

IT Notebook: Cube Consulting, Mintec, Snowden

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THE general manager, Australasia, of Mintec, Glenn Wylde is confident recent additions to the MineSight GMP product suite will increase its appeal to existing and new users in his part of the Mintec world.

Wylde told *HighGrade Mining* IT MineSight Haulage and Schedule Optimiser had been well received by Mintec customers.

“Obviously our first priority is to get that out to existing clients, and get them trained up and skilled up in using that software, but we’re also keen to get into new market areas,” he said.

“I see MineSight Haulage as a more advanced tool [than others in the market] in that it offers a whole solution, in terms of addressing equipment cycle times, routing material to destinations, and defining equipment availability and efficiency, rather than looking at just one component.”

MineSight Haulage is effectively a plug-in module that operates on cuts from MineSight Interactive Planner (MSIP - the company’s flagship short term mine planning product) and generates equipment requirements for a given schedule. Haulage allows the user to store and maintain a complete haulage network within the MineSight Planning Database, and routes the mining cuts to the shortest or nominated destination.

“MineSight Haulage provides off-the-shelf integration with MSIP and is an optional addition for sites requiring detailed tracking of equipment hours,” Wylde said. “It is unique in regard to its combined function of managing the haul network, the calculation of cycle times and the routing of material to physical destinations.”

MineSight Schedule Optimiser, which can be integrated with Haulage, is an opencut mining sequence optimisation tool that reads data directly from MSIP and can export schedules to MineSight 3D for best visualisation.

Wylde said Mintec’s development last year of its plug-in technology enabled enhancements in products such as Haulage to be delivered more quickly to the market.

He described MineSight Haulage and Schedule Optimiser as “two real flagship products” for the company.

“Both of the products do really fill a gap in our suite of tools. Haulage in particular has filled a gap industry-wide,” he said.

“We have some other new products that we’re releasing, starting with a new drill-hole database management tool. That’s really going to change a lot of the workflows for many of our clients.

“There’s definitely a lot of upside here [in the Australasian market] and there are a lot of things we’re working to implement that are on our development radar.”