Modular’s DISPATCH Underground 2015 FMS to be implemented at Glencore’s George Fisher Mine

Tucson, Arizona – June 23, 2016: Modular Mining Systems, Inc., the global leader in the delivery of real-time computer-based mine management solutions for surface and underground mining operations, announced today that its DISPATCH® Underground 2015 Fleet Management System (FMS) has been selected for implementation at George Fisher Mine in north Queensland, Australia.

The underground lead-silver-zinc mine, which forms part of Glencore’s Mount Isa copper and zinc mining complex, first began production as Hilton Mine in 1990 and today has an annual production rate of 3.1 million tonnes.

Chris McCleave, General Manager, George Fisher Mine said they engaged in extensive research and a feasibility study to find a FMS that best suited their operational requirements.

“With the implementation of Modular’s DISPATCH Underground system we ultimately hope to improve productivity through increased equipment availability and improved utilisation of mobile assets, while also positively impacting operator safety,” said Mr. McCleave.

The DISPATCH Underground FMS, first commissioned in 1991, delivers a scalable, full-featured, and highly-configurable end-to-end solution that gives mines automated, real-time monitoring, management and visibility of their underground operations. Released in May of last year, the latest evolution of the underground system, DISPATCH Underground 2015, supports all development and production workflows and activities, enabling mines to maximize material movement, reduce mining costs, and effectively manage their mining processes.

Greg Sweeney, General Manager, Modular Australia said he is confident that the underground FMS will give George Fisher Mine better visibility into their underground operations, resulting in enhanced real-time decision-making, increased operational efficiencies, and reduced costs.

“With Modular’s underground technologies in place, the mine stands to realize greater fleet utilization and increased production gains through a reduction in delays during shift change, breaks, and other activities,” said Mr. Sweeney.

George Fisher Mine will utilize the DISPATCH Underground system on its fleet of load-haul-dump (LHD) loaders and underground mining trucks. System implementation is expected to begin later this year and will be rolled out over an extended project period.

About Modular Mining Systems, Inc.
Founded in 1979, Modular Mining Systems, Inc. is the market-leading provider of powerful information management solutions that meet the needs of both surface and underground mining operations worldwide. Modular is committed to delivering state-of-the-art mine management technologies in the areas of production, machine guidance, equipment health, and operator safety. Modular employs close to 700 employees in 10 globally-distributed offices, with systems deployed at 250 client sites, including 18 of the 20 largest mines in the world. For more information, visit: www.modularmining.com.

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