

MTI's Lipic - Awarded 2006 Community Builder in Economic Development

MTI President and CEO Robert (Bob) Lipic was awarded the prestigious Northern Ontario Business' 2006 Community builders award in the economic development category. Sponsored by RBC dominion Securities, Mr. Lipic was honoured as a Community Builder for his contributions to economic development in Greater Sudbury.



In business for more than 30 years, Mr. Lipic has established himself as a leader and developer of an industry that continues to grow and prosper. Bob has worked in underground operations and sales in Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec and from British Columbia to Nevada.

In 1980, he became Canadian general manager of Smith International's mining group. In 1986, when Smith wanted out of the mining business, he purchased its Canadian operation, Drilco Industrial of Canada and formed Drillex International.

In 1994, Drillex International won a Northern Ontario Business Award for Company of the Year (51+ employees).

In 1995 he purchased Continuous Mining Systems from Inco Ltd., and changed the company name to Mining Technologies International Inc. (MTI).

The corporate head office of Mining Technologies International is located at 145 Magill St. in Lively Ontario. A second manufacturing plant is located on Fielding Rd., and there is a third plant in North Bay. The company employs about 230 employees. Many of the employees have been with Lipic for more than 20 years.

At its network of three state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, MTI produces a wide range of advanced mining equipment, including: hydraulic drill jumbos, LHD loaders, dump trucks, shaft drilling jumbos, long hole jumbos, in-the hole (ITH) drilling rigs, computerized drill rigs, automated ITH drills with rod handlers, rail haulage systems (chutes, rail cars and dump stations), mine locomotives, underground utility vehicles, buckets, bucket lip assemblies, bucket wear parts and low profile crushing plants, as well as custom designed equipment for specific underground requirements. In addition to the Haileybury School of Mines, Lipic has attended the South Dakota School of Mines. He has taken drill and blast courses for open pit mining at Queen's University, and studied financial courses for non-financial managers at the Arthur Anderson Institute of Chicago. Lipic has also taken courses with the Control Data Management Institute in Toronto.

His sons, Ryan and Rob Jr., work at MTI. Ryan handles marketing and Rob Jr. is the IT manager. His daughter, Caralyne, owns the Sierra Trading Company and handles all MTI promotional material.

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MTI and Hy-Drive Partnership: Hydrogen Injection Technology

Hy-Drive and MTI have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Under the terms of the MOU, MTI will be adapting Hy-Drive's new technology HGS for use on selected underground and above ground, diesel powered, mining equipment. Hy-Drive's system is ideally suited to address a major concern of the mining industry - air quality. It dramatically reduces exhaust emissions while enhancing fuel efficiency. "Any product that can help improve the air quality of miners working below the surface offers an incredible advantage from a health and safety perspective," says Robert Lipic, President and CEO of MTI. "We turned to Hy-Drive because they have an innovative solution for reducing the harmful exhaust emissions that all mining vehicles inherently produce. Their simple retrofit package reduces the emissions as part of the natural combustion process instead of just filtering the exhaust. This technology should be readily accepted as it will create a healthier work environment from which everyone can benefit. Our corporate vision is to achieve the right solution, on time, every time, and we believe that Hy-Drive's system fits into that vision".

The Hy-Drive system works by injecting small amounts of hydrogen gas into the combustion chamber of a regular internal combustion engine. This creates an enriched air mixture and a more complete and faster burn which results in reduced emissions, improved fuel efficiency and more engine torque. The product is easy to install and works with any internal combustion engine, all types of fuel and in almost any climate making a versatile solution for any truck or commercial vehicle.

"Our partnership with Mining Technologies International highlights how our new patented hydrogen injection technology can be applied to a specific vertical industry such as mining," said Tom Brown, President & CEO of Hy-Drive Technologies Ltd. "The value proposition for the mining industry is primarily about lowering emissions in a confined space as opposed to the fuel savings.

This deal demonstrates that our HGS provides a very practical solution to the chronic issue of air quality and emissions reduction. We expect this association with MTI will help create market momentum for us across other vertical industries globally."

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