

DANDO DRILLING

Dando Drilling International Limited, based in the seaside town of Littlehampton, England, is a global supplier of robust and reliable drilling rigs and equipment for the mineral exploration, waterwell and geotechnical drilling sectors. Dando manufactures all of its rigs in England and has done since 1867 when the company was first founded by two local businessmen - one a tar paver and one a chandler-sunk a tube well to bring fresh water to a population affected by cholera. In January 2011, Dando Drilling became part of the Canadian group Energold Drilling Corporation, a large drilling services company for the mineral exploration and energy sectors.

Dando's mineral exploration range consists of top-drive hydraulic multipurpose drill rigs capable of conducting multiple techniques including reverse circulation (RC), rotary air blast (RAB) and deep wire line diamond core drilling. The highly robust and reliable machines can be truck or track mounted on a special rough terrain under-carriage and carry a large powerful on-board air compressor and a coring pump. The Dando exploration range consists of the Multitec 6000, Mintec 128 and Mintec 18 rigs- 6, 128 and 18 tonne pullback capacity respectively.

The Dando Mintec 128 machine is particularly popular for coal exploration projects in Indonesia. The rig has been specially developed for very fast open hole air flush drilling with PCD bits and coring (wire line and conventionally) in Indonesian type coal measures. With this method of drilling, and using Dando drill rigs, the customers are typically completing 300-400m boreholes in a 20 hour shift. Dando's strong history within the country first started with the supply of mineral exploration

rigs to one of Indonesia's large mining companies in the early 1980s. Since then, Dando has continued to supply equipment to this client and to other major players in the Indonesian mining industry. Dando has just completed two separate orders from Indonesia for a combined three Mintec 128s.

In addition to the Multitec and Mintec machines, Dando also manufactures a very small multipurpose site investigation drilling rig, the Dando Terrier- the smallest hydraulic rotary drilling rig offered by Dando and possibly one of the smallest on the market. The compact manoeuvrable crawler-mounted design makes the rig ideally suited for quick and easy mine site transportation. Many Terriers have already been sold throughout Australia and New Zealand for geotechnical applications however the rig is becoming ever more popular for use in exploration projects.

Very recently, the Terrier has been conducting sampling on open pit Uranium mine sites in Namibia. During Dando's last client visit in



April, the Terrier successfully took core samples from 21.9m deep - bordering on the mini multipurpose rig's maximum drilling capacity with the diameter and geology in mind.

In addition to manufacturing and supplying machines Dando is also a global supplier of drilling tools and additives. More information on all Dando drilling rigs, equipment and a full list of overseas agents can be found on the website www.dando.co.uk. The Dando Australian agent is Taylor Oughton www.dandodrillingaustralia.com, australia@dando.co.uk

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