



# Mining division press kit

Future Minerals Forum, January 13-15, 2026

# Summary

## Welcome to FMF by Dave Goddard, President

- ‘Dawn of a Global Cause’ means creating meaningful pathways into modern mining careers together with Maaden, King Abdulaziz University, King Saud University, and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, writes Dave Goddard

## Hexagon, Maaden and the next generation of mining talent

- Our signing of a memorandum of understanding is focused on shaping the next generation of mining professionals in the Middle East

## Panel discussion at The Link

- Startups and next-generation technologies that will redefine the future of minerals preparation

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# Investing in tomorrow: why future miners are our global cause

As we look toward FMF 2026 and its call for a *Dawn of a Global Cause*, I am reminded that real progress in our industry has always come from a simple truth: the mine of the future depends on the miners of the future. No technology, no vision, and no strategy can succeed without investing in the people who will one day lead this industry.

That belief has guided much of my career, and it is core to Hexagon's commitment in the Middle East. Our partnership with Maaden has already laid the foundation for the region's first digital mine. Today, we are expanding that collaboration to focus on something even more enduring: developing the next generation of Saudi mining talent.

Together with Maaden and King Abdulaziz University, and supported by national leadership, we are working to strengthen mining curricula, provide access to advanced technologies, and create meaningful pathways into modern mining careers.



Dave Goddard, Hexagon's Mining division President

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# Investing in tomorrow: why future miners are our global cause

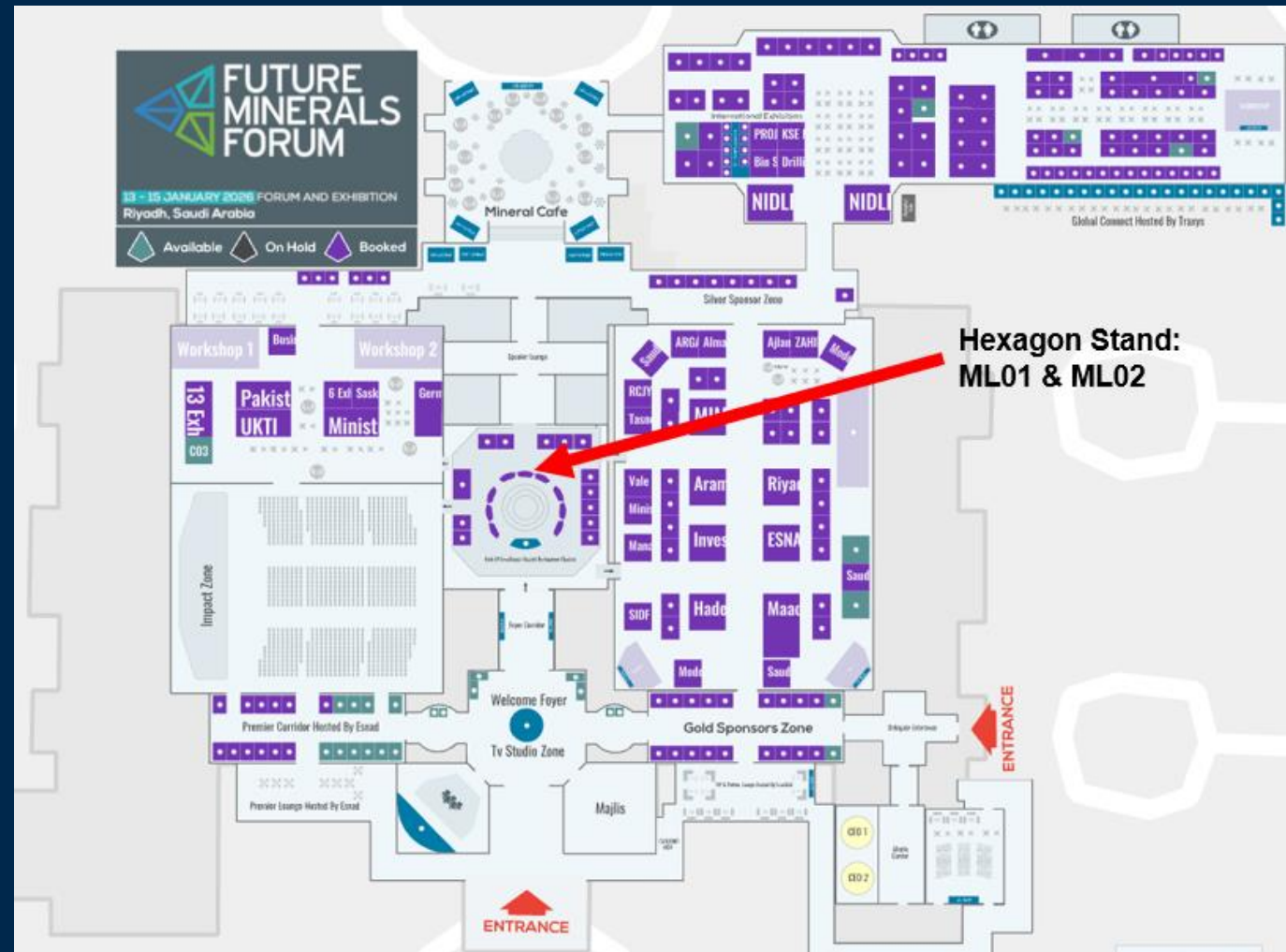
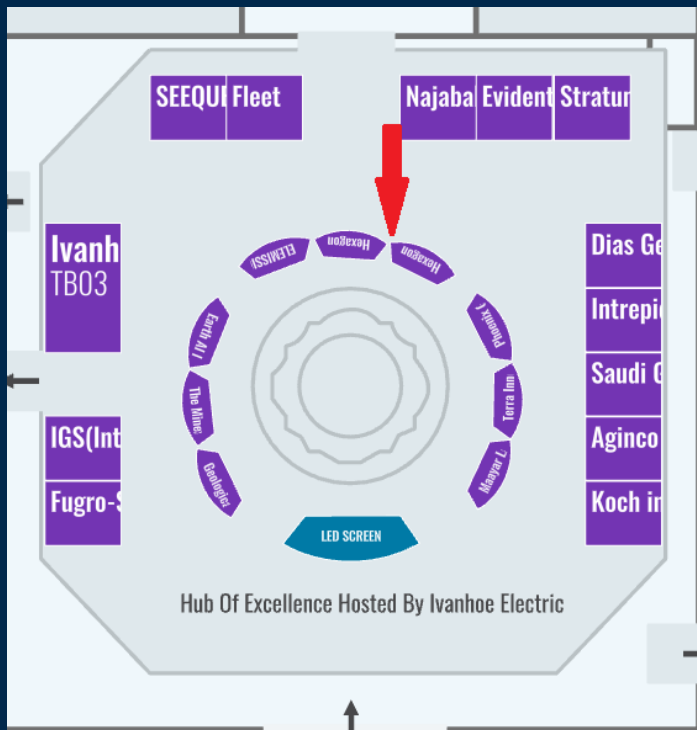
Across the kingdom, we are deepening partnerships with King Saud University, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, and King Abdulaziz University, (KAU) offering software licences, training and, in the next phase, internships for top-performing students at our new Riyadh office. This coincides with the first cohort of female mining students at KAU, a milestone for the industry and a reflection of Saudi Arabia's commitment to broadening participation.

This cause is not limited to one country. From Montana to the Middle East, Hexagon continues to sponsor mining schools, support research, and engage students through mentoring and outreach. My recent nomination to the SME Foundation Board of Trustees reinforces this responsibility. The foundation's mission - to inspire the next generation to meet the needs of a mineral-dependent world - echoes my own experience.

Early mentors shaped my path. Now it is our turn to create those opportunities for others. This is how we build a global cause worthy of the future we hope to achieve.

*- Dave Goddard, Hexagon's Mining division President*

# Hexagon at FMF Booth ML01-ML02 January 13-15, 2026





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# Hexagon, Maaden to advance next-generation mining talent and technology at Future Minerals Forum

TUCSON, AZ, UNITED STATES, (8 JANUARY 2026) - Hexagon and Maaden are strengthening mining education and workforce development across the Middle East by deepening their strategic partnership at next week's Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 13–15 January.

Building on their landmark agreement to create the region's first digital mine at Mansourah-Massarrah, the two organisations will sign a memorandum of understanding focused on shaping the next generation of mining professionals.

A cornerstone of this effort is a collaboration with King Abdulaziz University (KAU), developed with support from national leadership, to modernise mining curricula, integrate advanced digital technologies, and create meaningful pathways into modern mining careers. The initiative will provide students with exposure to industry-leading tools, practical training, and new opportunities for professional development.

These efforts coincide with the first cohort of female mining students at KAU, a milestone for Saudi Arabia's mining sector, and a reflection of the nation's commitment to broadening participation and empowering the next generation of talent.

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Across the Kingdom, Hexagon is also forging partnerships with King Saud University (KSU) and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM). These engagements include the provision of Hexagon software licences, faculty and student training programmes, and internship opportunities for top-performing students at Hexagon's new Riyadh office.

At Booth ML01-ML02, Hexagon will feature its suite of integrated planning, safety, automation and operational intelligence solutions that continue to set the benchmark for intelligent mining ecosystems worldwide.

Hexagon's Mining President, Dave Goddard, will be on stage at FMF, joining international experts to explore how emerging technologies and new talent pathways are reshaping mineral preparation and the wider mining value chain:

Session 13: "Startups and next-generation technologies that will redefine the future of minerals preparation"

- Date: 15 January 2026
- Time: 13:40–14:20

"The mine of the future will succeed only if we invest in the miners of the future," said Goddard. "Our deepening partnership with Maaden is about more than technology, it is about empowering the next generation of mining leaders. By aligning with Saudi Arabia's vision for talent development, we are helping ensure that innovation is matched with the skills and opportunities needed to sustain long-term progress."



# Panel discussion at The Link, 1:40-2:20 p.m., Thursday, January 15

**Startups and next-generation technologies that will redefine the future of minerals preparation**

**David Goddard**, President, Mining Division, Hexagon

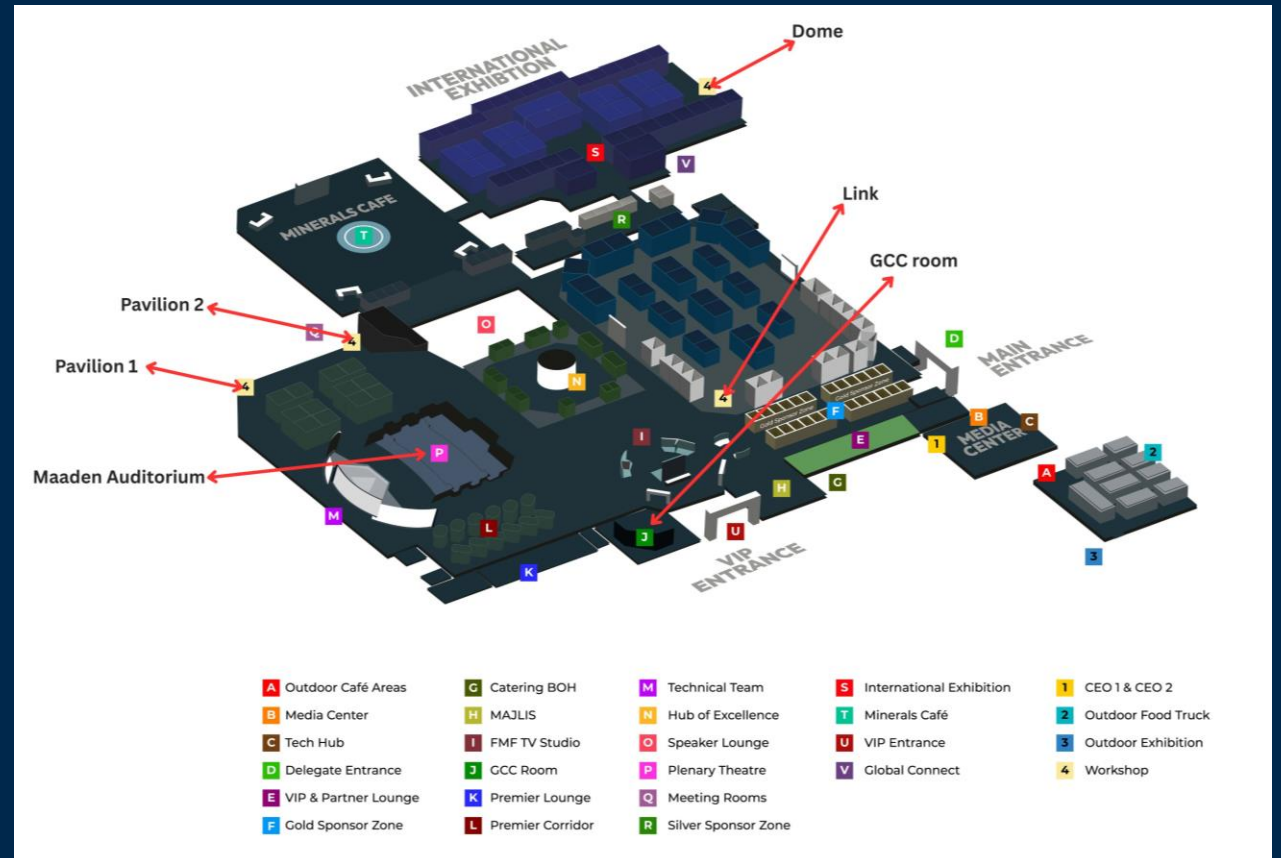
**Flavia Tata Nardini**, Co-Founder & CEO, Fleet Space Technologies

**Scott North**, Co-Founder, Yeti Ventures

**Irina Gorbounova**, Vice President M&A and Head of XCarb Innovation Fund, ArcelorMittal

**Hirofumi Katase**, Executive VP & Director, I-Pulse

**Moderator:** Jim Paterson, Principal, Discovery Group



# Dave Goddard

President, Hexagon's Mining division

Onsite media availability January 14-15 | [media.min@hexagon.com](mailto:media.min@hexagon.com)

Dave Goddard brings a wealth of experience to the position of President, Hexagon's Mining division. He's a recognised leader with 30 years in the mining industry across a variety of mining companies, suppliers, and consultancies, including six years as a senior industry expert for McKinsey & Company. He serves on several mining industry organizations, including SME (Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration) Foundation Board of Trustees.



# My name is Dave. Here's my confession.

I've spent three decades helping shape mining's digital journey, yet the more experience I gain, the more honest I feel I need to be about where our industry is headed. Some of what I've learned comes from long days in the field; some from listening to miners who know their operations better than any dashboard ever could; and one realisation has stayed with me. It may surprise you. It certainly surprised me. In the first issue of Shift, I share the story behind that insight and why it matters for the mine of the future.

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**“I don't know what the mine  
of the future looks like.”**

**“But I do know this:  
arriving there depends on trust.”**

—Dave Goddard, President, Hexagon's Mining Division

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In the news

Recent releases



# Codelco, Hexagon agree to develop, implement advanced mining technology

MoU provides the framework for conducting pilots and trials of products under development or not yet commercialised, as well as adapting Hexagon's technologies to Codelco's operational challenges.

Learn more [here](#).



# UG roadmap strengthened via new partnership with Montana Tech

Partnership provides a unique, real-world test environment to accelerate development of next-generation underground technologies, particularly collision avoidance, operator safety, and advanced simulation.

Learn more [here](#).





# Five-star year for mining innovation with multiple awards and nominations

- Winner, 2025 Mining Magazine Excellence Award – Drill & Blast
- Winner, 2025 Mining Technology Excellence Award – Integrated Safety
- Finalist, 2025 Mining Magazine Excellence Award – Safety
- Finalist, 2025 Mining Magazine Excellence Award – Partnership
- Finalist, 2025 Australian Mining Prospect Awards – Excellence in Mine Safety

Learn more [here](#).



# A new benchmark for mine safety

In July, Hexagon launched Hexagon Operator Alertness System (OAS) 7.5, integrating operator alertness monitoring with Hexagon's market-leading Collision Avoidance System (CAS) to enable automatic capture and display of predicted collision event videos. Safety personnel now get a real-time window into critical events and operator performance.

Learn more: [Hexagon sets benchmark for mine safety with world-first system integration | Hexagon](#)





# Overview

Company details at a glance

# About us

## Mining division

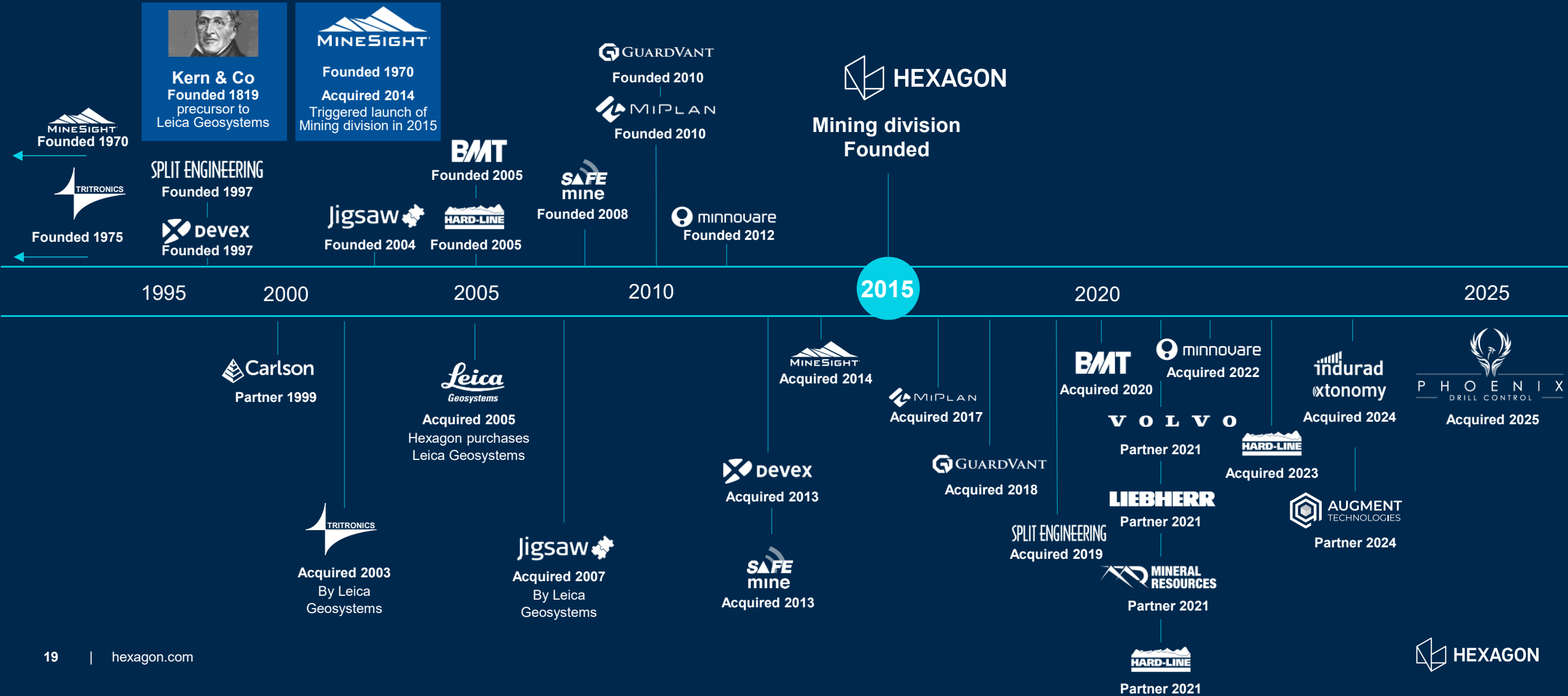
Hexagon is the global leader in measurement technologies. We provide the confidence that vital industries rely on to build, navigate, and innovate. From microns to Mars, our solutions ensure productivity, quality, and sustainability in everything from manufacturing and construction to mining and autonomous systems.

Hexagon's Mining division connects measurement and autonomy across surface and underground operations, pushing the boundaries of autonomous technology and data insights to help customers optimise resources and move material safely.

Equal to the breadth of this smart mining portfolio is innovation that incorporates robotic sensors and software, digital twins, and AI-enhanced analytics, positioning us to meet sustainability and demographic challenges, helping customers steadily advance toward truly autonomous solutions.

Hexagon (Nasdaq Stockholm: HEXA B) has approximately 24,500 employees in 50 countries and net sales of approximately 5.4bn EUR. Learn more at [hexagon.com](https://www.hexagon.com).

# Hexagon's Mining division timeline





# Did you know?



Of a total market of 941 mines (excludes UG mines and mines in Russia, India, and China) almost 400 mines globally use a Hexagon product.

More than two thirds of those 400 mines use more than one Hexagon product, an indication of integration as well as successful customer support and satisfaction.

54% of global copper supply comes from operations that use Hexagon products.

65,000 Hexagon Collision Avoidance Systems are deployed in more than 100 open-pit and underground mine sites, the largest global install base on the market.

Hexagon's general mine planning suite, MinePlan, was first developed by Fred Banfield in Tucson in 1970 and is now in use in hundreds of mines around the world.

Jon Olson, the architect of the world's first fleet management system (FMS) in 1981, developed the foundational elements of Hexagon's FMS.