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Humes to showcase new caisson shaft at QME

Humes will feature its recently developed bucline caisson shaft, a new addition to its precast concrete product range, on **Stand 6128** during the 2008 Queensland Mining and Engineering (QME) exhibition at the Mackay Showground from July 22-24.

The bucline caisson shaft is a smooth segmental shaft joined together by external fixings. The strong connections bolt together segment-to-segment and ring-to-ring, complete with gaskets, to form a finished shaft lining.

Humes can supply shafts with internal diameters ranging from 3 m to 15 m. The system retains all the benefits of strength, flexibility and speed of erection associated with a bolted ring, while providing a safer system of working, by reducing worker-entry into the shaft and working at height.

Also on display at QME will be other Humes' products such as three-pin arches and large box culverts for reclaim tunnels.

Precast concrete three-pin arches with precast spandrels and wingwalls are often used to construct reclaim tunnels because of their cost-competitiveness and ability to withstand high-salinity soils. The arches are manufactured with cast-in ferrules to allow the coal-handling conveyor and services to be suspended from the tunnel roof allowing dozers to access the mine.

Humes is a leading Australian manufacturer of reinforced concrete pipes for sewerage and stormwater, arches for bridges and tunnels, pre-stressed beams and railway sleepers and other precast concrete products for use in civil engineering projects.

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