

Technology equals efficiency in mining

South Africa's mining sector can take great strides in efficiency by deploying technology and embracing the era of modern mining. The ever-changing landscape constantly demands better responses to issues ranging from foreign investment and mine safety, to environmental impacts and community engagement



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"The good news is that many mining suppliers have been innovating and applying solutions to assist mines embrace technology and become more efficient," said Nadia Statham, BME's general manager: commercial.

Safety remains a mining imperative – and was also a field which can benefit from technological advances by mining suppliers. "To remain relevant and efficient, the mining industry needs not just to adapt to new technologies but to embrace them. The same holds true for all businesses servicing the mining industry; they must partner with the mines and lead innovative solutions that mines require."

These advances would also be vital in helping mines address the rising costs in the sector, assist with decision making and drive safety.

She said that the overall sentiment at the recent Joburg Indaba conference was positive – an encouraging indication that the industry was ready to face and overcome its many challenges.

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