

Simulators from Immersive Technologies Developing Community Skills at Canada's Rainy River Gold Mine

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"We're excited to bring the best technology to the Rainy River project. The utilization of the simulator from Immersive Technologies will ensure safe and skilled operators. Immersive Technologies was able to demonstrate an excellent track record of workforce development and preparing local communities with skill sets in other industries to highly proficient mining equipment operators, while also accommodating our tight delivery schedule," said Roger Pomerleau, Mine Training Specialist, New Gold.

As with any workforce development plan, Rainy River will be seeking outcomes common to many Immersive Technologies customers. One such customer, Ma'aden, based in Saudi Arabia faced an expansion of mining and a need for the local community to be trained for careers in mining. The Managing Director said after utilization of simulators from Immersive Technologies the graduates of their training program had "developed self-confidence and situational decision making capabilities, enhanced their job safety requirements comprehension and reactions, improved their attitude and capacity in handling real machinery, technical terminology and best field practices as well as their team spirit, integrity, cooperation and core values on the job."

Another Immersive Technologies customer based in Indonesia needed to train 2,000 operators per year due to explosive growth. Immersive Technologies simulators were introduced to accelerate the training process and average training time per operator was reduced by 44%.

Along with achieving their workforce development program, Rainy River will be using simulators to ensure their operators are well prepared for emergency situations. In one of many similar examples documented by Immersive Technologies' Customers, the assessment of equipment operators at a North American coal mine highlighted that only 28% of operators could correctly respond to a machine fire event. Following Immersive Technologies simulation based training this was quickly increased to 93% of operators.

"We're honored our experience in the mining industry will help support Rainy Rivers efforts," says David Anderson, Executive Vice President – Sales and Support, Immersive Technologies.

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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.

With advanced simulators modules deployed in 40 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 Moscow Russia.

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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