

Datacentrix Virtual Mining Indaba 2020 hones in on mine productivity and safety



The time is now for South African mining organisations to harness the power of technological innovation to improve efficiencies around mine productivity and safety.

Local mining delegates are invited by Datacentrix and Platinum sponsor, Huawei, to join the second annual Mining Indaba on 17 September 2020 for a concise session of comprehensive online discussions around the ICT technologies moving mining into the future. With the support of Huawei, 2020 marks the first virtual version of this highly-rated event.

Agenda

The Virtual Mining Indaba 2020 agenda has been designed to provide advice to mining organisations wanting to embrace digital transformation and includes topics such as:

- Remote Working as a Service (RWaaS): Supporting mining in the new way of working;
- Business and technical panel discussions around a local underground Wi-Fi implementation;
- Digital transformation at an international mine;
- The power of combining artificial intelligence (AI) and humanity in mine surveillance; and
- Protecting operational technology at mines from cybercriminals.

Highlights

Delegates can look forward to a number of highlights during the event, including:

- A keynote address presented by Dawie Roodt, Chief Economist and Chairman, The Efficient Group on 'The changing landscape of mining in South Africa';
- International guest, Michael S Cox, Principal ICT Architect at Huawei Australia, discussing 'A business

case: Enabling mining digitalisation globally', which will examine characteristics forming the future of mining systems, including wireless services, cloud services, platforms and intelligence;

- Platinum sponsor Huawei demonstrating AI in mine surveillance; and
- Well-respected journalist and MC Leanne Manas hosting a panel discussion on a Limpopo-based platinum mine, which will take a look at its underground Wi-Fi business case, and how the mine is improving productivity and safety with reliable, safe underground communication.

"The Virtual Mining Indaba event will once again provide a valuable, interactive platform for the South African mining sector to engage in discussion about the industry's digital journey progress and challenges, opening the doorway for our local businesses to take advantage of the serious benefits offered through digitalisation, automation, and the more intelligent use of data," says Datacentrix CEO, Ahmed Mahomed.

Elsa Wang, Managing Director, Huawei South Africa adds that: "Huawei has been devoted to the digitalisation of the mining industry globally for years and has achieved an amount of success in many countries. With Datacentrix' partnership, we are aiming to facilitate collaborative development for an abundant eco-system, and accelerate the Fourth Industry Revolution for the mining sector in South Africa."