Mine Site Technologies acquires Nixon Communications

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Minecommunications leaders Mine Site Technologies Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of MSTGlobal Holdings Pty Ltd,(MST), has acquired 100 per cent of the share capital of NixonCommunications (Nixons), a network and communications infrastructure providerto the mining, oil and gas, remote construction and Coal Seam Gas sectors.

Australian-based Mine Site Technologiesis aleading international mining communications solutions provider specialising indeveloping, deploying and servicing communications hardware, software and systems for theindustry. Its customers include manyof the worlds largest mining companies, with MST systems installed in over 500mines worldwide.

In planning to build the business further from astrongly growing base, MST raised growth capital from Macquarie Capital earlierthis year, researching companies and technologies that could contribute to itsgrowth. Building on MSTs underground mining strengths, the Nixonsacquisition is a core element of MSTs ongoing development of its surfacemining and resources business, substantially expanding its capabilities. Founder ofNixon Communications, John Nixon, will remain with the combined company forat least 18 months as an adviser and consultant. MSTwill continue to pursue its growthstrategy both organically and through acquisitions.

For bothcompanies customers, business will continue as usual, while they willincreasingly benefit from the combined strengths of the merged companies. MST customers will soon be able to drawon Nixons expertise and resource pool in surface mining and pipeline communications.

Retaining its branding,management team and continuing to operate as usual, Nixons will become a keypart of MSTs Australian Field Operations, headed by Christian Fischer, GeneralManager. CEO of MST, Lloyd Zenarisaid: Nixons will continue to operate underits current name and retain its current autonomy, entrepreneurial character andflexibility, but now also benefits fromthe resources and critical mass of the expanded group, able to scale up for ourcustomers without compromising responsiveness and service.

Zenari saidthat in making the decision to join MST and Nixons, the cultural match betweenthe two companies was very important. The fit is excellent in a number ofkey areas. Both MST and Nixons have avery strong safety focus, with field teams looking out for each others safetyonsite in remote, often hazardous and difficultlocations.

The two businesses have very littleoverlap in their product set and customer base.We alsoshare a long commitment tomining and adjacent sectors, developing fit-for-purpose services and products,and a focus on building the capability of our people said Zenari.

Nixon Communications Founder andManaging Director John Nixon said that Mine Site Technologies and Nixon havecomplementary businesses, technologies and culture that now combine to create astrong merged company. Nixons willbenefit from MSTs underground mining communications strengths andinternational market leadership in that sector, while we will contribute ourleading experience and expertise in surface mining and pipeline communicationsto MSTs customers both in Australia and internationally. We look forward to starting to work togetherto develop business and

opportunities.

There are significant opportunitiesfor both businesses and for our skilled people to collaborate and for Nixons tonow grow our business outside of our core Queensland market, both aroundAustralia and internationally.

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About Mine Site Technologies

MineSite Technologies was established in 1989 and has grown to be the global leaderin miningcommunications for both the underground and surface miningindustries.We specialise in developing and supplying purpose builttechnology for underground mine communication and tracking,as well asadvanced wireless mesh communication infrastructure for open pit and othersurface mines. Our customers include manyof the worlds largest underground mining companies, with MST systems installedin over 500mines in Australia,the United States,China, Canada, Peru, Sweden,Finland, Chile, Tanzania, Zambia, Mali and the Democratic Republic of theCongo. www.minesite.com.au

About Nixon Communications

NixonsCommunications providescommunication systems and equipment to major commercial, construction andmining projects, operating primarily across Queensland,as well as in other Australian locations, New Guinea; and the Solomon Islands. Founded by JohnNixon in 1977 as a one-man operation, the Gladstone-headquartered company hasgrown steadily to now employ 70 people, with branch offices in Rockhampton,Mackay and Blackwater. www.nixon.com.au/

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