SMEC Hosts Thought Leadership Event, Chile

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SMEC recently hosted an exclusive thought leadership event in Santiago, Chile to discuss maintenance and its impact on productivity.

Ronald Galisky, President of SMEC’s Asset Management operations in South America, chaired the event, which attracted high-level executives predominantly from key mining companies in the region.

SMEC’s Gabriel Rodriguez, Senior Project Manager, shared how SMEC unlocked potential savings worth up to US$200 million over a period of eight years for a major mining client through the optimisation of maintenance and repair contracts (MARC), and associated maintenance contracts for its mobile fleets.

Guest speaker James Reyes-Picknell, author, international presenter and thought leader, examined why some companies perceive maintenance as an expense that they want to reduce. James’ presentation generated participation on changing this mindset to recognising maintenance as a proactive function in sustaining productivity and delivering financial value as well realising benefits in safety and environmental performance.

A discussion panel comprising Mr Juan Quispe, Corporative Maintenance Director - Antofagasta Minerals; James Reyes-Picknell; Claudio Olguin, VP Maintenance Reliability Corporative - Yamana Gold; and Ronald Galisky, SMEC; fielded questions and practical problems from the audience that generated insightful discussion and debate.

The inaugural event gained positive feedback and will become an annual event for SMEC.

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