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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.

## Easy Maintenance Segmented Skirt System for Conveyors

The development of the segmented Easy Maintenance Skirt heralds a dawn of the changing out of skirt liners from the outside of chute and skirted areas. Whilst all of the recognised Easy Maintenance features of the skirt remain, for example the skirt rubber clamping system and vertical liner adjustment, having the ability to access skirt liners externally is an enormous step forward in terms of safety and time saving.

An individual can simply inspect and change out worn or damaged liners safely and within a matter of minutes without the requirement of a confined space entry permit. By utilizing the *eco-light skirt liner* with the segmented skirt design, the combined mass of the liner and removable panel is reduced by 40% making all lifts below 20kg. The eco-light skirt liner is a cast ni-hard liner and when supplied is 100% compatible with the mine standard skirt liners. The eco-light has the same longevity and performs the same function as all standard skirt liners. This innovative step forward in skirt maintenance will make conveyor transfers safer, cleaner and more productive.