

# Xstrata Coal South Africa increase operations using Immersive simulator training

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The world's largest exporter of thermal coal Xstrata Coal South Africa, has chosen Immersive Technologies operator training simulators as a key tool in meeting the large increase in staff requirements for the ramping up of operations, including a large proportion of 'green' employees.

The decision by Xstrata South Africa to purchase the Advanced Equipment (AE) Simulators and the five year support packages comes after a thorough investigation of industry training techniques.

Xstrata South Africa operations required a sophisticated training solution able to meet the rapid up-scaling of projects. With an acute skills shortage in the country, Xstrata are relying on a large number of new, unskilled employees to meet their labour needs. The AE Simulator provided the perfect tool to meet this training challenge, enabling heavy equipment operators to be thoroughly trained in a safe environment, without hindering production or risking damage to the actual equipment

Immersive Technologies' African regional manager, Paul Davis said "Simulation training is now recognised by many as the most cost effective way to thoroughly train large unskilled workforces without hindering the production cycle or chancing site equipment with operator damage. Operations globally are seeing significant reductions in unscheduled maintenance costs impacting directly on the bottom line."

Xstrata recognised Immersive Technologies' ability to deliver significant value through their advanced product range and extensive support programs which are being used by Immersive' existing customers in over 20 countries globally. The sale further demonstrates the growing recognition of Immersive Technologies as the leading mining simulation provider in South Africa and around the world.

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## **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 100 AE simulators utilising 300 Conversion Kit™ modules deployed in 20 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 six leading Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) ensures its extensive range of Advanced Equipment Simulators achieve a superior level of realism and accuracy through the use of exclusively licensed proprietary data and machine technical information from the OEM.

The company's expanding customer support base includes offices in Australia, the USA and South Africa.

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