

Rio Tinto

Manager Detail Engineering (Contract position until end of 2013) - VAN0000X

Primary Location BC-Vancouver

Schedule Full-time

Deadline date: 2/16/2012

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Context

Oyu Tolgoi is a greenfields mining project located in the Gobi desert region of Mongolia. Mining reserves include a series of open pit mines and an 85,000 tonne per day underground block cave mine (Hugo North Lift 1) with a 20 year mine life, with potential for 3 further block cave operations to increase mine life beyond 60 years. Underground studies for Lift 1 have recently completed Pre Feasibility Study level, and now transition into Feasibility Study. Order of Magnitude studies for the further 3 caves require strategic work to ensure optimal mining exploitation and value. Construction has commenced on the first phase of the project which includes a 100ktpd open pit and mill as well as on early capital items although Feasibility Studies are not complete.

Primary Purpose

To establish a team and progress feasibility level designs to detail engineering for infrastructure associated with the underground mine and subsequently provide engineering support to the construction team. Produce issue for construction drawings, prepare and adjudicate construction tender documents. To provide input to control estimates and project execution plans and schedules for the underground mine.

To provide technical support to the Feasibility Study Team.

Accountabilities

- Interface and collaboration with a global team of multi disciplined professionals up to Manager level. Adhering to clear direction and team discipline through a detailed Project Execution Plan and Project Management structure. Management of stakeholder relationships in a global environment within a Joint Venture structure. Responsible for coordination with General Managers and Managers of departments outside of the studies / detail engineering department battery limits, to ensure underground infrastructure is engineered to integrate with the first phase construction, and that battery limits are seamless
- Technical and operational leadership in meeting the deliverables (scope, schedule and cost) of a Multi Million Dollar Engineering program representing a \$1.5 Billion dollar preproduction expenditure over the next 4 years and \$4.9 Billion dollar expenditure over 20 years. Management of internal and external review processes to ensure solutions are robust. Drive benchmarking, collaboration and innovation both within and external to Rio Tinto projects and operations, to build on past learning's and ensure solutions are best practice
- Provide support and review to construction teams during and subsequent to the detail engineering phase to ensure as built match design
- Strategic review of new technologies to verify inclusion or exclusion from design to maximize capital and operational efficiency without introduction of unacceptable risk
- Responsible for the transfer of skills and knowledge from the studies to site construction and operations. Drive the process for improving the technical training of Mongolian national professionals

Education and Relevant Experience

- College/University Education: Mechanical Engineering Degree/Diploma
- Other Qualifications: Project Management Experience (15 - 20 years)

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Specific experience in mine shaft and hoisting systems design is a plus.

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