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## AUSDRILL CHILE SELECTS ROCKMORE DRILLING TOOLS

The premiere drill and blast contractor in Chile, Ausdrill Chile, specializing in surface and exploration drilling, has entered an exclusive supply partnership agreement with Rockmore International for drilling tools used in production drilling.

Ausdrill Chile is a subsidiary of Ausdrill Limited - based in Perth, Australia and is established as a global drill / blast and exploration contractor. The Chilean operation was established in the Andean dominated country of Chile in 1992. With a rapid start and involvement in several large scale drilling projects, Ausdrill Chile soon became the region's premiere contractor for drill and blast projects related to mining and civil engineering work. Presently, the company holds major contracts in exploration and production drilling projects. In its work related to production surface drilling, Ausdrill Chile owns eight top-hammer drill rigs that employ the latest drilling technology and controls.



*Tony Broad, Drill & Blast Manager of Ausdrill Chile at Rayrock Mine, Chile next to a Tamrock drill rig fitted with Rockmore drilling tools.*

In its effort to maximize drilling efficiency and advance productivity, the company was determined to select the best long-term solution for their drilling tool requirements. Ausdrill Chile set forth a well-executed selection process for choosing a brand of rock drilling tools to satisfy their stringent requirements for quality, service, and dependability.

After qualifying various suppliers on key selection criteria, Ausdrill Chile has chosen Rockmore as their exclusive supplier of top hammer drilling tools for their Chilean operations. Rockmore International is a global manufacturer of rock drilling tools with production facilities in the USA and Austria and with exports to over 40 countries. Viewed within a context of a supply partnership, Rockmore has been required to provide all top hammer drilling consumables - bits, rods, couplings, shank adapters - to Ausdrill Chile for production drilling requirements. Rockmore will also provide technical and applications support to maximize drilling productivity for the various projects at hand.

Tony Broad, Drill and Blast Manager of Ausdrill Chile comments "Rockmore has met our high expectations for delivering quality dependable products for our drilling consumable requirements." Discussing about how the supply partnership has enhanced Ausdrill's leading position in the market, Mr. Broad states that "Ausdrill Chile has received a full commitment from Rockmore to provide superior products with value-added services that are critical in our business activity." He continues to comment that "Due to the quality and service consistency that Rockmore has been able to offer our company, we can depend on drilling tools that maximize our productivity in the field. This is a crucial positive factor that we rely on in order to compete effectively in the market."