

Announcement

New Product – Plan Manager

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RungePincockMinarco Limited (ASX:RUL) [RPM] has today announced the launch of Plan Manager, a new product in its Enterprise Planning Suite.

Plan Manager delivers an innovative new method for managing planning data across the mine planning horizons, from life of mine to execution planning and every stage in between. It delivers greater accuracy, auditability and a defined and repeatable process for merging planning data.

Plan Manager enables enterprise users to view, analyse and approve mine plans across different planning horizons (Life of Mine, Long Term, Medium Term, Short Term and Ultra Short Term) and then publish an integrated plan in a variety of formats (including ISA-95 B2MML) up to the enterprise level. The consolidated mine plan can then be consumed by enterprise financial systems, process control and fleet management systems and then analysed through the corporate business intelligence systems.

Commenting on the release, Mr. Richard Mathews, CEO and Managing Director, said “Managing the interactions between planning horizons has traditionally been a significant challenge for the industry. A wide range of planning applications are used by different planning departments, often operating in silos. This has meant that the gap between a Life of Mine plan and the weekly schedule has been wider than desired. The introduction of Plan Manager finally bridges this gap.”

“The RPM product management team has spent considerable time with mine planners in one of RPM’s key tier one mining clients during 2015 unravelling the complexities of this issue across many different mining operations and planning horizons culminating in RPM releasing its Plan Manager product.”

Plan Manager supports a level of detail that is appropriate to each planning horizon, with the ability to update sections of the plan without touching data that has not changed. This means that the re-planning process is faster and more efficient. Plan Manager can also pull in task status information, stockpile balances, grades and external plan inputs such as rail schedules and make them available to different mine scheduling applications.

The full plan history functionality within Plan Manager provides users with a complete audit trail for submitted and approved plans. It allows all plans that have been submitted to be checked to ensure their validity. These checks and balances deliver greater visibility and control around the entire plan consolidation process, which also comes with security built into the workflow so that the plan approval process and automated publishing is delivered with confidence.

Mr. Mathews concluded by saying “As the undisputed leader in innovative mine scheduling solutions, RPM has long experienced the frustrations of working across different planning horizons. We expect the launch of Plan Manager to be embraced and appreciated as much by our own teams as it will be by the industry.”

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RungePincockMinarco Limited (ASX: RUL) is the world’s largest publicly traded independent group of mining technical experts, with history stretching back to 1968. We have local expertise in all mining regions and are experienced across all commodities and mining methods.

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Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange on 27 May 2008, RungePincockMinarco is a global leader in the provision of advisory consulting, technology and professional development solutions to the mining industry. We have global expertise achieved through our work in over 118 countries and our approach to the business of mining is strongly grounded in economic principles.

We operate offices in 18 locations across 12 countries.

