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Os Projetos Europeus DIGIECOQUARRY e ROTATE: Digitalização, pegada ambiental e circularidade para a indústria Extrativa

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WHAT IS DEQ?

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DIGIECOQUARRY aims to design, develop and validate in **5 pilot environments an Innovative Quarrying System** (IQS) comprising sensors, processes, tools and methods for data capture, processing and sharing to provide **integrated digitalised, automatic and real-time process** control for **aggregates quarries**.

Health & Safety and Security
Upgraded H&S and Security conditions for workers, avoiding their exposure to dangerous operations through automated and controlled processes.

Efficiency, Selectivity and Profitability
Enhanced Selectivity and Efficiency of the aggregates sites, thus increasing the profitability of the processes, ensuring long-term operational sustainability and viability.

Environmental Impact
Maximised Sustainability and Resource Efficiency by reducing emissions, improving the management of water and fostering a sustainable supply of Raw Materials.

Social Acceptance
Improved social acceptance through the communication with policy makers, citizens and relevant actors to get them involved in the value chain

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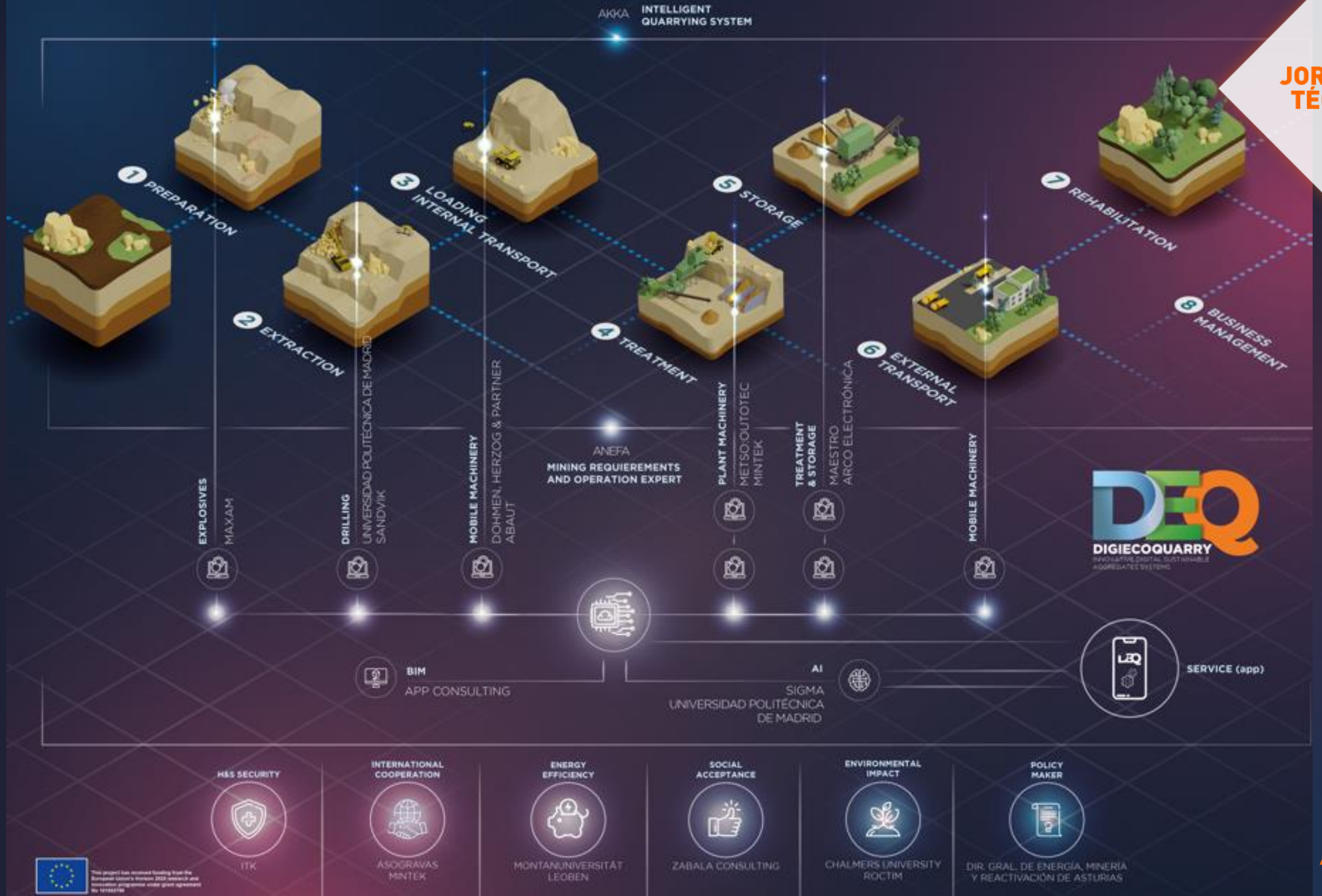

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OUR CONSORTIUM

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CONSORTIUM PARTNERS: 25 organisations. 23 from 8 different EU countries + 2 international partners

QUARRYING INDUSTRY

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AKKA · APP · SIGMA

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Toulouse, France

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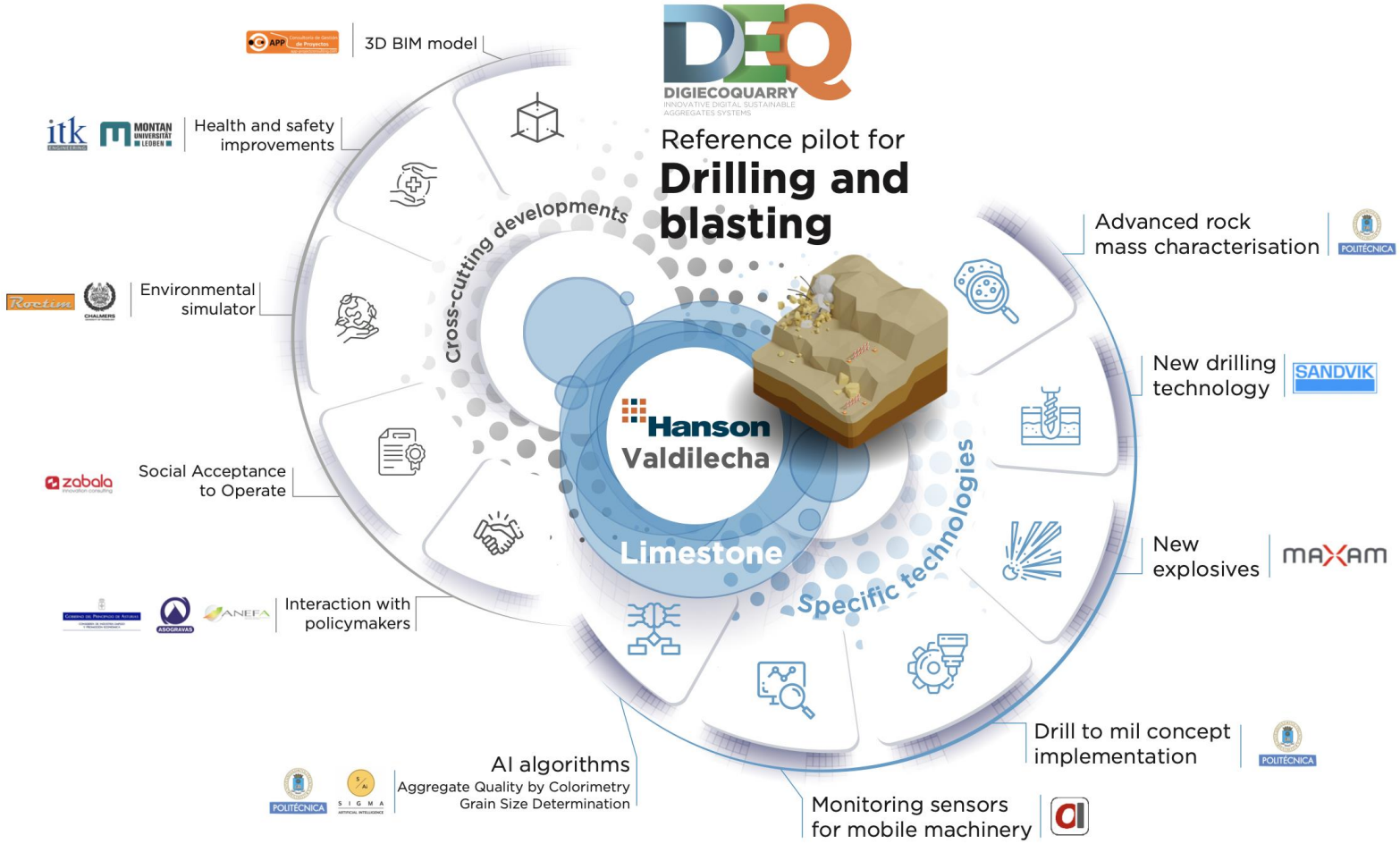

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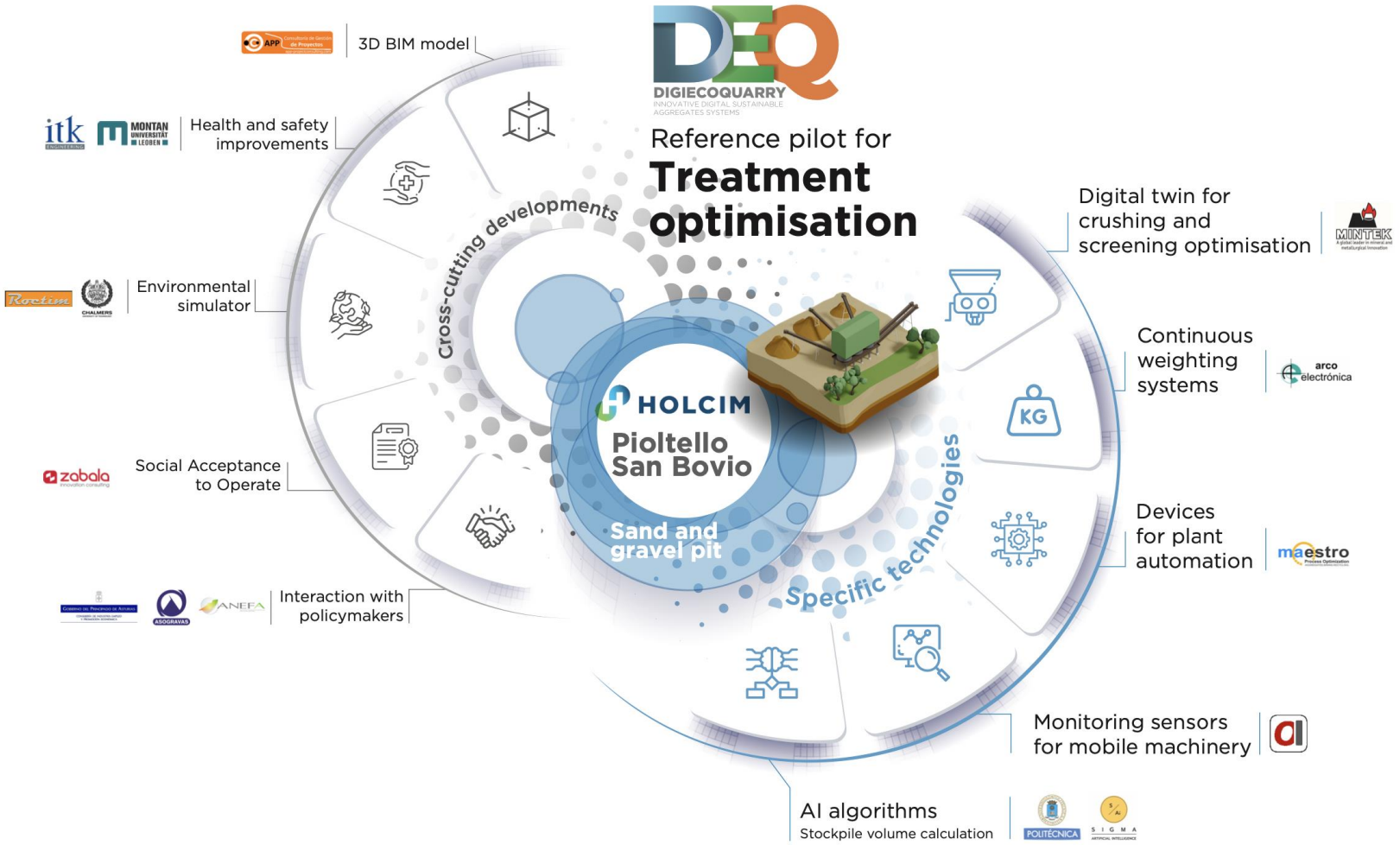

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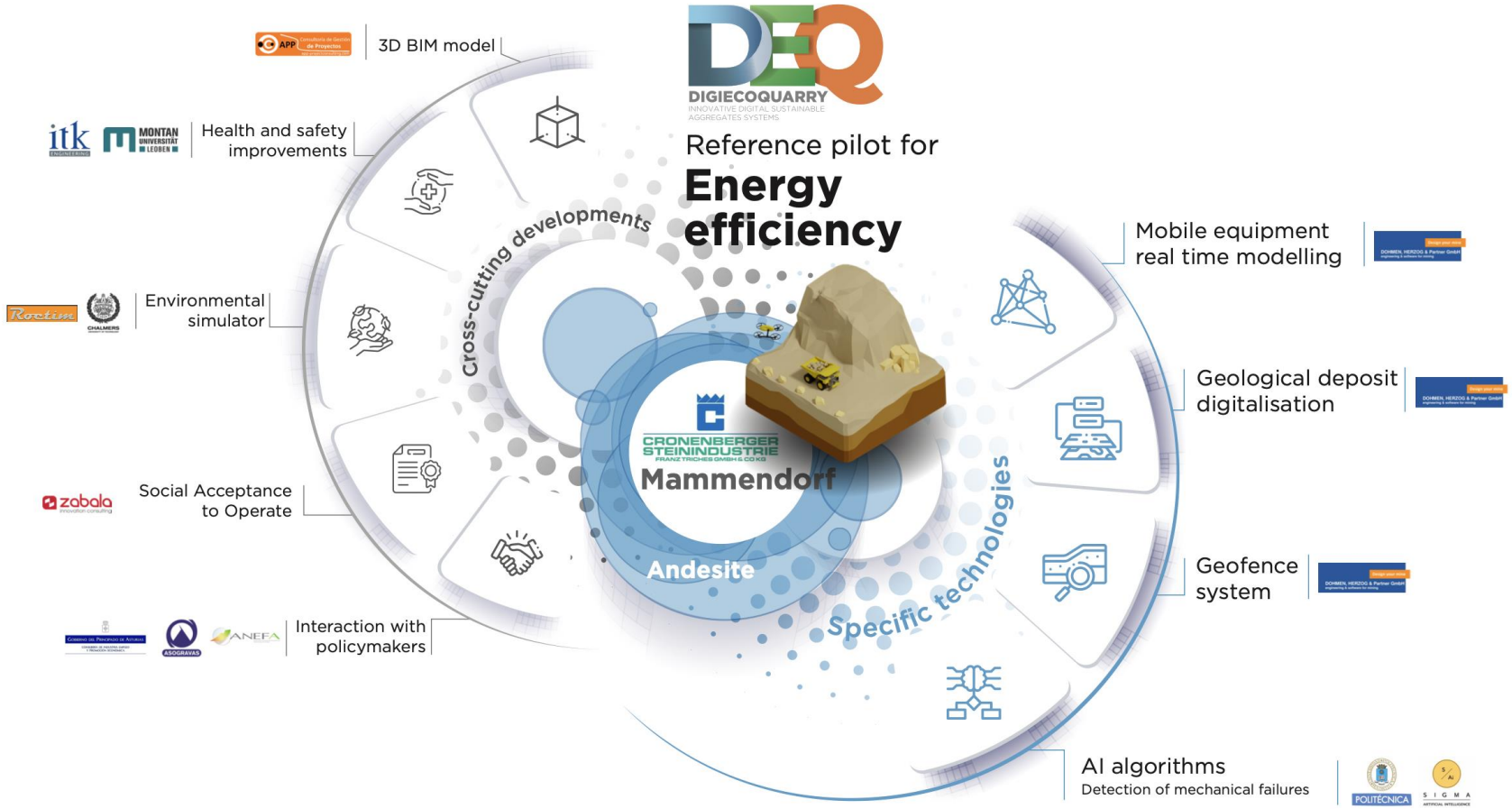

Magdeburg, Germany

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Lisbon, Portugal

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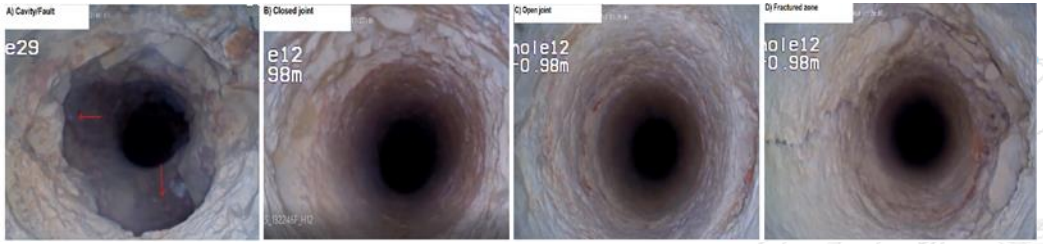
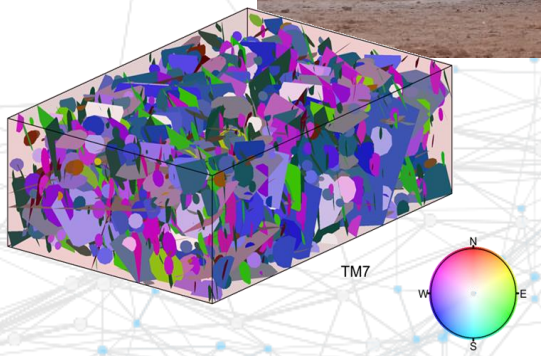
OUTCOMES – Extraction

1 MWD ANALYSIS FOR ADVANCED ROCK MASS STRUCTURAL RECOGNITION

- Especially large discontinuities and cavities.
- With a drill rig with navigation system and an add-on to record the penetration rate.
- Borehole logging with an endoscope camera for calibration of MWD-based model.
- Novel procedure to obtain DFN models using non-parametric directional-linear statistics





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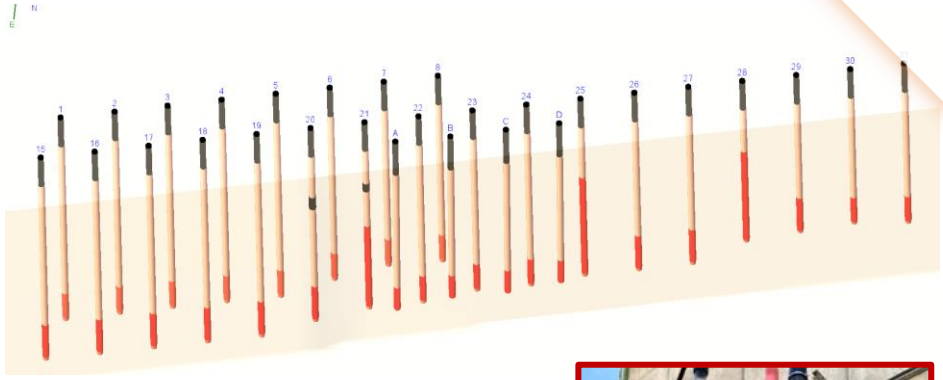
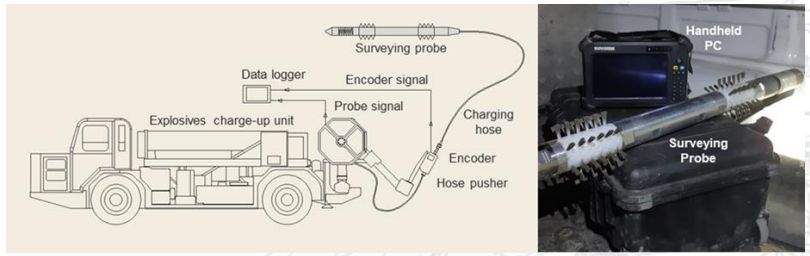
2 FULL DIGITALIZATION AND CONNECTIVITY OF BLASTING

- Smart product and system implementation to vary explosive density instantaneously.
- Blasts designed and carried out with different explosive density in the hole.
- Automatic retrieving system with height measurement of the hose to ensure the adequate explosive density at the desired heigh.





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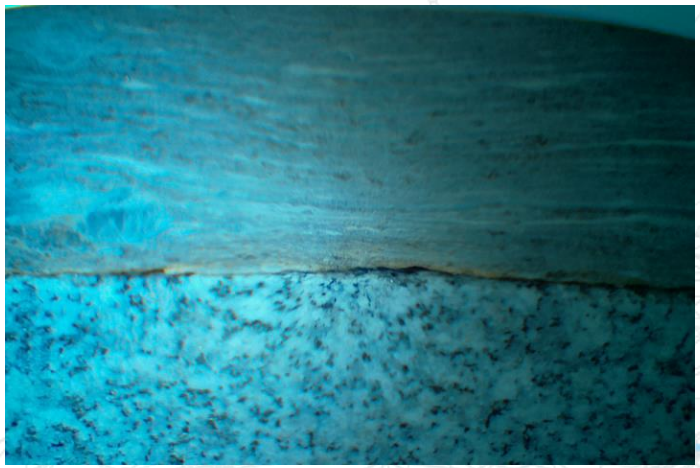
3 VIRTUAL CORING WHILE DRILLING PROTOTYPE

- Construction of a prototype of virtual coring while drilling.
- First test results under lab conditions.
- System to take images of the blasthole walls when drilling is finished, and the rods are pulled out



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OUTCOMES – Loading and hauling

1 GEOLOGICAL DEPOSIT MODELLING

- Survey data.
- Geological information (borehole database).
- Operational mobile equipment data.

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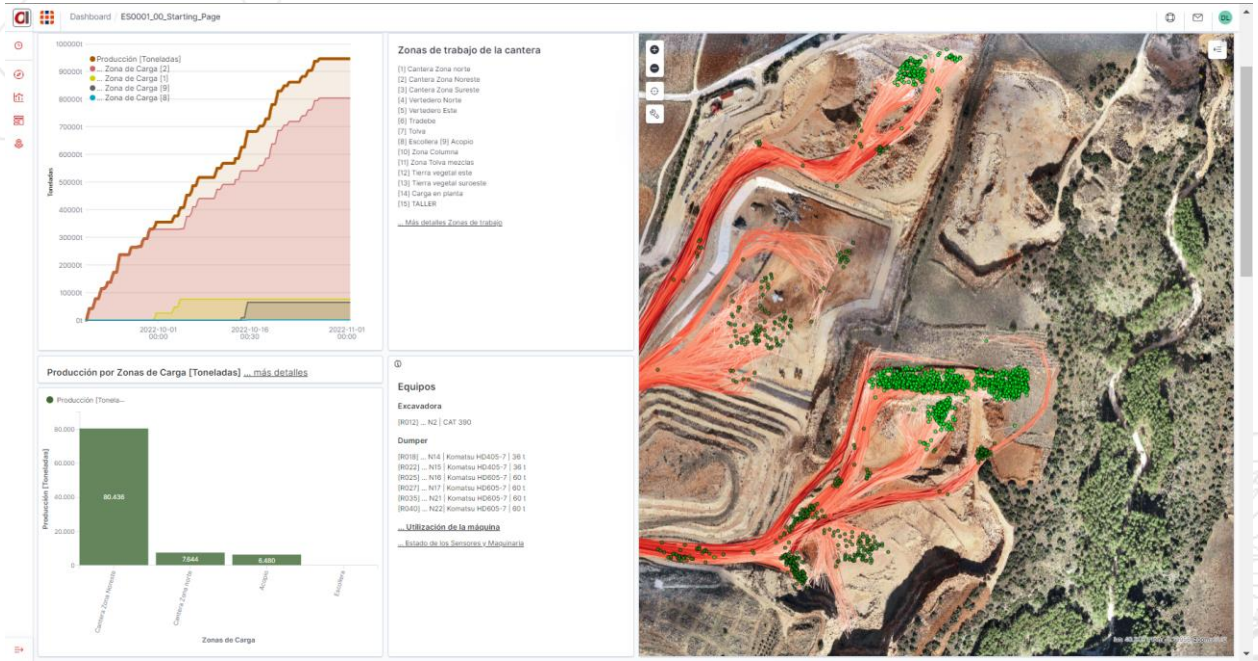
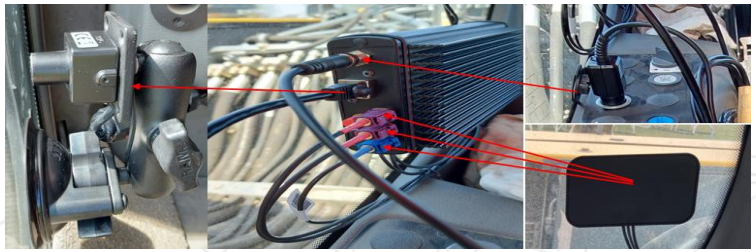
2 MONITORING SENSORS FOR MOBILE MACHINERY

Information related to the production, mass flow, fleet efficiency, working hours, starting of the operations, number of machines per shift, idle times





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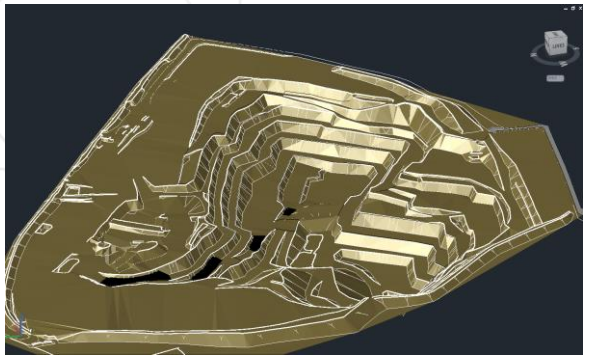
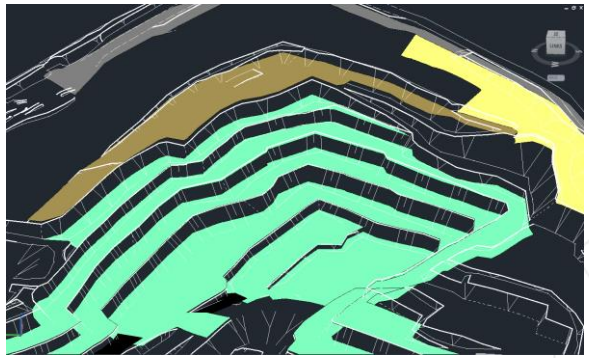
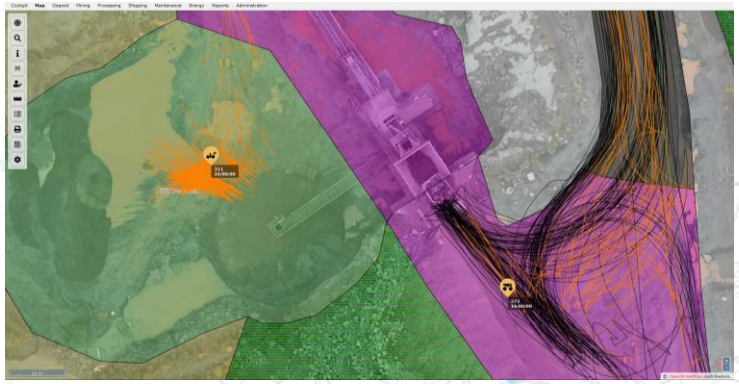
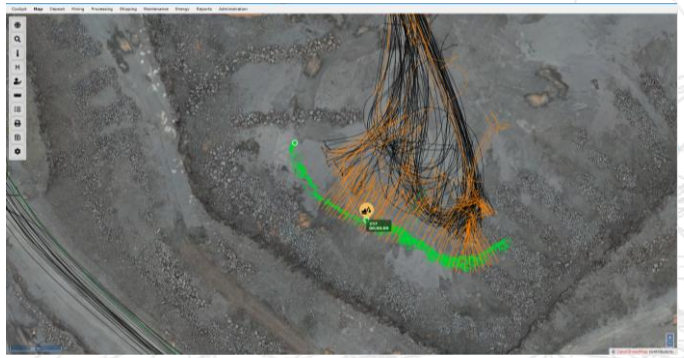
3 3D DYNAMIC GEOFENCE SYSTEM

Analysis of the position of the machine to automatically monitor its activity and perform material tracking inside the quarry.









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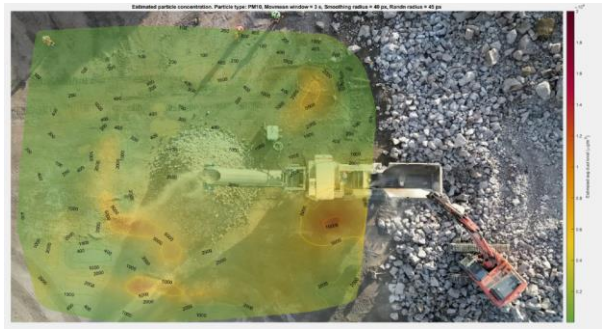
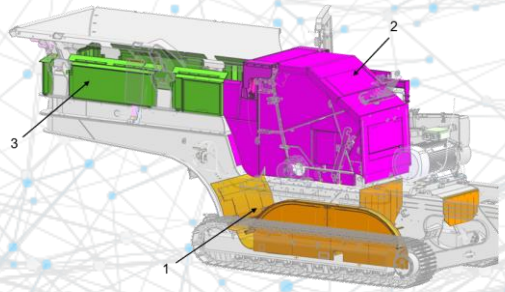
1 INNOVATIVE MOBILE CRUSHER

Equipped with electric/hybrid power train with auxiliary systems for reduced noise and dust generation.





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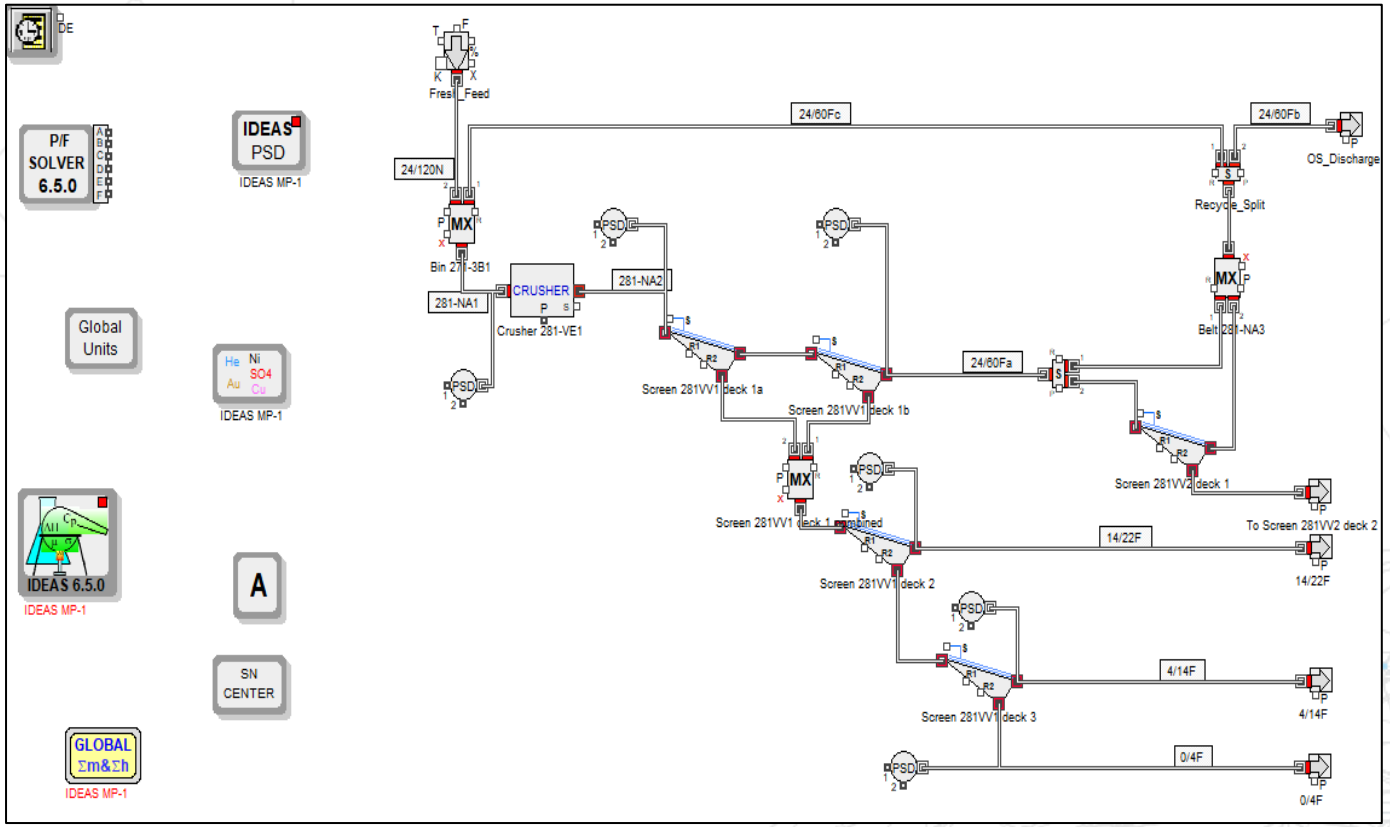
2 BREAKAGE AND SCREENING MODELS AND DIGITAL TWIN



- High-resolution models for crushing and screening optimisation.
- Accounting for the feed rate and Particle Size Distribution (PSD) of the fed material as well as crusher gap size, classification factor and speed.
- Prediction of a more optimal set of operating parameters, without manipulating the physical plant with trial-and-error adjustments.

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3 AUTONOMOUS WEIGHTING SYSTEMS

Control and measurement of:

- Instantaneous flow.
- Instantaneous, accumulated and total production.
- Conveyor speed.

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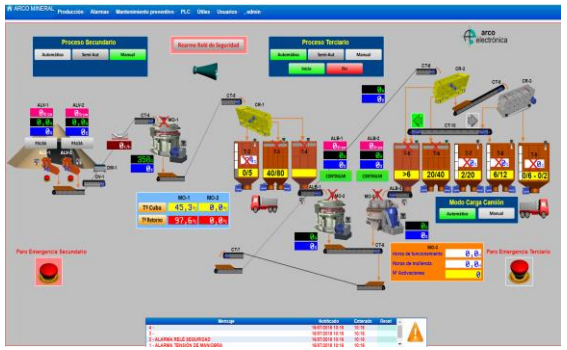
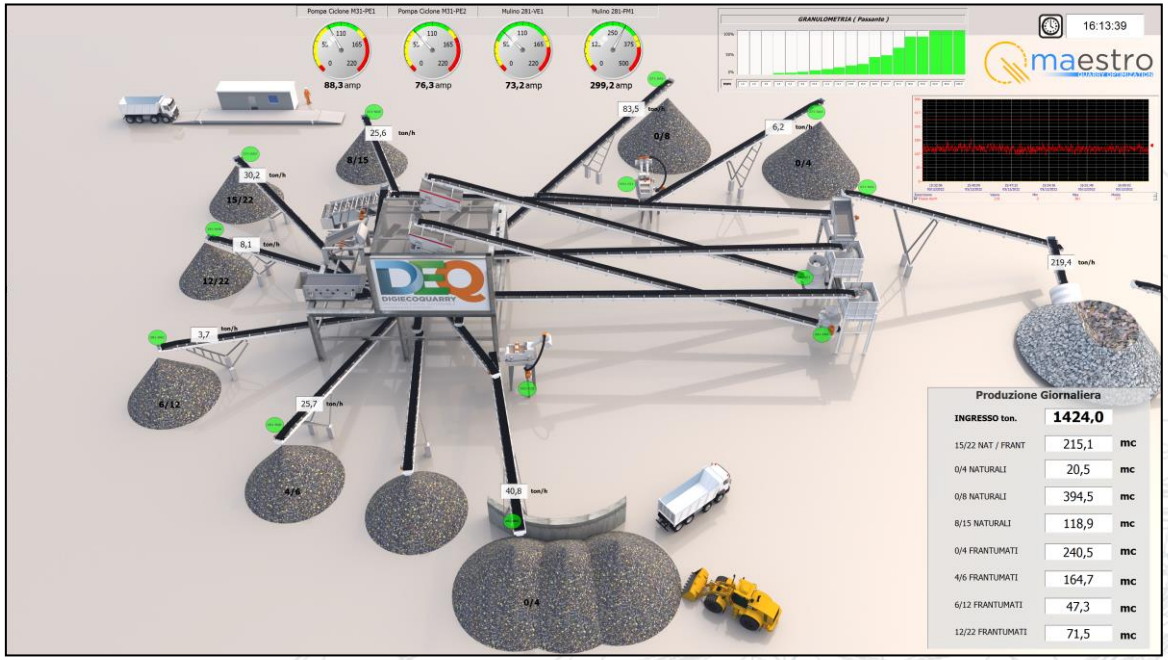
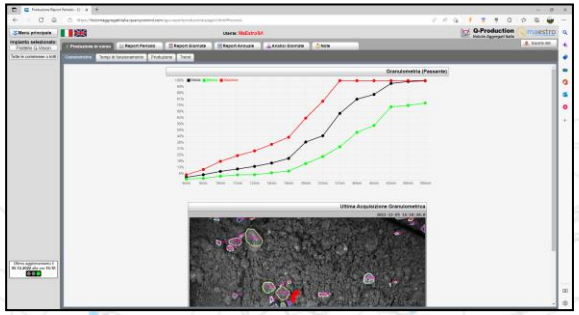
4 SOFTWARE FOR PRODUCTION CONTROL

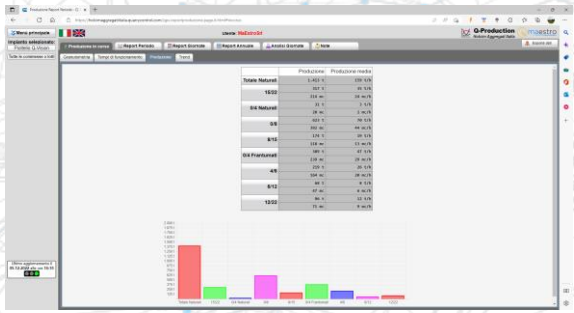
Communication of sensors, electrical components and SCADA to automatically register and monitor all production data



Mass flow measurements, grain size distribution after buffer stockpile







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OUTCOMES - Environment

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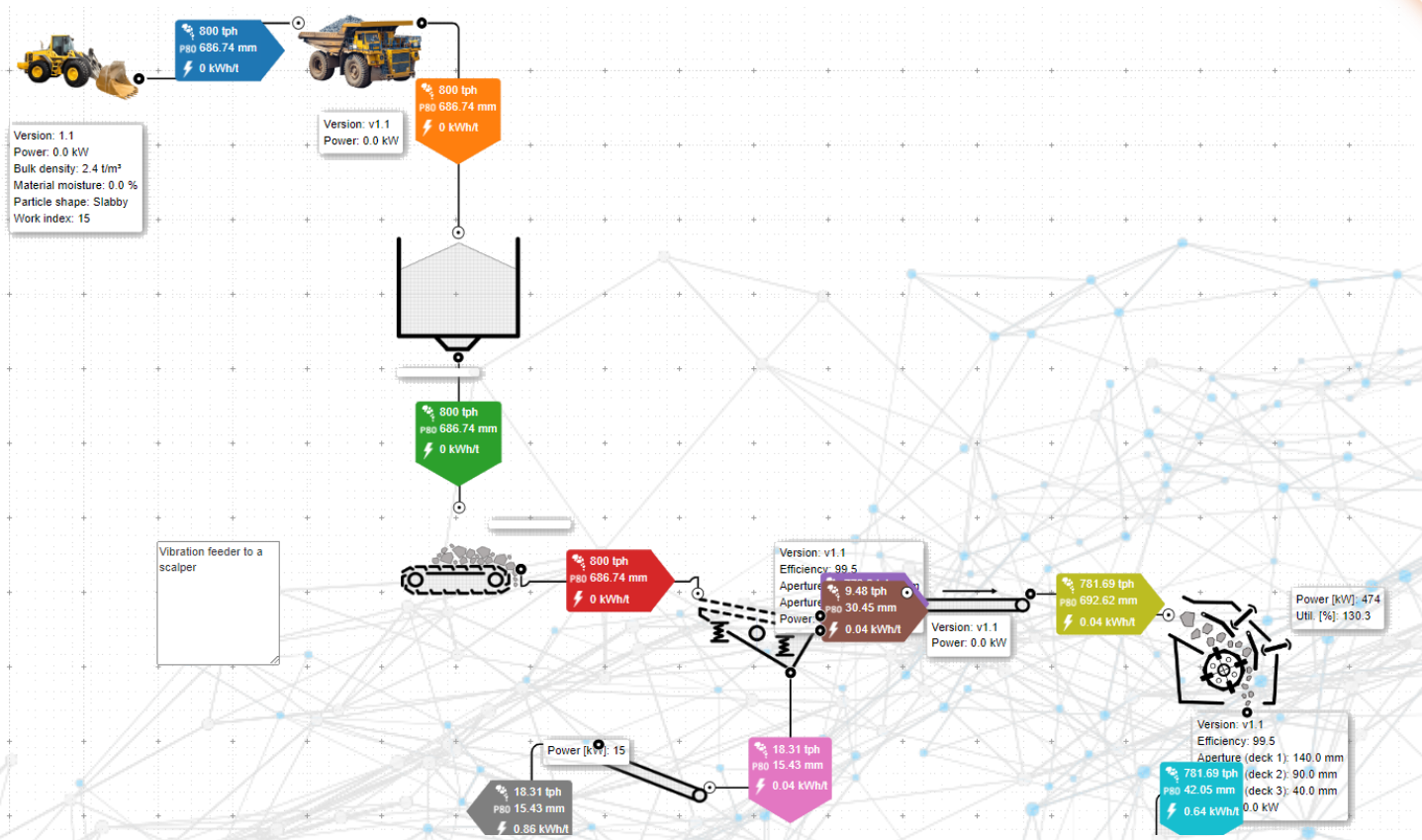
1 ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM EVALUATION AND SIMULATION

- Quantification of the environmental impact of the site.
- Identification of the best practices.
- Reduction of the environmental impact and energy consumption, while improving efficiency in all the processes.



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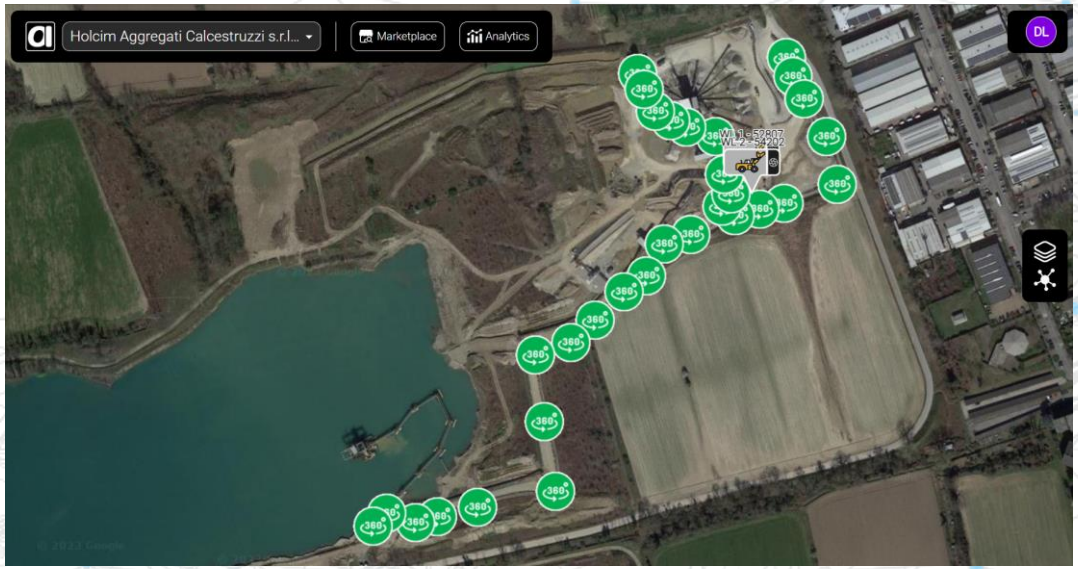
1 RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR WORKERS NEARBY MOBILE MACHINERY AND H&S SYSTEMS FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT

- Identification of the worker in the surrounding machines.
- Location and time of the picture.
- Possibility to include the picture in site according to its location.
- Speed of the machine in the moment of the recognition.



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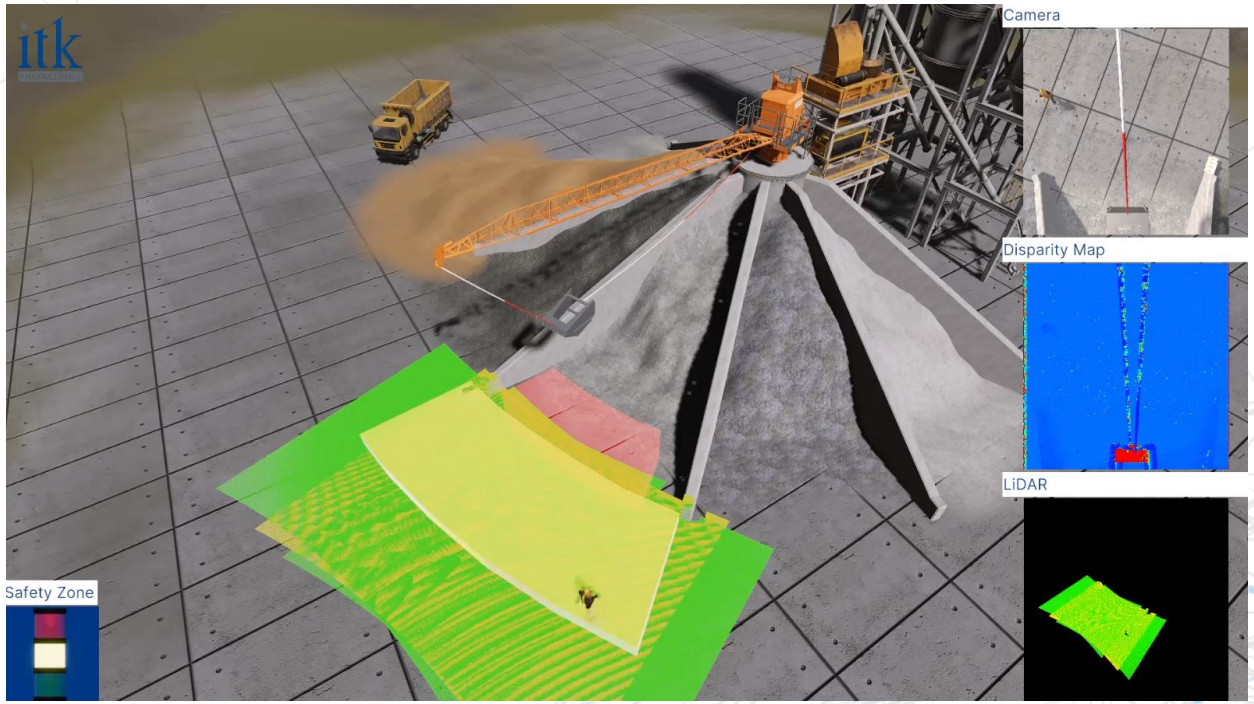
2 H&S SYSTEMS FOR STATIONARY EQUIPMENT

Safeguard system which detects hazardous machine movements by using appropriate sensors.



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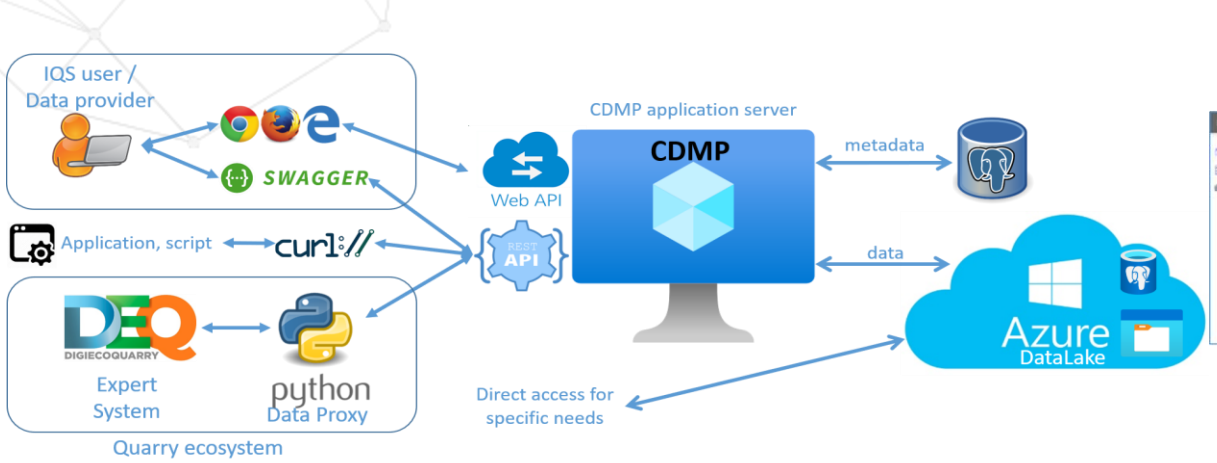
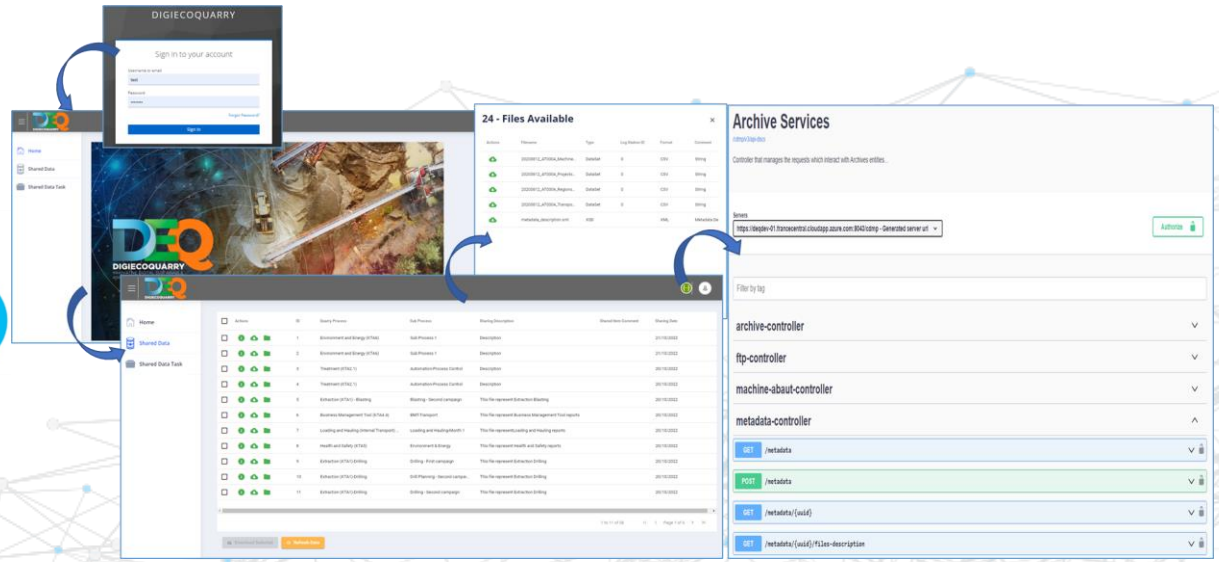
1 IQS

A centralised platform using open-source frameworks. It aims to collect and store data from all parts of the quarries and allows partners and suppliers to browse, access and download data.





The data will be associated with metadata -data description- stored in a global database used to fetch and retrieve data.

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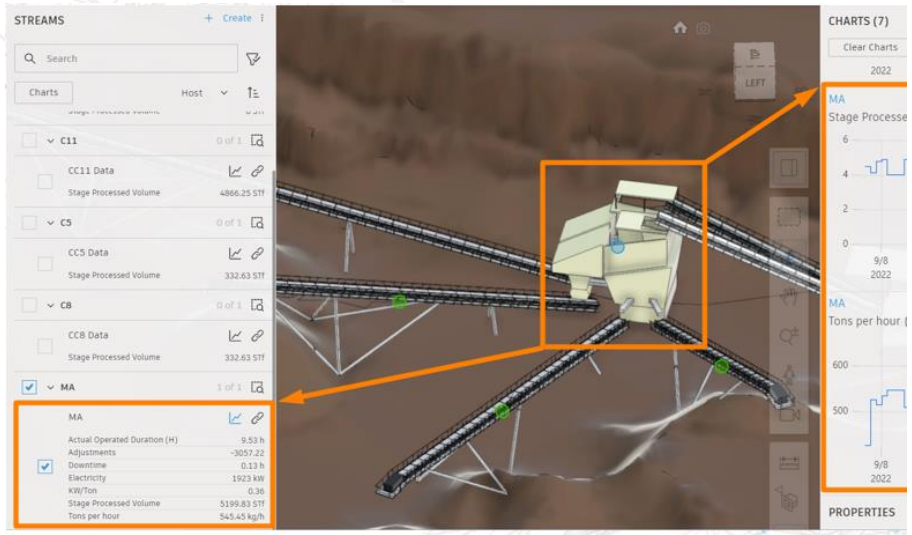
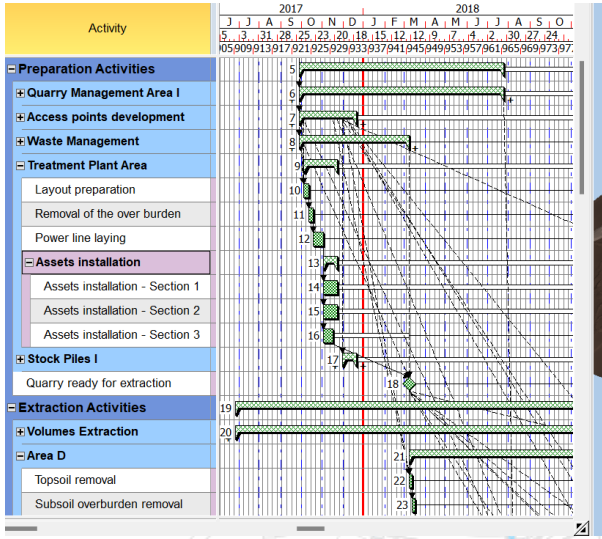
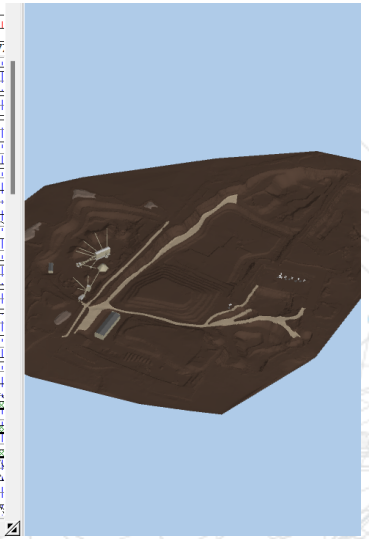
2 BIM

Building Information Modelling extends the three primary spatial dimensions (width, height and depth), incorporating information about time (so-called 4D BIM).







- 3D visualisation.
- Clashes/conflicts visualisation.
- Time planning.
- Works execution optimisation.
- Resource and cost optimisation.

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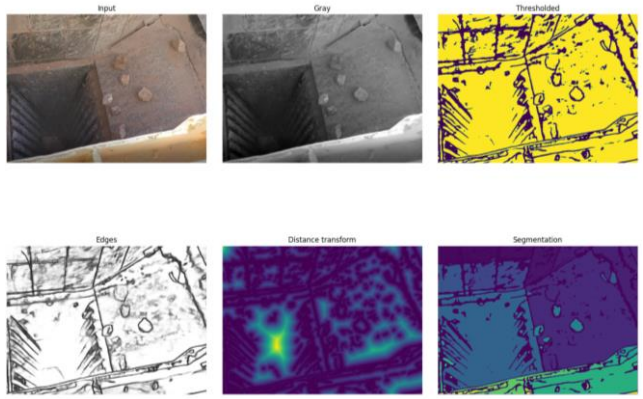
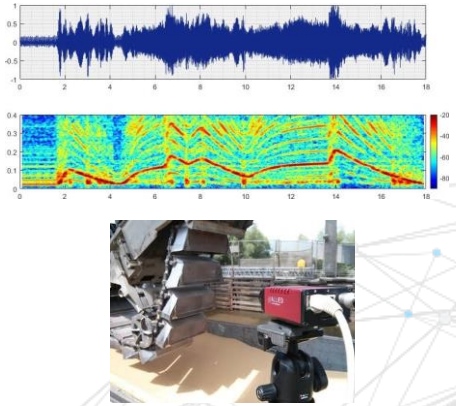
3 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

Aggregate Quality by Colorimetry



Grain Size Determination

Stockpile Volume Calculation



Anomaly Detection of Mechanical Failures

NLP Information and Document Search Engine (MetaQuarry)

Consumptions & Product Forecasting

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The need behind R8

Demand for critical and non-critical **Raw Materials** is **increasing** drastically, but **Europe** heavily **relies on** imports from **third countries.**

Ensure access to a secure, diversified, affordable and **sustainable supply.**

Challenges to face:

Health & Safety

Efficiency & profitability

Environment-friendly

Positive social impact

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Consortium

21
partners

9
different EU countries

Asociación Nacional de Empresarios Fabricantes de Áridos – ANEFA

Advanced Mineral Processing

AGREPOR – CIMPOR

AKKODIS Research

Investigación Centro Tecnológico del Mármol, Piedra y Materiales

Canteras Industriales

Chalmers University of Technology

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Fundación Tormes-EB

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Metso:Outotec

Roctim AB

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Velde Industri AS

Vlaamse Instelling Voor Technologisch Onderzoek Nv (VITO)

Zabala Innovation Consulting

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Goals

Extraction and processing improvement
zero emissions, materials, resources and consumption efficiency.

Circularity, industrial **symbiosis** and waste **valorisation**.

Environmental footprint
assessment, management and monitoring.

Social engagement

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Supporting organisations

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INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Panel composed of **extractive industry's relevant stakeholders** which provides **external input**, **guidance**, and **feedback**.

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euromines
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
UEPG
Direção-Geral de Energia e Geologia
AGGREGATES BUSINESS
GAIN
UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA
CEPCO
Gobierno del Principado de Asturias
ASOGRAVAS

FOLLOWER PROJECTS STEERING COMMITTEE

Board consisting of diverse **mining projects**. R8 will **gather** their **issues**, **integrate** them into its **core**, and **seek** their **solution**.

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MYTILINEOS
INFINITY LITHIUM
Ponderosa ÁRIDOS Y HORMIGONES
Strategic Minerals Spain
QUANTUM MINERIA
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Technologies to be developed

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CANTERAS INDUSTRIALES

Celestite

- Increased celestite recovery
- Reuse of celestite tailing
- Sludge super thickener

VELDE

Granite

- Artificial Vision granulometry control
- Residues valorisation for cement and concrete

HORMISORIA

Sand and gravel
Cassiterite, Monazite
Zircon, Ilmenite

- Use and recovery of CRMs
- 3D sludge printing

LAFARGE

Sand and gravel

- Crushability characterisation
- Water treatment

CIMPOR

Limestone

- Energy-efficient mobile crusher w/ dust and noise minimisation
- Crushability characterisation

- Environmental management platform
- Social engagement strategy
- Interaction with policymakers
- Exploitation plan

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Processing solutions

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FOR CRM OBTENTION

Increased celestite recovery

Combination of spiral technologies and sieves for size separation.

- Suitable fraction of celestite to be detected using spiral technology.
- Dense media methods to be combined with a hydrocyclone for celestite concentration.
- Mix of a Low Intensity Magnetic Separator (LIMS) and a Gravity and Magnetic equipment.
- Recovery processes to be scaled up to a semi-industrial scale.

Sludge super thickener:

Definition of the optimum formulation and quantity of the flocculant.

- Based on the characterisation of the specific flocculant used as a reagent.
- Analysis and optimisation to obtain a malleable sludge easy to reuse and the high fraction of recovered water.
- Processes to be scaled up to the industry.

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Development of a technology to recover valuable minerals and CRMs from aggregates sites

All-in-line processing technology to recover the small fraction of CRMs contained in aggregates production lines.

- Adaption and combination of gravimetric equipment, magnetic and electrostatic separation, flotation and leaching systems to recover the preliminary preconcentrate of CRMs in water.
- Characteristics and yield of the equipment to be analysed and tested.
- Enrichment of the resulting CRMs to be considered and studied so to meet the requirements of commercial mineral products.
- Recovery processes to be deployed to a semi-industrial scale.

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Efficiency solutions

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FOR COMMON PROCESSES

Energy-efficient mobile crushing technology with noise and dust minimisation

To improve the overall sustainability of the crushing process.

- Optimised process flow and crusher control to reduce CO2 emissions, noise and dust.
- Minimisation of the generated fines by process control through on-line data.
- Process design be based on preliminary material tests.
- Fine-tuning with machine vision and capacity measurements.

Innovative RM mechanical and crushability characterisation

New energy-based rock crushability testing method for crushing simulation.

- Evaluation of current rock testing techniques and their applicability for crushing simulation to overcome the lack of accuracy in fines prediction.
- Development of an energy-based rock testing method.
- Evaluation of the aforementioned rock test method for different aggregates or by-products.
- Calculation and comparison of process flow charts for tested materials.

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Advanced Characterisation of Granulometry based on Artificial Vision Systems

To minimise energy requirements and avoid equipment failures.

- Implemented in the crushing stage.
- Automatic detection of the granulometry.
- Monitored, quantified and controlled energy consumption .
- Artificial intelligence, machine learning and cloud computing to improve previous prototypes of AVS tested at laboratory scale.

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Valorisation solutions

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FOR ENHANCED CIRCULARITY

Advanced treatment of water in front of mine

To improve water management

- Based on matter, water and reagents balance.
- Iterations of the initially defined process diagram to be performed.

Valorisation of aggregate washing residue in cement and concrete development

Batches of aggregates washing residue with different compositions will be tested as:

- Concrete filler.
- Supplementary cementitious material (SCM) after co-calcination.
- Lightweight aggregate.

Valorisation of sludges for 3D printing development.

Aggregates and natural stone sludges for additive manufacturing of cement and concrete.

- Granulometric adaptation and sample preparation.
- Dosage tests and fresh characterization.
- Extrusion and applicability tests.

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Valorisation of mine tailings based on geophysics and teledetection development

To enhance mine tailings valorisation

- Geophysical methods teledetection by means of UAV, data acquisition by spectroradiometer, integration of geological/ geophysical data with resource calculation and mine planning software with grade calculations and 3D models.
- All the measurements to be geo-referenced by GPS.

Standardisation, regulation and certification for construction

To improve existing and future standards

- Existing legislation to be analysed and if relevant, recommendations will be elaborated regarding further development of existing standards.
- Development of end-of-waste-criteria: recommendations for further standardisation work.

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Monitoring & Assessment

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FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Mine Closure and Remediation guidelines

Methodology to guide decision-makers regarding M&Q licenses in closure and post-closure actions.

- Geological characterization of the area.
- Mechanical stability of the soil.
- Surface and underground hydrological aspects and acid waste drainage control.
- Contaminated soil management.
- Stabilization and protection of metallurgical waste.
- Reuse of sites and facilities.
- Criteria to develop a geomorphological restoration.
- To be tested in real study cases.

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Environmental Management Platform

A tool for global interoperability of collected data for automatic management decisions support.

- Biodiversity module.
- Process and environmental assessment for resources efficiency module.
- Emission estimation module.
- Environmental risks prediction and management module.
- Energy efficiency module.
- Decision-making module.

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Social and policy aspects

TO RAISE AWARENESS OF RM

Social acceptance and citizen engagement in extractive industries is still one of the pending areas to be fully deployed and understood. It is key to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sites, which includes not only avoiding potential conflicts with local communities but also integrating the extractive activity in the local economy to effectively contribute to local development.

- Promote active participation of the stakeholders in the project.
- Raise social awareness of Raw Materials in EU.
- Develop a plan targeting policy makers.
- Define a Clustering plan to build a collaborative network.
- Ensure transfer of knowledge and cooperation among relevant stakeholders.

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Social aspects

TO EXPLOIT THE PROJECT'S RESULTS

Business plan, exploitation and profitability

To promote ROTATE as a new concept of sustainable mining and quarrying, enabling the sector to establish a new framework for new business strategies based on smart exploitation that will allow the access to currently unavailable RM.

- Exploitation strategy.
- Business plans.
- IPR strategy.
- Cost-benefit analysis.
- Replication analysis for other sites.
- Training of the technologies developed in the project.

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