

## JKTech & Whittle Consulting Announce Alliance March 1, 2013

JKTech and Whittle Consulting have signed an alliance agreement, to help mining companies take the economics and efficiency of mineral extraction to a new level.

Dan Alexander, JKTech's CEO said "JKTech delivers technologies primarily from applied research developed at the Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI). Whittle Consulting can wrap that in a strategic context by integrating mine, processing and production plans to amplify the benefits of our improvements in blasting, comminution, mineral processing and geo-metallurgy. It will make the full economic potential of these developments transparent to Management, Boards and Shareholders."

Gerald Whittle, CEO of Whittle Consulting, welcomed the alliance observing "Our mission is to transform the economic performance of resource projects and operations globally. JKTech's advanced ore characterisation and operational technologies will be critical inputs to our strategic Enterprise Optimisation process, presenting new levers for further increasing economic value and reducing energy usage."

The link will strengthen the network of offices both companies have in Australia, South East Asia, Africa, North and South America and will ensure global coverage for clients.

JKTech is a 100% subsidiary of the University of Queensland. Its vision is to be the world's pre-eminent provider of innovative applied research-based solutions and to transform the economic and social value of the global resources industry.

Whittle Consulting is a leader in strategic planning for mining and mineral processing businesses through a proprietary process called Enterprise Optimisation. A typical study will increase NPV of a mining operation by 5% - 35% or considerably more.

For further information on how you can benefit from our alliance of knowhow and expertise, please contact:

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