

MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2016 Draws Over 43,000 Attendees



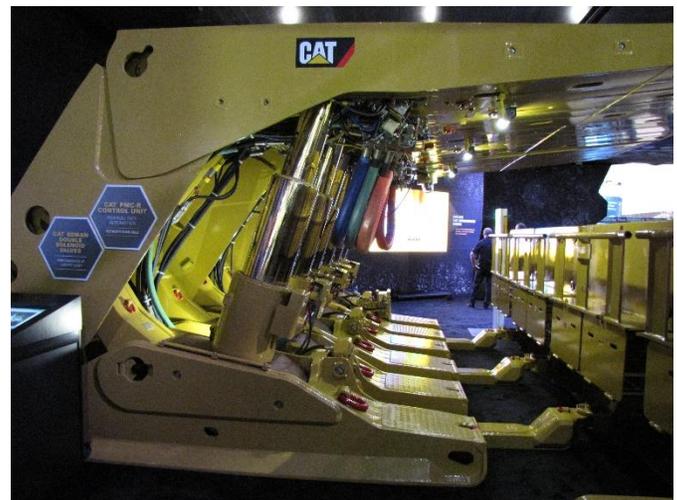
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To many people's surprise, MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2016 held September 26-28, in Las Vegas, Nevada, drew well over 43,000 attendees. This was the headcount on day 2 with the final day still to go. This exciting event provided access to the most advanced equipment, products, and services that have both transformed modern mining as well as offering a glimpse into the future.

Exhibitors came from no less than 37 countries including: the U.S., the Asia-Pacific region, across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and North and South America, bringing with them cutting edge equipment, technology, and ideas to help their mining customers maximize productivity, reduce life cycle costs, and reach the goal of zero harm.

There was much to do and see in the three days of MINExpo®, bringing together mining industry leaders, managers, and decision-makers. There were 12 halls and 10 pavilions with 840,000 square feet of exhibit space and 1,900 exhibitors from 37 countries.

At a time when there are signs of coal markets improving, exhibitors and attendees alike spoke with greater confidence and enthusiasm about the future. According to Hal Quinn, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Mining Association, the sponsors of MINExpo®, “MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2016 confirms the resilience of our industry during challenging market conditions. The exhibitor commitments and enthusiasm leading up to this year’s show testify to mining’s vitality and centrality to global development and prosperity.”

MINExpo® 2016 showcased real technologies, advancements, and solutions to help impact the bottom line of mining companies both today and into the future. All in one place, MINExpo® showcased everything needed to maximize production, lower costs, and improve safety.

Denise C. Johnson, Group President for Resource Industries, Caterpillar Inc., and Chairperson, MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2016, said, “And this year, the halls will be buzzing with live demonstrations of technology you can use today, as well as information about emerging technology for tomorrow. You won’t have another opportunity until 2020 to hear so much about what is on the leading edge of the mining industry.” With a better than expected attendance, and a more upbeat atmosphere, Johnson was quite correct.

Learning Opportunities

MINExpo® 2016 included 20 education sessions. “We hope that all attendees find the information useful and take the opportunity to interact with the experts presented at each session,” said Doug Hardman, Vice Chairman, J.H. Fletcher & Co. and Co-Chairman of the Education Sessions. “Each of the sessions complement the exhibits and cover subjects that you will use today and in months ahead.” The other Co-Chairman of the Education Sessions was Tim Swendseid, former President, Consulting Services – Americas, RungePincockMinarco.

The coal session included presentations on: Productivity and Maintenance Enhancements Through the Use of Standards; Cost Optimization for Network Services; The Introduction and Advancement of Automated, Remote Roof Bolting in South African Coal Mines; and Is Coal Preparation Still Relevant? Other sessions included: Maintenance; Processing; Research; Safety Surface Mining; Automation; Reclamation; Water; and Underground Mining.



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