

The mining industry's leading magazine

# Mining Magazine



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## Raise boring and shaft sinking

Find out about the latest trends, technologies and projects globally

## Underground drilling

A round-up of the new features, consumables and training aids from the world of ITH

## Underground soft rock

The global potash industry has recently been shaken up. Stay up to date with key players, pricing and projects

## Automation

From data collection to processing plants and full mining operations. Think outside the 'automated truck' box



# Bigger and better

**Y**ou will notice a few subtle changes to *Mining Magazine* in the coming months. We are always looking for ways to improve the content and layout of the magazine, and to better meet the needs of our readers. And with this in mind, we have introduced a new feature this month.

Towards the centre of each issue, you will now find Snapshot, a double-page spread dedicated to a single, awe-inspiring image sent to us by our readers. In my time working within the mining industry, I have met so many talented photographers, both professional and amateur, and yet there are so few outlets for this kind of creativity; I can only think of one global photo competition (run by Snowden) aimed specifically at those involved with mining.

And so we invite you, our readers, to get involved. Send me your best mining-related image (keep it clean, please) along with a 100-word caption, and if it's the best that I receive that month, you will have the pleasure of seeing it published in the industry's leading global title.

We also plan to link Snapshot to the prestigious *Mining Magazine* annual awards next year, and in late 2014, you will be able to vote for your favourite image of the past 12 months. The winner will receive one of our famous Davy lamps.

But this is just the beginning of our improvement streak. Expect to see new types of features, more imaginative layouts and more accessible news sections as we push forward.

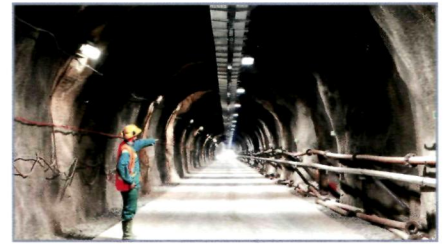
Most importantly, we are giving you, our readers, contributors and advertisers, the chance to have your say. In the next couple of months, we will be launching an online readers' survey designed to find out what you do and don't like, what you would like to see more or less of, and how we can better meet your needs.

Think we can do something better? Then let us know. We value your opinions and, as a B-2-B title, we are here to serve. I'll send an email to you let you know as soon as it goes live.

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PS. Please update your contact books – same editor, new name!

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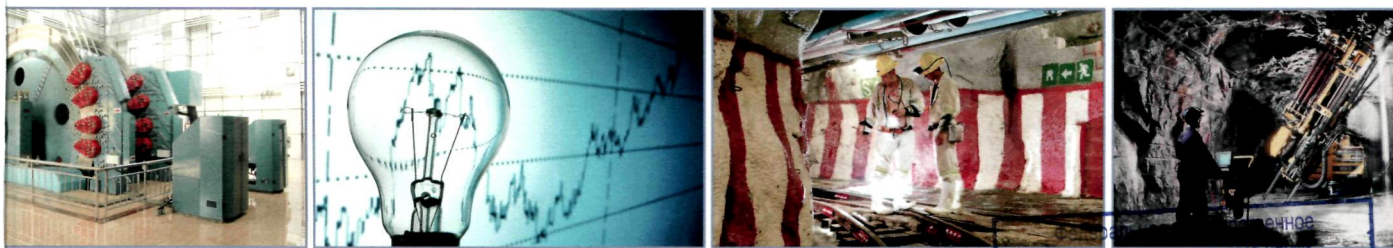
**More on Automation...? See this month's app**

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**COVER**

*Sandvik purchased the drilling solutions business and operations from Cubex in April 2013. The acquisition completes Sandvik's already extensive offering in underground drilling and is in line with the company's long-term strategy to deliver increased customer value. The Sandvik DU421, known as the Centaur under Cubex, is the latest articulated ITH drill to be released. The first unit is currently being delivered to Newcrest Cadia East for pre-conditioning drilling.*

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