

First MASSENZA RIG arrives in AUSTRALIA

Italian drill rig manufacturer Massenza successfully launched in Australia this September with the unveiling of the first Massenza rig to arrive in the country at an industry presentation in Brisbane.

The M.I.2 rig was bought by VACX for geotechnical work in the Darling Downs.

Massenza drill rigs are popular across Europe, Africa and the Middle East and well-known for their reliability and quality, but have only recently become available in Australasia through exclusive distributor DPSA Drilling Equipment.

Massenza Engineering Manager Matteo Massenza said that the company had thoroughly researched the Australian market to ensure their rigs were suited to the local drilling environment and customers' needs.

"Our rigs exceed all relevant Australian standards and offer all the features expected and needed by the Australian market, including automatic rod handling, a large range of rotary heads, remote operator controls and customised deck space", Mr Massenza said.

"We hope that the advanced technology and capacity of our drill rigs will provide Australian drilling companies with a new alternative for drills".

Massenza chose to partner with Brisbane-based DPSA Drilling Equipment as its exclusive Australasian distributor because of their existing relationships with customers in the environmental, mining, waterwell and exploration sectors.

"DPSA has an extensive commercial network throughout the country and most important they have a highly qualified team to represent us in Australia", Mr Massenza said.

DPSA Drilling Equipment Senior General Manager Angus Thompson said that the increasing momentum of the drilling industry in Australia meant that demand for reliable rigs is growing.

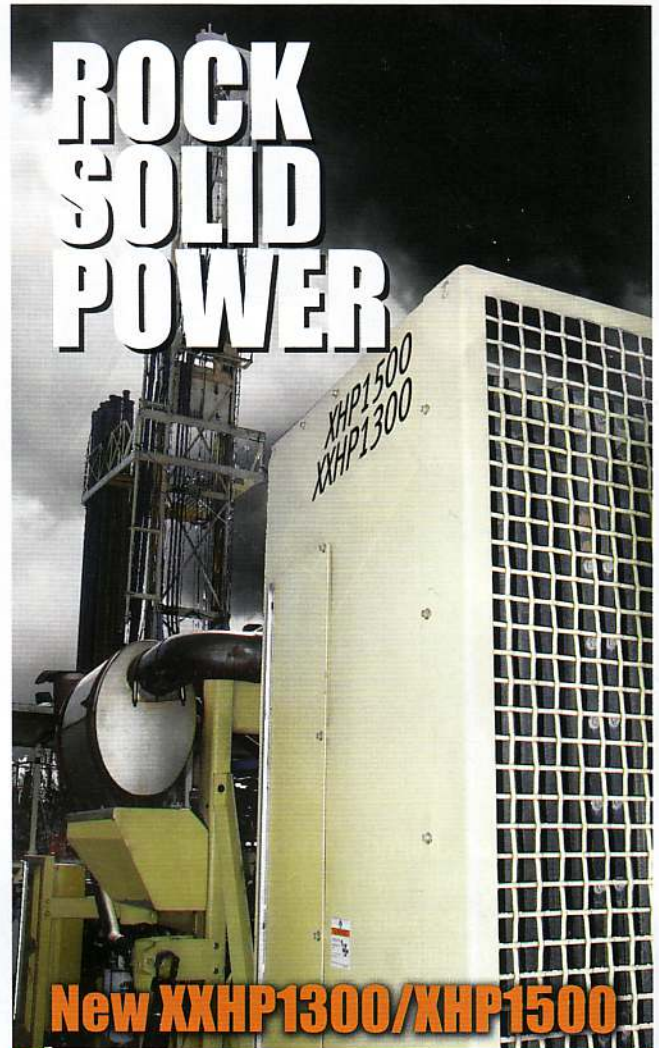
"The demand for drilling is high and as drilling companies secure long-term and ongoing work they will need to expand and renew their fleet over time", Mr Thompson said.

"Most drilling is conducted in semi-remote and remote areas of the country and there is increasing pressure on drilling operations to get the holes in the ground as efficiently and safely as possible – reliability and drill design is becoming more crucial than ever".

He said that the Massenza drill rigs would offer drillers a new, high-quality alternative in the market.

"The Massenza drills are well designed, engineered and built with proven reliability in harsh conditions such as Northern Africa and Europe".

Massenza offers a range of equipment for different sectors of the drilling industry, from the compact M.I.2 to the robust M.I.80.



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