Resources efficiency

*Source: LDA MN*
Digital Solutions in Mining – Relevant Use Cases

Mine Engineering

Integrated Engineering and Integrated Operations

From Integrated Engineering

- A common data-base for all engineering design, based on modularization of templates, improving efficiently and quality during engineering phase.

- Take the same data base as single point of configuration of process automation and simulation, in order to for faster and easier commissioning of automation systems and reduction of overall project implementation schedule.

To Integrated Operations

- Establish baseline for improved operations management across the mine lifecycle, by building up asset management modules based on engineering data.
Digitalization Focus Area

“Digital Mine” Initiative

**Customer benefits**
- Integrated plant database for the entire life cycle of the mine
- Faster development of process control system
- Cost savings for following projects

**Project SIC (Short Interval Control, South Africa)**
- Project start Dec. 2016, current open engineering contract
- Vertical integration from field to ERP, in operation in first mine
- Roll out to other mines planned - also to South America

**Project Digital Mine (Peru)**
- Complete horizontal integration from engineering (COMOS) to operation (SIMIT/PCS7)
- Integrated engineering approach
- Roll out of SIC System intended
- Potential approach for all greenfield and expansion projects
VALE S.A., Brazil

Enterprise Manufacturing Execution System for Mining Operations

Development and implementation of the new MES system in all units of iron ore and manganese for 38 sites. Siemens executed the phases conception, implementation, integrated tests and assisted operation for:

- Excavation
- Material Beneficiation
- Material Stock and Shipment

Customer benefits
Integration of existing systems to automate the data extraction and transparent KPIs updated in real time. Proven Customer value: Saving US$70 m up to 2020

Customer Press Release on value of Digitalization
MES for Vale Brazil, considered the biggest MES Project in the world

05/18/2017

Vale estimates saving more than USD 70 million with innovation

Developed in partnership with Chemtech, the new system is being implemented in the iron and manganese ore mines in Brazil.

Vale, in partnership with Chemtech, is implementing a new management system for iron and manganese ore units of the company in Brazil, replacing 17 other systems that were being used. Overall, 38 mines, plants and warehouses will have the new system, called Vale Production Management - Mining (GPV-M). The implementation has been completed in 20 units of Minas Gerais, Maranhão and Pará. This initiative will provide more than USD 70 million in savings until 2020.

Source: Vale Internet Newsroom
http://saladeimprensa.vale.com/en/Paginas/Articles.aspx?r=Vale_estimates_saving_more_than_USD_70_million_with_innovation&s=Innovation__Technology&rID=1007&sID=4
Customer benefits
Increased efficiency of the reclaiming process and greater machine availability due to autonomous machines operation
Real-time operating data, such as status of machinery and overall stock levels

Development and implementation of a stockyard management systems MAQ for 17 potash stockyards (21 Reclaimers and 37 Stackers).

Main functionalities include:

- Job handling (stacking/reclaiming)
- Autonomous operation of the machines
- Collision prevention
- Real-time material inventory, Reporting
- Interface to the plant’s MES
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Asset Health Analytics for Critical Mining Equipment
Gearless Mill Drives

Customer benefits
Cost savings and higher availability of equipment through optimized maintenance plans (corrective and preventive maintenance replaced by predictive maintenance)
Earlier failure detection and real-time advisory for counter measures

Comprehensive Condition Monitoring System for the Gearless Mill Drive and the mill, but also for other major process equipment (e.g. conveyor drives) based on Siemens Drive Train Analyzer.

Data analytics solution with detection of looming incidents based on GMD operational fingerprints and using AI algorithms to provide decision advisory for timely counter measures.

GMD Asset Health Analytics is currently operational within the Drive Train Analytics platform.
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Asset Health Analytics for Critical Mining Equipment
Belt conveyors

1. Asset health condition overview
   Asset specific alert and fault notification records, incl. most frequent and longest duration alerts

2. Asset data overview
   Asset specific KPIs, such as operation hours, specific temperature points

3. Plant overview
   Connected assets, incl. asset name, asset state and connection status
Reference Australia

Digital Twin of a Conveyor System

Creation of a digital twin of an existing conveyor in order to simulate equipment behavior:

- Formulate methodologies and design solutions for ramping up tonnage in conveyor from 1500 TPH to 1900 TPH.
- Combination of loading rate / speed that consumes the least amount of motor power, simulating effects on the conveying system.
- Investigate largest losses, e.g. idler width/spacing and rotating mass.

Customer benefits
The customer could define the best way to increase the capacity of the existing conveyor belt with limited investment. Prediction of possible critical areas on the conveying system during operation.
Simulation of belt conveyors
Optimum start of full belt with variable speed drive
Highly flexible and **modular system architecture** offers the perfect environment to create customized applications:

- Modern **user interface**, with web and mobile access
- Solution based framework with **standard basic modules**
- **Service-oriented architecture** (SOA) with loosely coupled services
- **Common data model** (single source of truth)
- **Open connectivity with API based interface** between modules and with external systems

Siemens Minerals approach for implementing digital solutions
Cutting-edge IT technologies to create mining applications
Minerals Digital Architecture Concept
Major Benefits of a Structured Architecture

- **Clear Responsibility & System Boundaries**: Each system is serving the tasks that is designed for.
- **Modular & Standardisation**: Reduction of maintenance cost and roll out cost
- **Transparency**: Creation the base for the enterprise transparency and KPIs
- **Benchmarking**: Creation the base / possibility for enterprise benchmarking
- **Flexibility**: Flexible for further development and new technologies
- **Reliability**: No system is overloaded and well designed for the tasks to be fulfilled
Thank you!

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