



Victoria launches a Mining 4.0 virtual trade mission to Chile and Peru

The program, promoted by the Victorian Government, seeks to connect some of the state's most innovative mining services and technology companies with Latin America's rapidly evolving mining industry.

May 07, 2021. Covid19 has accelerated the transition to a 4.0 mining industry in Latin America. Logistical and health concerns are forcing operations to operate remotely and incorporate new technologies. During the months of May and June, the Victorian Government will connect a cohort of highly innovative Victorian mining equipment, technology, and service providers (METS) with key mining stakeholders in Chile and Peru.

The companies participating include providers of software solutions, monitoring systems, performance consulting, remote blast detonation solutions, data analysis and highly efficient mineral processing equipment, amongst others.

Natalia Gorroño, Senior Trade and Investment Director for Latin America from the Victoria State Government, comments that METS companies have become strategic allies in the Latin mining sector, something that is being promoted throughout this mission.

"Throughout the trade mission we seek to connect Latin American mining ecosystems with leading Australian METS with the aim of increasing industry operational productivity, sustainability and safety."

The trade mission will include company showcases with leading industry associations, pitch sessions with local mining companies, tailored market assessments and business support. The companies participating include Australian Turntables, Ecotech, Gekko, Hawk, Mine Excellence, Mining Plus, Paradyn, Safescape, Coolon, Trakblaze, PM Eleven, GHD, Meks, Black Stump Technologies and Orica.

The State of Victoria, is considered the cradle of mining in Australia, since the first "gold rush" began 150 years ago. This state concentrates almost 25% of Australian economic activity and its GDP exceeds that of New Zealand, Singapore and Chile. In addition, it is positioned as one of the main financial and professional centres in Asia Pacific. This explains why Melbourne, the capital of Victoria is the headquarter of global companies such as BHP, MMG, Oceanagold, Newcrest, Laguna Gold and the regional office of Rio Tinto.

On the other hand, Victoria receives more than 40% of research and development (R&D) funds from the Australian Federal Government. The state has prestigious centres specialised in mining R&D such as AMIRA, Australian Synchrotron and CSIRO Minerals. This has allowed it to position itself as leaders in the generation of solutions for mining. It has promoted a vibrant ecosystem of more than 1,900 supplier companies for mining, which generate revenues of around US\$ 17,000 million to the State of Victoria economy.