

# Testimonial

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To Whom It May Concern:

Springvale Colliery has operated in the Western District of New South Wales since 1993 and currently employs the longwall system of mining producing 2.1 million tonnes of thermal coal per year with 205 employees.

Development mining at Springvale is in the direction of the full dip of the Lithgow Seam and the combination of generally poor floor conditions and considerable water "make" from the roof and floor demanded that a reliable and cost effective pumping solution be found.

Significant benefits have resulted from this initiative including:-

- A reduction in the frequency of pump failures and consequent repairs costs.
- A significant improvement in pump capability particularly when handling slurry material.
- Increased range in pump capacity from managing nuisance water on roadways to removing large volumes from pumps.

Consistent reports from the "end user" claim that the Air 2000 is lightweight, efficient and reliable. In terms of business improvement, production downtime has been reduced, maintenance costs of vehicles have decreased, dewatering availability has increased and product service and back up is commendable.

Springvale has no regrets regarding the decision to purchase and operate Air 2000 pneumatic pumps and has no hesitation in recommending the product.

Yours faithfully



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