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Bradken invests in Peruvian foundry to serve mill liner demand in South America

Newcastle, Australia and Lima, Peru

Bradken today confirmed its commitment to South American mining customers, announcing its purchase of foundry “Fundicion Technologica” (also known as Funtec) with plans to repurpose it as its only large steel mill liner foundry in Peru.

CEO Sean Winstone said the foundry, in Chilca about 70 kilometres south of Lima, complemented Bradken’s January 2023 expansion into rubber composite mill liner manufacturing in Lima.

Through these two Peruvian sites, Bradken will better serve miners in South America with a full suite of locally produced mill liners.

“Bradken’s 100-year history has been defined by our ability to anticipate the needs of our customers and markets,” Mr Winstone said.

“With the addition of this foundry we bring extra capacity into the mill liner market, giving customers in Peru, Chile and across South America real choice in liners.

“Bradken customers will have quicker access to the right mill liner for the right application, with locally made, high quality, bespoke product.”

Following some construction and equipping of the foundry, it’s expected Bradken will provide about 190 jobs in the Chilca region. It’s expected the foundry will be operational by 2026. The site has access to green energy, supporting Bradken’s goal to be Carbon Neutral for Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030.

Former owners Dante and Italo Marsano belong to a large family of smelters and honour the legacy their father left them. The brothers said their father, Italo, started in the industry in 1936. In 1948 he innovated the melting business and became the first person to cast steel in Peru. Both Dante and Italo will stay on with Bradken, helping ensure the success of the project.

Bradken began as an Australian foundry in 1922 and has grown to be a global solutions provider for the mining sector, backed by an extensive manufacturing capability. With wear solutions the key focus, mine operators partner with Bradken for mineral processing, fixed plant and mobile plant solutions to help them improve safety, throughput or efficiency.

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