Engineering efficiency in mining
Enhancing safety, reliability and sustainability

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Tackling mining’s diverse challenges

The machines and equipment used in mining must provide reliable, safe and efficient operation in challenging and hostile environments. Together with extensive mining experience and a wide portfolio of life cycle services, ABB is well positioned to tackle the industry’s most demanding situations.

Meeting global safety regulations...
- International standards for hazardous areas such as IEC, MA, MSHA, ATEX and others, together with regional certifications, improves safety in mining.

...demands the best-in-class technology
- VSDs and electric motors need to be rugged and reliable, with systems protecting against arc flash.
- VSDs must have safety enhancing features like the Integrated functional safety modules complying with the highest machinery safety requirements.
- An AC motor and drive combination certified for explosive atmospheres gives safe, economical and effective control of any motor-driven application.

“...we see technology as key to improving safety levels in mines.”

Meeting operational targets...
- Operational efficiency can be improved by controlling costs such as energy use and peak penalty charges to introducing more automation and reducing manpower.
- To meet ever stricter production targets, mining equipment cannot break down. Any risk of application failure must be anticipated using real-time data gathered from the process.
- Customers demand the highest quality end-product, which calls for automated, on-line sampling systems that give instant and accurate feedback.

“...digitalization and automation bring better intelligence
- Multiple Inputs and outputs (I/Os) allow a variety of process information to be extracted from VSDs, motors and mechanical products and adds intelligence to the motor-driven application.
- Easy drive integration with a PLC or control system increases site digitalization, providing greater insight, reduced maintenance and better production control.
- Accurate torque control and rotational speed regulation eliminate process interruptions and contribute towards high end product quality across all applications, while saving energy.
- ABB Ability™ Life Cycle Assessment services help to maintain a high quality, performance and availability of operations, in a predictable manner.

Overseeing diverse application safety needs...
- Using diesel engines underground presents safety, health and ventilation challenges.

...with the safest and most reliable solutions...
- VSDs play a key role in ventilation on demand (VOD) by ensuring that the right amount of fresh air is available in the right area without increasing flow in areas that do not need it.
- The latest technology in underground drills, load and dump machines (LHDs) and personnel transport, uses VSDs and battery powered electric motors to replace diesel engines, greatly reducing ventilation demands and increasing safety.

Lower operational overheads...
- Operational costs must be controlled without comprising safety of plant, personnel or end product.
- All production machinery across all applications must have higher reliability than previous generations to provide increased production time. Breakdown is not an option so unplanned downtime must be eliminated.

...through advanced maintenance regimes
- Soft starting and accurate torque control prevents shock loading, leading to less wear and tear on gears, belts and driven machines. Variable speed drive (VSD) modernization services offer a new life to old aging assets while economically ensuring lowest life cycle cost.
- ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring services deliver accurate, real-time information about VSD, motor and mechanical equipment conditions, to ensure equipment is available, reliable and serviceable.
- ABB’s global service network and service agreements relieve pressure on in-house teams and increase speed of response to critical issues.
- ABB Ability™ Smart Sensor’s condition monitoring functionality warns of impending failures, long before they happen, reducing unplanned downtime.

Becoming more competitive...
- Operations must remain profitable even in tough market conditions. Increasing production efficiency by digitizing with ABB Ability™ helps that happen.
- Personnel safety increases when people are removed from harm’s way by using remote or autonomously operated equipment.
- Improving air quality by reducing contaminants and increasing the quality of ventilation improves employee health.
- Providing a modern, technology supported work place that is competitive with other industries helps attract the most talented employees.

...through better stewardship of our mineral resources
- A smaller CO₂ footprint through more efficient energy use and management. ABB Ability™ Energy Optimization services reduce CO₂ emissions and help gain cost savings through reduced electricity consumption.
- Increased use of electrically driven machines reduces diesel emissions and the potential for fuel spills.
- Reduce waste heat entering the atmosphere by using more efficient digitally controlled processes.
Tuning the mining process

From surface to underground mining, there are hundreds of motor-driven applications that benefit from speed and torque control. Benefits include energy saving, higher uptime, extended machinery lifetime and improved safety.
## Improving the efficiency of mining operations

Mine operators, machine builders and equipment suppliers need to select a motor-drive package that increases productivity, lowers energy consumption and maximizes equipment lifetime.

| Surface and underground drills | Motor-drive package regulates drill motor speed to ensure optimum performance based on ground conditions, bit pressures and percussion rates. | Extends drill lifetime and reliability with lower energy use and environmental impact. |
| Compressors | Drive controls compressor motor speed and maintains constant air pressure in the pipeline, with significant reduction in air leakages. | Maintains air pressure at desired level with high energy efficiency and minimal maintenance. |
| Crushers | Crusher motor speed and torque control prolongs lifetime of machine. | Uninterrupted throughput with reduced mechanical stress, maximizes uptime. |
| Draglines | Drives control the dragline’s travel, slew, dragging, conveying and hoisting, enabling entire operation to match the overburden requirements. | Lower energy use and less wear on draglines motors and mechanical parts. |

### Challenges

- **Surface and underground drills**: Strict environmental regulations demand more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly drilling techniques.
- **Compressors**: Pipe bursts caused by variations in air pressure and wasted energy through aerodynamic inefficiencies.
- **High current demand**: When starting a compressor can cause disturbance in the power network.
- **Crushers**: Huge mechanical stress on crusher and motor caused by crushing large rocks.
- **Draglines**: Varying quality of overburden affects operation of dragline.
- **Conveyors and feeders**: Conveyors are located on a single conveyor.
- **Stackers and reclaimers and spreaders**: Continuous pressure to reduce stacking and reclaiming times, lower operational and maintenance costs and maximize plant uptime.
- **Pumps**: Water hammer must be avoided.
- **Fans**: Underground mines demand control of airflow for fresh air and removal of emissions, dust, heat and gases produced during mining.

### Solutions

- **Motor-drive package regulates drill motor speed** to ensure optimum performance based on ground conditions, bit pressures and percussion rates.
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- **Crusher motor speed and torque control** prolongs lifetime of machine.
- **Dragline control** regulates brake energy when reducing slewing speed.
- **Drive protects belt and other mechanical equipment** through smooth and accurate motor speed and torque control.
- **Drive controls starting acceleration to prevent belt slippage**, reduce peak belt tensions and provides accurate and fast load sharing when multiple drives are located on a single conveyor.
- **Pumps** can be run at low speeds for maintenance, belt changes or avoidance of ice build-up.
- **Fan control** reduces load and disturbances on motors and machines, reducing maintenance needs.
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- **Eliminates pressure peaks in pipelines due to soft starting.**

### Benefits

- **Maintains air pressure at desired level with high energy efficiency and minimal maintenance.**
- **Uninterrupted throughput with reduced mechanical stress, maximizes uptime.**
- **Lower energy use and less wear on draglines motors and mechanical parts.**
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- **Improved productivity through lower energy use and reduced downtime.**
- **Reduces noise and increases motor life.**
- **A drive adjusts pump speed so that the flow is above critical velocity preventing blockages and avoiding a shutdown of the plant.**
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<td>- Stringent safety requirements, type of transported material, amount of load, driving conditions and track profile set different challenges on operating mine trains.</td>
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<td>- Severe duty premium efficient motors designed for belt driven or coupled to a gear reducer, vertical or horizontal mounting. - ABB Ability™ Smart Sensor technology installed on the motor frame for condition monitoring.</td>
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**Benefit:**
- Constant belt and rope tension for prolonged equipment lifetime.
- Reduced noise levels, lower energy and maintenance costs plus elimination of hydraulic liquid leakages.
- Ease of dredger positioning increases operating efficiency.

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- Enhanced safety and high reliability for improving mine productivity.
- Excellent energy efficiency, prolonged equipment lifetime and reduced maintenance cost.
- Monitoring mine hoist equipment allows personnel to schedule preventive maintenance, thus increasing safety and reliability of operations.

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**Benefit:**
- There is no need to change mechanical components if ore characteristics change. More efficient use of the grinding power.
- Accurate load sharing reduces component wear and increases reliability.
- Low starting currents and high starting torque enable a smooth startup of mill, even when fully loaded.
ABB offers an extensive range of devices for motor control, including soft starters and programmable drives, as well as synchronous, induction and permanent magnet motors. Choosing the right products and features is essential to combat extreme working conditions, such as high temperature variations, humidity, vibration, high altitude, dust, corrosives and weak network conditions.

### Features and functions benefiting mining applications

#### ABB offers a comprehensive range of high efficiency motors designed for the demanding environment of mining operations.

#### Designed for harsh environments
- Designed for use in surface and underground applications, in hard rock and coal mines
- Certified for explosive atmospheres
- Protection ratings up to IP69 against wet and corrosive environments
- Wide range of surface treatment and corrosion protection solutions available

#### Energy efficiency
- High efficiency up to IE5 to reduce energy costs and emissions
- Reduced heat rejection increases bearing life
- Suitable for frequency converter operation

### Motors

**Variable speed drives**
- Soft starting and stopping and reversing of motor
  - Eliminates voltage fluctuations in supply network, high starting currents and reduces mechanical stress during starting and reversing.
  - Savings through smaller cables and supply switchgear.
  - Improves reliability and prolongs application lifetime.
- Accurate speed regulation
  - From running at crawling speed to smooth change of direction of rotation to synchronizing all motor speeds.
  - Reduces energy consumption, prolongs lifetime, lowers operational and maintenance costs.
- Dynamic torque regulation
  - Full torque precisely controlled throughout entire speed range.
  - Enables high starting torque and eliminates torque peaks.
  - Less maintenance, lower costs, high uptime and increased productivity.
- High power factor
  - Lower reactive power consumption and no compensation equipment needed.
  - Lower installation costs and substantial energy savings.
- PID control
  - No need for external PID controller.
  - Avoids costs for additional components.
- Flexible user interface
  - Easy connection to any automation system through multiple fieldbus adapters.
  - Reduces installation and programming costs.
- Regenerative braking
  - Braking energy is fed back into electrical network.
  - Lower energy bill.
- Synchronizing of multiple motors
  - Equal distribution of load between motors and elimination of undesirable dynamic effects.
  - Less wear and tear, lower maintenance costs.
- Flying start
  - Motor can be started when spinning.
  - Time savings through immediate starting and no need for braking.
- Power-loss ride through
  - Uninterrupted operation of drive and motor in power failure situations.
- Torque memory
  - Avoid load jerk when starting motor and releasing brake.
  - Minimal wear of gearbox and other mechanics.
- Functional safety
  - Safety stop applications using built-in safe torque off (safety level SIL 3).

**Motors**
- High reliability and compact design
  - High power density provides the same output power with a smaller frame size or higher power with the same frame size
  - Bearing locked at D-end to avoid axial play
  - Bearings greased for life or regreaseable, fitted with grease relief systems
- Easy installation
  - Oversized terminal box as standard for ease of installation
  - Flexible cabling solutions
  - Horizontal or vertical mounting
Packages

ABB offers motor-drive packages that exactly match the customer’s process requirements. They provide the following advantages:
- Optimized system design
- Reduced commissioning time
- Integrated manufacturing and delivery schedules
- Verification of the functionality and the load performance of the motor-drive package

Drivelines for electric working machines

ABB offers complete electric drivelines for heavy working machines – optimized for each machine’s actual working cycle.

Conveyor packages

- Pre-packaged solutions including pulleys, bearings, coupling, reducers and other components
- Engineered projects including drives, motors and mechanical products

Synchronous reluctance motor and drive (SynRM)

- Save energy with IE5 synchronous reluctance motors and drive packages

Softstarters

Easy to use

- Ensures low stress start every time, either with a normal voltage ramp or with more advanced torque control for linear torque acceleration.

Harsh environment use

- Ensure uninterrupted production in dusty or wet environments with IP66 keypad and coated electronics.

Variable speed

- Run motor in three different speeds - helpful during maintenance inspections.
- Reduces inrush current compared to a DOL start.

Motor protections

- Built-in-electronic overload (EOL) protection.
- Locked rotor protection.
- Standard brake function – gives motor a braking force to be able to withstand external forces.

Mechanical power transmission products

Mounted bearings

- Patented shaft attachment designs that provide faster and safer installation and removal.
- Industry-leading seal technology.
- ABB Ability™ Smart Sensor for mounted bearings provides an option to wirelessly monitor temperature and vibration.
- End covers are available to increase safety by preventing injury during operation.

Couplings

- Complete line of couplings for all bulk material handling applications including grid, gear, tire, sleeve, moment and fluid.

Controlled Start Transmission (CST)

- Reliable and rugged gear reducer with multi-plate wet clutch located on low speed side of gearbox, transmitting motor torque to driven load.
- Acts like a shock absorber and dampens belt tension spikes.
- Gearbox, motor, conveyor components and belt splices are protected.
- Clutch is PLC controlled so soft starting with long acceleration ramps are standard and load sharing between multiple motors are included.

Enclosed gearing

- Heavy duty gearboxes utilize AGMA bearing specifications with industry leading seal technology to withstand shock loads and provide increased service life.
- Torque Arm II and MTA feature the patented twin tapered bushing shaft attachment design that provide faster installation and removal while minimizing vibration and eliminating fretting corrosion as seen with competitive designs.
- Torque-Arm II and Magnagear XTR® backstops are compatible with lubricants containing extreme pressure (EP) additives.

Pulleys

- Drum and wing pulley constructions available in heavy duty, mine duty extra, or engineered class. Engineered class includes an extended two year warranty.
- Tapered bushed and keyless shaft locking devices available.
- Integral hub, profiled, turbine, and T-section end discs designs.
- All common lagging materials available (SBR, DLAG, neoprene, FOS, ceramic, EPDM, and others).
- Proprietary DLAG lagging compound provides 73 percent higher abrasion resistance than SBR.
From the mine to the cloud and beyond

ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring for powertrains optimizes the performance and efficiency of rotating equipment. It enables full transparency on all parameters for drives, motors, mounted bearings, gearing and pumps.

1. **Intelligent powertrain**
   The powertrain is equipped with sensors and cloud connectivity and can comprise motors, drives, mechanical components including bearings, couplings and gearboxes – and also pumps.

2. **Turning data into valuable information**
   Data gathered from VSDs' built-in sensors and loggers together with that collected from ABB Ability™ Smart Sensors fitted to motors, bearings, gearing and pumps, can be collated, stored and further accessed via the cloud. The ability to gather and analyze this data can reveal information on the status and condition of your equipment, so that you can schedule service activities more effectively.

3. **Accessing data for analytics**
   Detailed information can be extracted into a company's own portal and systems. Information on many aspects of the mining and minerals process is available, including the ability to know exactly when and how production equipment is maintained.

   Detailed dashboards give full transparency so that you can take actions that lead to less downtime, extended equipment lifetime, lower costs, safer operations and increased profitability.

4. **Gain a digital advantage**
   Ensuring that the right person is exposed to the right information at the right time brings:
   - Appropriate response to production challenges, minimizing operating costs and wastage of products.
   - Greater insight into various aspects of the mining production process, thereby improving quality and reducing variations, errors and waste.
   - Lower risk of production failure and change the maintenance from reactive to predictive.

- Maintenance manager
- Engineering manager
- Health and safety manager
- Production manager
Keeping your production running

From spare parts and technical support to cloud-based remote monitoring solutions, ABB offers the most extensive service offering to fit your needs. The global ABB service units complemented by external ABB Value Providers form a service network on your doorstep. Maximize performance, uptime and efficiency throughout the life cycle of your assets.

With you every step of the way

Even before you buy a drive, motor, bearing or soft starter, ABB’s experts are on hand to offer technical advice from dimensioning through to potential energy saving.

When you’ve decided on the right product, ABB and its global network of ABB Value Providers can help with installation and commissioning. They are also on hand to support you throughout the operations and maintenance phases of the product’s life cycle, providing preventive maintenance programs tailored to your operational needs.

ABB will ensure you are aware of any upgrades, retrofit or replacement opportunities. If you’ve registered your drives and motors with us, then our experts will contact you advising on your best service advice. All of which helps maximize performance, uptime and efficiency throughout the lifetime of your powertrain.

Global service network 24/7

“I need operational excellence, rapid response, improved performance and sustainable life cycle management.”

Agreements

Comprehensive bundling of relevant services into one contract to suit your needs.

Technical support & repairs

Quick and accurate response during emergencies and efficient support during planned production breaks.

Spares & consumables

Authentic, high-quality ABB spares and consumables with quick delivery.

Installation & commissioning

Highly trained and reliable installation and commissioning experts at your service.

Training

Comprehensive and professional training either at ABB premises or your own.

End-of-life services

Responsible dismantling, recycling and reusing of products, according to local laws and industrial standards.

Maintenance

Systematic and organized maintenance and support over the life cycle of your assets.

Replacements

Fast and efficient replacement services to minimize production downtime.

Advanced services

Gain the unique ABB Ability™ digital advantage through data collection and analytics with advanced services.

Extensions, upgrades & retrofits

Up-to-date systems and devices with the best possible performance level.

Engineering & consulting

Ways to identify and improve the reliability, usability, maintainability and safety of your production processes.

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With you, wherever you are in the world

Partnering with ABB gives you access to some of the world’s most innovative technology and thinking.

Global reach
ABB operates in over 100 countries with its own manufacturing, logistics and sales operations together with a wide network of local ABB Value Providers that can quickly respond to your needs. Stock availability is good, with short delivery times for many products backed by 24-hour spare parts delivery.

In addition, we work closely with the mining and minerals sector to develop custom products, services and solutions to help standardize processes across multiple sites and streamline your supply chain.

We have seven global R&D centers with more than 8,000 technologists and invest $1.5 billion annually on innovation.

End-to-end product portfolio
Alongside its variable speed drives, motors, softstarters, bearings and couplings, ABB’s automation offering includes a wide range of scalable PLCs, a selection of HMIs, instrumentation and robotics. With functional safety options, from built-in safe torque off to safety PLCs, you can readily implement bespoke safety requirements.

ABB’s offering includes:
- End-to-end power and automation solutions, from power distribution, raw material receipt, to process and machine control, to end of line packaging.
- Power protection and power quality solutions to safeguard equipment and processes.
- Industry leading robotic automation solutions that improve your speed-to-market.
- A complete range of protection, connection and wire management solutions that withstand harsh environments and extreme temperature swings, and provide the reliability needed for continuous operations.

Streamline sourcing
ABB’s end-to-end product and services portfolio streamlines your sourcing and purchasing activities and standardizes production across multiple sites, saving you money on spare part inventories while reducing maintenance costs.