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On the Move at Rock Drill Engineering

Rock Drill Engineering Ltd, one of the UK's leading specialist suppliers of high performance DTH rock drilling tools, celebrated 12 successful years in the drilling business this year, with a move to new premises facilitating extension of the company's servicing and parts supply capabilities.

Rock Drill Engineering is the exclusive UK distributor for Mincon 'Down the Hole' (DTH) hammers and drill bits, friction welded drill tubes, shock absorbers, sub adaptors, lubricants and general accessories, providing a professional and comprehensive service for customers across the UK and further afield.

The company also offers a professional hammer refurbishing service from purpose equipped workshops, as well as consultancy services for customers operating in a wide variety of rock drilling applications.

Mincon hammers and drill bits have an impressive pedigree in use – it was Mincon equipment that succeeded where others had failed, successfully drilling a supply shaft 2300ft deep to reach the trapped Chilean miners after the 2010 accident at the San Jose gold and copper mine near the city of Copiapo.

Rock Drill first opened its doors back in 2000. The company was established by Steven Beasley, an experienced driller with over 40 years in the drilling industry under his belt, starting as a 17 year old out in the field and working his way up to General Sales Manager for Halifax Tool Company and for Mincon International.

“At Rock Drill, our key objective is to look at each project and understand what the drillers really need from their tools - and we have the experience to do that,” stated Steven. “We provide the right tools for the job, and pride ourselves on good customer service, from the supply of hammers and spares right through to fast refurbishment and rebuild for used hammers that can profitably extend their service life.”

The sales and service facility aims to get equipment back into use within 24 hours where necessary, and Rock Drill carries an extensive spares inventory to support the UK operation.

The servicing department is controlled by Clive Roberts, who has over two decades of experience in building hammers and assembling drill bits. He oversees the operation that involves stripping, cleaning, inspecting and rebuilding the hammers. The service is supported by providing customers with a detailed report that aims to identify exact causes of any misuse failures in the field and to give usage/maintenance recommendations to prevent such failures thereby enhancing performance and helping customers to get the very best from their Mincon hammers.

Rock Drill Engineering has developed a winning formula in terms of service and support, which has seen customers including BAM Ritchies, Hydracrat and EPC UK Blasting Services using Mincon equipment exclusively from Rock Drill to support their DTH activities in sectors as diverse as blast holes, exploration, water well drilling, piling, ground consolidation and other drilling applications.

Rock Drill Engineering's new sales and service facility is ideally located to provide a quick and reliable service across the UK. For further information, contact Clive Roberts or Jo Yates on 01422 881381.