



Tyre training for tomorrow

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Dealing with earthmover tyres is becoming safer for technicians with the introduction of the Basic Earthmover Tyre Service developed by the Klinge Group and the Tyre Industry Association of America (TIA).

Klinge Group Co-director Tom Klinge said the TIA had identified a need for improved training for technicians dealing with heavy earthmoving tyres, or “off-the-road” (OTR) tyres.

“There are risks associated with dealing with any heavy equipment, and fully-inflated, steel-rimmed earthmover tyres are no exception,” Mr Klinge said. “Safety is, and should be, the highest priority in mining.

“This program allows a standard and comprehensive safety knowledge base, regardless of whether you are training a new or long-term employee.”

The Klinge Group, based in Australia, has built its reputation on safety and innovation, with projects designed to establish competency standards for OTR technicians, and national recognition by the Australian Training Quality Framework.

The TIA sought the advice of the Klinge Group to develop a training program including safety DVDs and workbooks.

“The result is a much greater safety awareness by those dealing with OTRs, and the best OTR training ever produced for mines across the world,” Mr Klinge said.

The Klinge Group worked closely with the TIA to produce a technically excellent script filmed in five locations over 15 days. The program includes 3.5 hours of DVDs and a 200-page workbook to become the standard for every TIA workbook.

The DVDs feature Mr Klinge giving safety tips and two tyre servicemen, one of them a Klinge Group technician, demonstrating procedures.

The workbook includes all the information from the DVDs clearly explained through text and pictures to provide a complete resource for field workers. With cooperation from the Tire and Rim Association (TRA), the workbook also includes an appendix with the load/inflation tables for all types of OTR tyres and tyre-dimension charts.

The workbook has a series of pre-tests and final examination. Successful completion will allow the technician to receive a TIA Certificate of Completion.

The program is available to TIA members through the TIA, and to non-members worldwide through the Klinge Group.

The Klinge Group, founded in Australia in 1971 by Co-directors Tom and Dianne Klinge, has a broad range of expertise in the tyre industry. The company has gained worldwide recognition as leaders in quality tyre management control systems and services.

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