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Vacon Pacific to make Queensland debut at QME

Vacon Pacific will showcase its range of AC drives for the mining and mineral processing markets on **Stand 8033** during the 2008 Queensland Mining and Engineering (QME) exhibition at the Mackay Showground from July 22-24.

The recently established Australian subsidiary of Vacon of Finland, one of the world's leading AC drive suppliers, Vacon Pacific is also using QME to introduce itself to the Queensland market.

Vacon concentrates solely on the AC drive market with its products including air and liquid cooled, and active front end/regenerative modules in the range of 0.25 kW through to 5 MW in voltage ranges up to 690 V.

The units are modular and expandable so drives can be tailored to suit each application.

Vacon Pacific's head office is in Melbourne and the company has branches in Brisbane and Perth. A Sydney branch will be opened later this year.

The company has been sub-contracted by Perth-based Lycopodium Engineering to supply a complete package of variable speed AC drives, transformers and softstarters for the world's largest gold producer, Barrick Gold, at its new Buzwagi mining operation in Tanzania.

Vacon will supply a variety of variable speed AC drives totalling 8 MW, ranging from small 3-amp Vacon NXS units to 1500-amp Vacon NXC units for pumps, vibrating screens, crushers, conveyors, feeders and dosing.

"The main advantage from choosing variable speed AC drives for the Buzwagi project is to provide speed control that allows fully automated process control," Vacon Pacific's managing director, Mike Smits, said.

"The customer found Vacon fieldbus communication simple and quick to configure.

"All the variable speed AC drive units will communicate with the plant's centralised distribution control systems via Profibus."

Vacon will also supply two 1500-KVA 12-pulse transformers to feed the two 1500-amp Vacon NXC 12-pulse drives of 690 V as well as 10 softstarters, in a variety of sizes, for blowers, agitators, conveyors and pumps.

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