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## H & B Mining: "The Experts in Conveyor Skirts"

H & B Mining design and supply a range of "Easy Maintenance" conveyor transfer products to the Australian mining industry with the aim of providing a safer, easier to maintain and more efficient working environment at conveyor transfer points.

H & B Mining was established in April 1993 with the promise of providing a standalone conveyor design service tailored to accommodate the mines of Australia. After witnessing maintenance crews struggling to maintain and change out poorly designed products for conveyor transfers H & B decided to expand its portfolio by developing its own range of 'Easy Maintenance Products' for conveyor transfer points including: conveyor idlers, conveyor skirting systems, hinged dust covers, conveyor guards, conveyor diversion plough, streamline conveyor transfer design and the retractable loading boot.

The "Easy Maintenance" conveyor product range harnesses H & B's vast experience in the field along with the innovative design technology nurtured over the years within the H & B design team. The Australian mining industry has benefited from H & B's toil, witnessing enhanced overall productivity, reduced shutdown time and improved safety whilst gaining cost effective mining conveyor operations. H & B Mining products have been installed as mine standard by Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Roy Hill and FMG, amongst others.

## Drop Down Idler

The H & B easy maintenance drop down idler provides a quick, easy, safe and economical way to change out worn or damaged idler rollers on a mining conveyor.

One person can change out rollers by removing a locking pin to release the roller support frame from its operational position. A bottle jack or hydraulic cylinder is then used to lower the roller support frame away from the conveyor belt to create an opening between belt and rollers sufficient enough to allow access for removal or insertion of rollers without the need to lift the belt. Incorporating such an easy maintenance system ensures that worn rollers are changed out on a regular basis which in turn guarantees a consistent belt line beneath the skirted area.

A consistent belt line with a well maintained skirting system reduces spillage down to an absolute minimum, eliminates material build up around transfer areas and generally enhances the overall productivity of the conveyor materials handling system.