

Major mining contractor orders second training simulator

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Indonesia's largest domestic mining contractor, PT Pamapersada Nusantara (Pamapersada), has renewed its commitment to simulator-based training with the purchase of a second Advanced Equipment Simulator from Australian manufacturer Immersive Technologies.

The contractor will employ the Immersive Technologies Series 2B Advanced Equipment (AE) Simulator at the 3.5 million tonnes per annum Bontang thermal coal mine in East Kalimantan.

Pamapersada, part of the diversified industrial group PT United Tractors, bought its first Immersive Technologies AE Simulator in July, 2004. The Simulator is integral to training of some 300 personnel a year at Indonesia's largest export coal mine, Adaro, in South Kalimantan. A similar number of operators are expected to be trained with the aid of the AE Simulator at Bontang.

Pamapersada cited the flawless commissioning of its first training Simulator as a factor in the follow-up purchase. As well as improving the speed and efficiency of operator training, the technology allows mine and fleet owners to assess and compare trainee dump truck and other equipment operators with performance benchmarks set by more experienced personnel.

Pamapersada's decision to extend its use of AE simulators in the Indonesian coal industry continues a trend which has seen other large mining contractors such as PT Thiess Indonesia, Roche Mining and Thiess (Australia) adopt the technology. It also underlines the importance companies are attaching to advancing operator skills, safety and equipment utilisation in regions with finite skilled labour resources. Immersive AE Simulators are used extensively at sites such as Kaltim Prima, Batu Hijau and Grasberg, in Indonesia.

Executive Director for Immersive Technologies, Wayde Salfinger, said "the smooth commissioning of Pamapersada's first AE Simulator at Adaro could be attributed partly to a high level of communication between Immersive Technologies and Pamapersada".

"Adaro liaised very effectively to ensure the process was as smooth as possible," Mr Salfinger said.

"On the ground assistance from Adaro staff saw the AE Simulator fully assembled and functional in record time. The Simulator was ready for training within hours of support personnel arriving on site.

About Immersive Technologies

Established in 1993, Immersive Technologies is the leading global provider of operator training Simulators to the mining and earthmoving industries.

With more than 65 AE simulators deployed in 14 countries around the world, the company's simulators are integral to the operations of many world-leading mining companies who use the

technology to improve operational safety and efficiency while driving down maintenance costs.

Immersive Technologies' exclusive alliances with several leading original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) ensures its extensive range of AE simulators achieve a superior level of realism and accuracy through the use of exclusively licensed proprietary data and machine technical information from the OEM.

Immersive Technologies Chief Executive Officer Peter Salfinger said the company was committed to providing equipment simulator training products that increased the safety and profitability of customers.

The company's expanding customer support base includes offices in Australia and the USA. For more information about Immersive Technologies, visit www.ImmersiveTechnologies.com