

Announcement

Planned Release of New Intelligent Design Product

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RPMGlobal Holdings Limited (ASX: RUL) [RPM®] has today announced to the market that it plans on releasing an innovative enterprise Intelligent mine Design (ID) solution, which will be fully integrated within RPM's Intelligent Mining (IM) suite of products, before the end of this calendar year.

Commenting on the planned release, RPM's CEO and Managing Director Richard Mathews said "It is our strong belief that it is time the mining industry is provided with an intelligent parametric design solution built upon and utilising the very latest software technology and enterprise architecture. A lot of the products currently available in the market are based upon 30 year old principles and the same underlying code base which has been adapted, reformed, tailored and customised over the years. Our approach to this new intelligent design solution is to start with a clean slate and build a solution utilising the latest enterprise architecture and technologies with the focus on delivering an innovative and user-friendly experience for our mining customers."

"RPM has to this point elected not to develop its own mine design software and instead focused on 'open integration' with other third party design applications. This approach was built on the assumption that third party vendors would allow the free flow of data between applications and across the enterprise. The catalyst for RPM building its own design solution has been driven by the realisation that other suppliers to the industry have inherent limitations around enterprise interoperability. Furthermore, as the engineering process 'starts with design' a comprehensive RPM suite of planning products needs to include Intelligent Design solutions in order to round-out RPM's established suite of integrated solutions in the areas of mine Scheduling, Simulation, Finance, Maintenance and Operations."

The current focus of development for RPM's Intelligent Design solution is not on replacing the various entrenched third party mine design solutions in the market. Rather, RPM's focus has been on leveraging over forty years of mining experience from its consulting and advisory businesses in order to produce a truly agile solution to support rapid scenario generation and optimal mine design decision making by enabling mining engineers to focus on choosing the most practical mine design option available to them so as to drive better efficiencies and economics in an innovative, visual and user-friendly experience.

Mr Mathews continued by saying "RPM has been a data consumer of all of the established third-party mine design product vendors for over forty years. We have 'seen it all' and as a result have a good understanding of the key 'pain points' currently being faced by mining engineers when using these traditional mine design solutions. Our goal with this new product suite is to address these key issues in a user-friendly and technically advanced manner. We will of course continue to work closely with the established third party mine design software vendors and promote open standards with the intent of offering mining companies a real choice in a plug and play enterprise environment."

"The building blocks for RPM's Intelligent Design solution are already in place. We have the architecture with our existing Enterprise Planning Framework and plenty of the functionality courtesy of our acquisition of the rights to use the Mine 2-4D solution. A number of our major customers who have seen the approach we are taking during pre-release demonstrations held under confidential terms are very excited with the progress to date and want to be involved in the development programme. Our Advisory business who are end users of third-party tools every day are also providing invaluable input and insight into the product make-up."

"Our intention remains to work with the industry to build an enterprise application that is fully open and interoperable and which harnesses the latest technologies bringing everything together in a simplified, enterprise, commercial-off-the-shelf product. The RPM Intelligent Design solution is intended to round-out the front end of the RPM product suite with the intent of delivering an end-to-end Enterprise solution."

Mr Mathews concluded by saying, "Intelligent Design is a key piece of the end-to-end mining value chain and I am really excited about this innovative program of work and cannot wait to bring something special to the market."

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About RPM:

RPMGlobal Holdings Limited (ASX: RUL) [RPM] is a global leader in the provision and development of mining software solutions, advisory services and professional development. With history stretching back to 1968, RPM's experienced global team are the largest publicly traded independent group of technical experts in the world.

Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange on 27 May 2008, RPM is a global leader in the provision of software solutions, advisory consulting and professional development solutions to the mining industry. We have global expertise achieved through our work in over 118 countries and our approach to the business of mining is strongly grounded in economic principles.

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