

Saudi Arabian Mining Company, Ma'aden, Places Largest Training Simulator Order in Mining History with Immersive Technologies

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Simulation based training will now be part of mining equipment operator workforce development in Saudi Arabia through the largest mining simulation investment in history to be delivered by Immersive Technologies. Ma'aden, the largest mining company in Saudi Arabia, will utilize Immersive Technologies simulators to address one of the biggest challenges faced by the Kingdom - developing a skilled workforce to support the expansion of mining.

Through a partnership with Immersive Technologies, Ma'aden and Missouri S&T, hundreds of mining operators will be trained annually at Saudi Arabia's first specialist training institute for the mining industry.

Missouri S&T, a long-time customer of Immersive Technologies, signed an agreement with Saudi Mining Polytechnic (SMP), originally established by Ma'aden, and the Technical Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) of Saudi Arabia, to provide mining training programs. Missouri S&T will utilize Immersive Technologies' simulators in their training programs.

Missouri S&T currently uses Immersive Technologies' simulators in their mining equipment operator training and Dr. Samuel Frimpong, chair of Missouri S&T's Mining and Nuclear Engineering Department says "simulators from Immersive Technologies will play an important role in helping Missouri S&T deliver a world class training program for the Saudi Mining Polytechnic (SMP) in Arar, Saudi Arabia. Immersive Technologies and Missouri S&T have an excellent opportunity to shape the direction of the mining industry in Saudi Arabia through this workforce development at SMP."

The investment includes 7 Advanced Equipment Simulators and 18 simulator modules (Conversion Kits®) for both surface and underground mining. Saudi Arabia marks the 35th country utilizing Immersive Technologies' simulators.



Representatives from Ma'aden visit the Immersive Technologies stand at MINExpo 2012 in Las Vegas.



The training investment from Ma'aden includes mining equipment simulators designed for surface and underground hard rock mining.

“Ma’aden has a solid reputation for investing in the best technology and we are honored to be part of their workforce development solution,” says Peter Salfinger, Chief Executive Officer at Immersive Technologies.

“Our simulators will support Ma’aden and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in training their young people to further develop mining as a solid pillar of the Saudi economy. The Saudi Mining Polytechnic will build a foundational workforce for Saudi Arabia to become a sought after place for global miners to invest and for Ma’aden to become even more prominent on mining’s global landscape,” says Salfinger.

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About Ma’aden

Ma’aden is a leading mining and metals company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a diverse portfolio of mineral assets at various stages of development including: exploration, development and production. Ma’aden has a broad commodity focus spanning gold, zinc, phosphate, aluminum, and industrial minerals, it is continually assessing opportunities to enter into new commodities that demonstrate strong long-term fundamentals and opportunities for growth, in line with their strategy.

About Missouri S&T

Missouri S&T is one of the top five technological research universities in the United States and is well known internationally for its engineering, science and technology programs. Missouri S&T has the largest and the most diversified mining engineering program in the United States. The program offers the B.S., M.S., M.E., Ph.D. and D.E. in Mining Engineering and M.S. in Explosives Engineering with a current plan to offer the Ph.D. in Explosives Engineering and M.S. in Mineral Process Engineering. Mining Engineering at Missouri S&T is well recognized internationally with academic partnerships with several universities in Australia, Brazil, Botswana, China, Ghana, Indonesia and Mongolia. Missouri S&T was selected to be a partner with the Technical and Vocational Training Corp. (TVTC), a Saudi government entity, and the Saudi Arabian Mining Co., Ma’aden, to establish the Saudi Mining Polytechnic (SMP) given its strong track record of excellence in mining engineering education and its global renown. Under the agreement, Missouri S&T and its industry partners will train personnel at SMP for the mining industry sector of the Kingdom.

About Immersive Technologies

Immersive Technologies is the world’s largest, proven and tested supplier of surface and underground Advanced Equipment Simulators to the global mining industry. The company has achieved this unique position by focusing on its mission to make every mining and earthmoving equipment operator in the world safer and their employer more profitable through its simulation technologies. Immersive Technologies’ Advanced Equipment Simulators are helping hundreds of mining companies around the world to increase their equipment operators’ safety and site profitability through effective simulation training.

Immersive Technologies provides its customers with the most effective Advanced Equipment Simulators available. This is made possible through the formal exclusive licensing and technical information alliances Immersive has established with the leading Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), including: Caterpillar, Hitachi, Komatsu and Liebherr. These unique alliances provide Immersive Technologies with exclusive access to the OEM’s proprietary and confidential machine technical information that is required to correctly simulate the OEM’s machines and is not available through other public or dealer channels.

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With advanced mining equipment simulators deployed in 35 countries, Immersive Technologies is dedicated to provide outstanding service. To deliver on this commitment the company has customer sales and support offices located close to its customers in Perth and Brisbane Australia, Salt Lake City USA, Calgary, Ottawa & Vancouver Canada, Monterrey Mexico, Lima Peru, Santiago Chile, Bochum Germany, Johannesburg South Africa, Jakarta Indonesia and Kolkata India.

Immersive has the global mining experience, innovative technology, product range, OEM relationships, proven support commitment and industry vision to partner with you to ensure your simulator training solution delivers the significant results you expect.

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