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Welcome to our Forge newsletter July 2026

As we celebrate **45 years of Maptek**, I've reflected on what makes us unique. For over four decades, we've partnered with mining companies worldwide to solve complex challenges through innovation and collaboration.

As the only major independent mining software company, we remain focused on creating value by thinking differently.

What makes me most proud is our people. Recent employee feedback highlighted the qualities that define us: problem solving, continuous learning, collaboration and enthusiasm for the future of mining technology. These have been central to our success and will continue to shape our future.

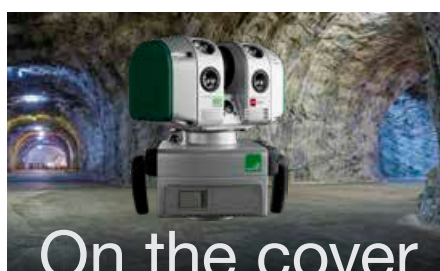
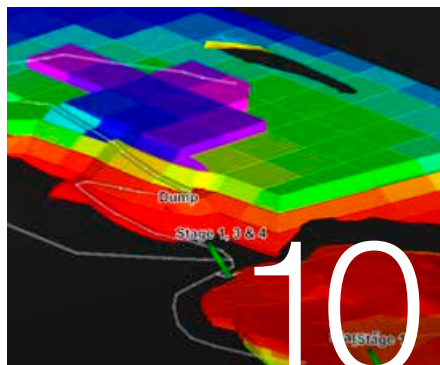
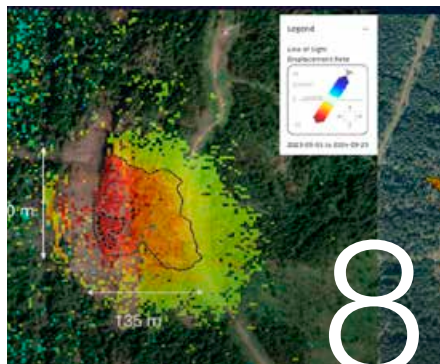
This edition of Forge showcases innovation across the mining value chain – from geotechnical monitoring and mine planning to AI-driven workflows, laser scanning and decision support technologies that are helping customers work more safely, efficiently and sustainably.

And around the world, we're bringing people together to explore the technologies shaping the future of mining. From our User Conferences in Chile, Mexico and Australia to workshops and webinars across Africa and North America, we're fostering learning, collaboration and innovation.

Whether you've worked with Maptek for years or are just getting to know us, we look forward to innovating together and building a smarter future for mining.

Eduardo Coloma
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Introducing the Maptek NS4

Meet the new NS4 laser scanner, delivering the accuracy, flexibility and connectivity needed for modern spatial data capture.

What if a single scanner could support underground mining, surface operations, tunnelling and civil projects—while making field-to-office workflows faster and more connected?

That's the thinking behind the new Maptek™ NS4 laser scanner, a compact, survey-grade laser scanner and image sensor designed to deliver accurate spatial data capture across a wide range of environments and applications.

Combining long-range measurement, high-resolution imagery, positional tracking and built-in illumination for low-light environments, the NS4 captures reliable three-dimensional geometry and optional panoramic imagery to support survey validation, geotechnical assessment, operational measurement and engineering review.

Smaller. Smarter. Connected.

Designed for versatility and ease of deployment, the NS4 brings together powerful scanning capability and a lightweight, portable form factor.

Whether operating underground, on a surface mine, within a tunnel or on a civil construction project, teams can quickly capture the information they need with confidence.

A wide 360° × 260° field of view enables faster data acquisition in complex environments, while built-in LED illumination supports reliable operation in underground and other low-light conditions.

The NS4 can be controlled using the FieldControl app on Apple and Android devices, providing flexible mobile operation in the field. Existing users can also continue working

with FieldHHC software, helping teams integrate the scanner into established workflows.

One scanner, multiple applications

The NS4 has been developed to support collaborative workflows across mining, tunnelling, civil construction, BIM, engineering and forensic applications.

The combination of survey-grade accuracy, portability and wide-angle acquisition makes it suitable for everything from routine survey tasks to specialised investigations. Teams can efficiently move between scanning locations, reduce setup time and capture comprehensive site data with fewer repositioning requirements.

By using a single system across multiple environments and applications, organisations can simplify equipment deployment while maintaining consistency in data quality and workflows.

From data capture to decision-making

Capturing data is only the first step. The NS4 is designed to support more connected workflows that improve how information moves from the field to the office.

Using Maptek Data System (MDS), scan data can be pushed from the field control devices to the cloud, enabling office teams or preconfigured workflows to begin processing, reviewing and analysing data while the scanner remains deployed in the field.



Ideal for underground applications: mines, tunnels and roads.



This reduces delays between capture and interpretation, allowing surveyors, geologists and engineers to identify issues, validate coverage and make informed decisions sooner.

By connecting field operations with office-based processing, organisations can streamline data handoff, minimise downtime and accelerate the delivery of actionable results.

Integration with Maptek workflows enables efficient collaboration across sites and disciplines, helping teams move seamlessly from data capture to modelling, analysis and decision-making.

The Maptek NS4 delivers the accuracy, flexibility and connectivity

needed for modern spatial data capture – helping organisations collect better information, streamline workflows and gain greater value from every scan.

Key elements of the NS4

- > Compact and lightweight for easy transport and deployment
- > Survey-grade accuracy and long-range measurement capability
- > Wide 360° × 260° field of view for faster capture
- > High-resolution imagery and positional tracking for enhanced context
- > Built-in LED illumination for underground and low-light environments
- > Mobile-device operation via the FieldControl app

From vision to value

Together Maptek and PETRA deliver their first integrated workflow designed to simplify complex mining processes and unlock value.

Mining is entering a new era of orebody intelligence and the partnership between Maptek™ and PETRA is already proving what's possible.

Following Maptek's acquisition of PETRA earlier this year, the two businesses have moved quickly from strategic alignment to practical innovation, delivering their first integrated workflow designed to simplify complex mining processes and unlock operational value.

A shared purpose built on orebody knowledge

Maptek and PETRA have a joint purpose of creating value across the mining lifecycle, so taking the step to unite cemented a shared commitment to unlocking value through deeper orebody knowledge and geological variability.



Maptek Chairman Peter Johnson and PETRA CEO Dr Penny Stewart

'PETRA invented digital mine to mill AI software, and remains well ahead of the industry,' said Peter Johnson, Chairman of Maptek.

'By bringing PETRA fully into the Maptek group, we can support their continued innovation while delivering even greater value to our customers.'

Solving a persistent industry problem

The first integration project between PETRA and Maptek focuses on a challenge familiar to many mining teams: manual data handling.

Historically, applying advanced blast optimisation recommendations from PETRA's MAXTADrill&Blast® software inside Maptek Vulcan™ required manual input and rework.

Even when AI-generated recommendations were available, time constraints and disconnected workflows often prevented operations teams from fully realising their true value. The new integration changes that completely.

Mining engineers can now directly import AI-generated blast design parameters from MAXTA into Vulcan with a single click.

Users can immediately apply optimisation objectives including cost and confidence-based parameters without the inefficiencies and risks of manual data transfer, resulting in a faster, more seamless workflow that makes advanced orebody intelligence easier to access and act on.

What makes this integration significant is its practical focus. It's designed to remove friction between systems and enable

teams to operationalise AI-driven insights in everyday workflows.

This is especially important in drill and blast operations, where rapid decision-making and execution directly impact downstream productivity and value recovery.

The solution is available to existing and new customers as a standard complimentary upgrade, helping operations immediately benefit from improved workflow efficiency and optimisation capability.

Building toward an automated mining ecosystem

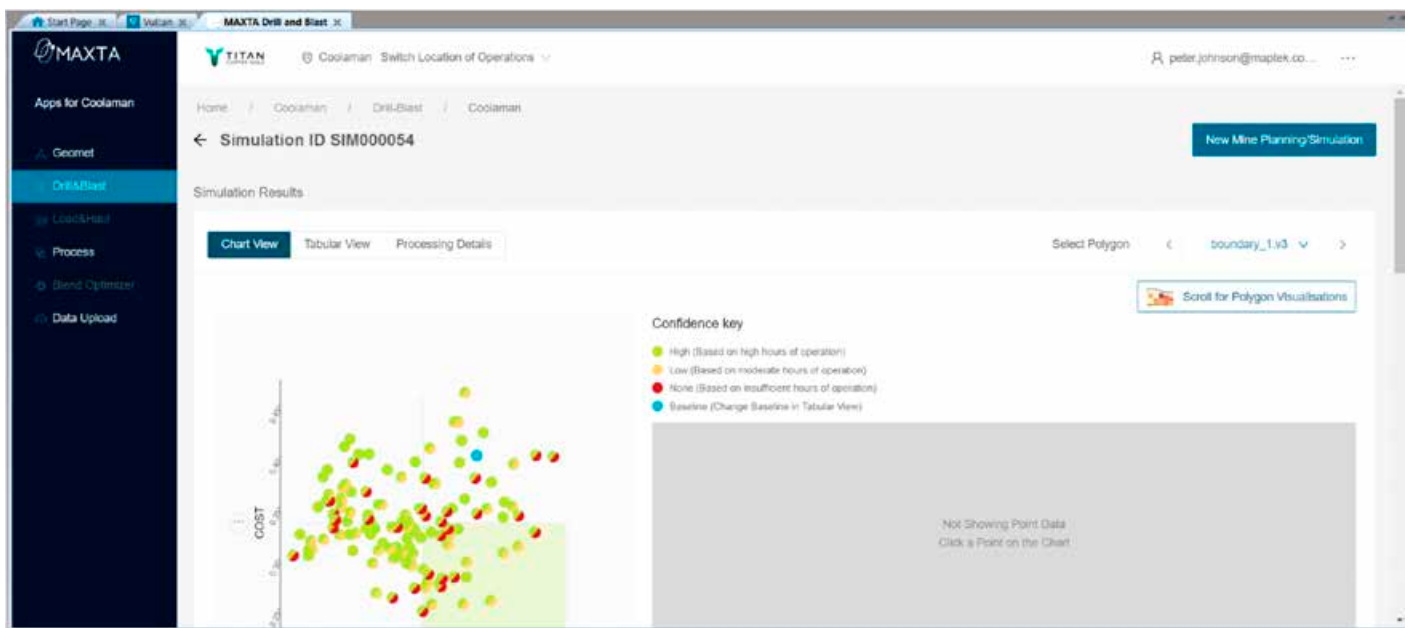
The integration forms part of Maptek's broader automation strategy through the Vestrex™ platform, which enables automation of data management, computation, workflows and decision support across the mining value chain.

Over the next year, MAXTA capabilities will be enabled in Vestrex, allowing customers to automate and manage their technical ecosystems more holistically.

Future integration work is already planned for MAXTAGeomet® products, with downstream performance predictions expected to integrate into Maptek Vulcan and Evolution workflows for mine planning and scheduling.

Redefining orebody intelligence together

The vision is clear: connect orebody intelligence directly to operational decision-making across every stage of mining, from resource estimation through to scheduling and execution.



A new integration between PETRA's MAXTA products and Maptek's software connects the AI-generated blast design parameters recommended by MAXTADrill&Blast with Vulcan design tools.

With their first integration already delivering measurable workflow improvements for planning teams, the Maptek and PETRA partnership is moving quickly and purposefully, to further transform the way miners access and act on critical orebody knowledge.

Together, Maptek and PETRA are combining their mining expertise, AI-driven orebody learning and integrated workflows to help mining organisations unlock more value from geological variability.

PETRA CEO Dr Penny Stewart puts it simply:

'Maptek and PETRA speak the same language. We share the same fundamental purpose: using orebody knowledge to create value across the mine value chain.'



Peter Johnson, Penny Stewart and the PETRA team

When millimetres matter

Discover how Elk Valley Resources used PointStudio to reveal subtle ground movement, strengthening geotechnical confidence through integrated monitoring technologies.

Elk Valley Resources (EVR) operates four steelmaking open-pit coal mines in the Elk Valley region of southeastern British Columbia, Canada, where proactive geotechnical hazard identification and risk management are critical components of safe and efficient operations.

To support these objectives, EVR employs a combination of in-ground instrumentation and remote sensing technologies to monitor ground conditions, assess slope performance, and identify early signs of instability.

As part of a long-term slope deformation assessment at one of EVR's operations, multi-epoch aerial LiDAR and satellite-based InSAR datasets were integrated to evaluate ground movement across waste rock dumps, natural rock slopes, and historic pit wall exposures.

Maptek™ PointStudio™ software served as the primary platform for integrating, visualising, editing, and analysing these large multi-source datasets within a single three-dimensional environment.

The software enabled efficient integration of LiDAR surfaces, InSAR displacement

measurements, geological structures, georeferenced field photographs, and site observations, providing valuable geological and spatial context for interpretation.

Analysis undertaken within PointStudio revealed that year-to-year comparisons generally indicated minimal movement; however, assessment over the full 15-year monitoring period identified measurable cumulative deformation that would not have been readily apparent through shorter-term evaluations.

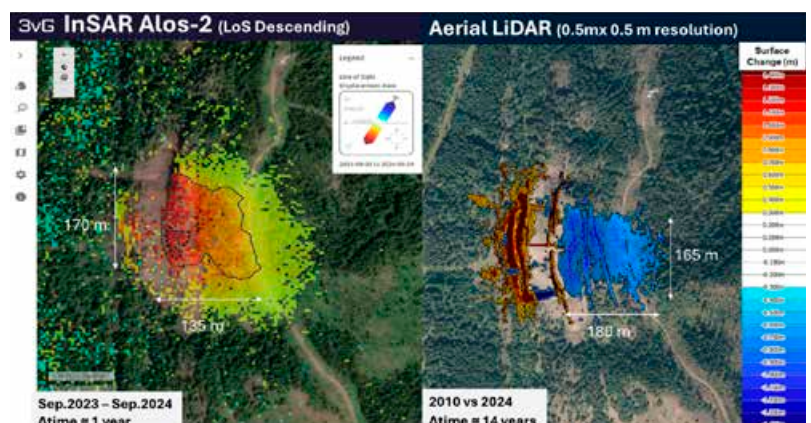
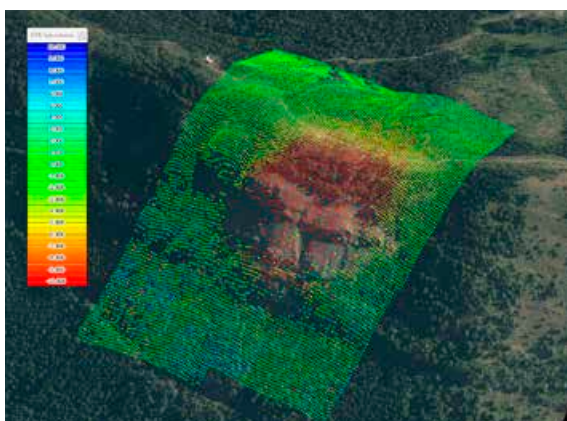
No significant movement was detected within the monitored waste rock dumps, providing confidence in their long-term stability. In contrast, a distinct subsidence hotspot measuring approximately 150 m x 200 m was identified and independently validated using both LiDAR and InSAR datasets.

The deformation feature is located directly above historical underground coal workings developed during the late 1960s. The observed deformation pattern is characterised by very slow, long-term surface subsidence and is interpreted to represent a

delayed ground response associated with progressive weathering, degradation, and localised yielding of remnant pillar-supported underground workings. Based on these findings, in-ground monitoring systems, including prism and GPS instrumentation, have been deployed and are being actively monitored to continuously track deformation trends in the area of interest.

Maptek PointStudio has proven to be a valuable tool for EVR's Geotechnical Department by providing an intuitive and efficient platform for managing, integrating, and visualising large volumes of monitoring data.

The workflow supports data-driven geotechnical decision-making, enhances hazard identification, facilitates validation between independent monitoring technologies, and significantly improves confidence in the interpretation of long-term slope and ground performance.



3D Integration of InSAR, LiDAR, and Deformation analysis in PointStudio

Driving success

Maptek was instrumental in advancing the mine design strategy at one of the world's largest mining projects.

The Maptek™ Technical Services team has deepened its partnership with Rio Tinto on the Simandou project in a collaborative relationship which has strengthened over the course of two and a half years.

The Simandou project in the Republic of Guinea, West Africa, is Rio Tinto's largest single capital investment and Africa's most extensive mining and infrastructure development, with over 1.5 billion tonnes of high-grade iron ore.

In late 2023, Rio Tinto reached out to Maptek for our expertise in design execution at Simandou. The huge scale of the project, coupled with challenging terrain, meant that an exceptional level of precision and coordination was required. With capable tools, highly skilled users, and comprehensive technical knowledge, Maptek was well suited for the task at hand.

During 2023–2024, Maptek focused on the development phase of the project, creating access routes and mining plans across complex topography. By 2026, this work has evolved to a more advanced stage which focuses further on staging design. While initial efforts targeted a five-year plan, the team soon expanded to a full life-of-mine (LOM) approach, covering 11 stages.

Maptek Vulcan™ Automated Pit Designer (APD) created a 'final' design for each stage. APD decreases turnaround time dramatically, allowing users to quickly make changes to ramp and wall locations so that the most desirable solution is identified in a short time. This allows for minimal disruption to operations, crucially with each phase of mining integrating seamlessly with each other while maintaining access to mill and waste dump areas.



The adoption of Vulcan's advanced software suite has helped to improve design speed, accuracy, and integration compared with earlier, more manual phases.

Pit/dump design tools were used to integrate geotechnical data from the block model, ensuring compliance with safety and structural parameters. The 2025 release of the Build Road Tool further enhanced efficiencies by simplifying ex-pit road design and reducing manual work, and the team has also used Vulcan Gantt Scheduler for visualisation and reporting purposes.

Continuous feedback between the Maptek design team and Rio Tinto's on-site engineers ensures that digital models translate effectively into real-world results. Ahmed Gad Shams El-Din, Senior Mine Planning Engineer at Rio Tinto said:

'The collaboration with Maptek has been instrumental in advancing our mine design strategy at Simandou.'

'Their technical expertise and tools have enabled us to progress from high-level concepts to fully optimised designs, incorporating our learnings to deliver the safest and most efficient options with speed and



View of Rio Tinto's Simandou project in Guinea, West Africa

precision. This partnership ensures that our designs are robust, efficient, and adaptable to the unique challenges of the terrain, setting a strong foundation for safe and sustainable operations.'

Maptek's focus is now on optimising each stage's efficiency while remaining flexible to topographic, technological, and operational changes. The goal is to build sustainable, long-term safety and productivity. The Simandou project exemplifies how collaborative design and advanced software like Vulcan can drive large-scale mining success. Maptek is proud to support Rio Tinto in delivering one of the world's largest and most complex mining developments.

Unlocking more value with Evolution

Explore how Evolution is providing an integrated scheduling environment that enables planners to generate practical, optimised schedules from a single source of truth.

In today's mining environment, the pressure to maximise project value while managing costs, sustainability targets and operational complexity has never been greater.

The challenge for mine planners is not a lack of data—it's turning data into practical, high-value decisions across every stage of the mine lifecycle.

Maptek™ Evolution is helping miners do exactly that.

Designed to bridge the gap between strategic planning and operational execution, Evolution provides an integrated scheduling environment that enables planners to generate practical, optimised schedules from a single source of truth.

By connecting planning horizons within a single environment, Evolution reduces the rework and inconsistencies that often arise when long-term strategies are translated into operational schedules. Teams gain greater confidence that plans are practical, achievable and aligned across the business.

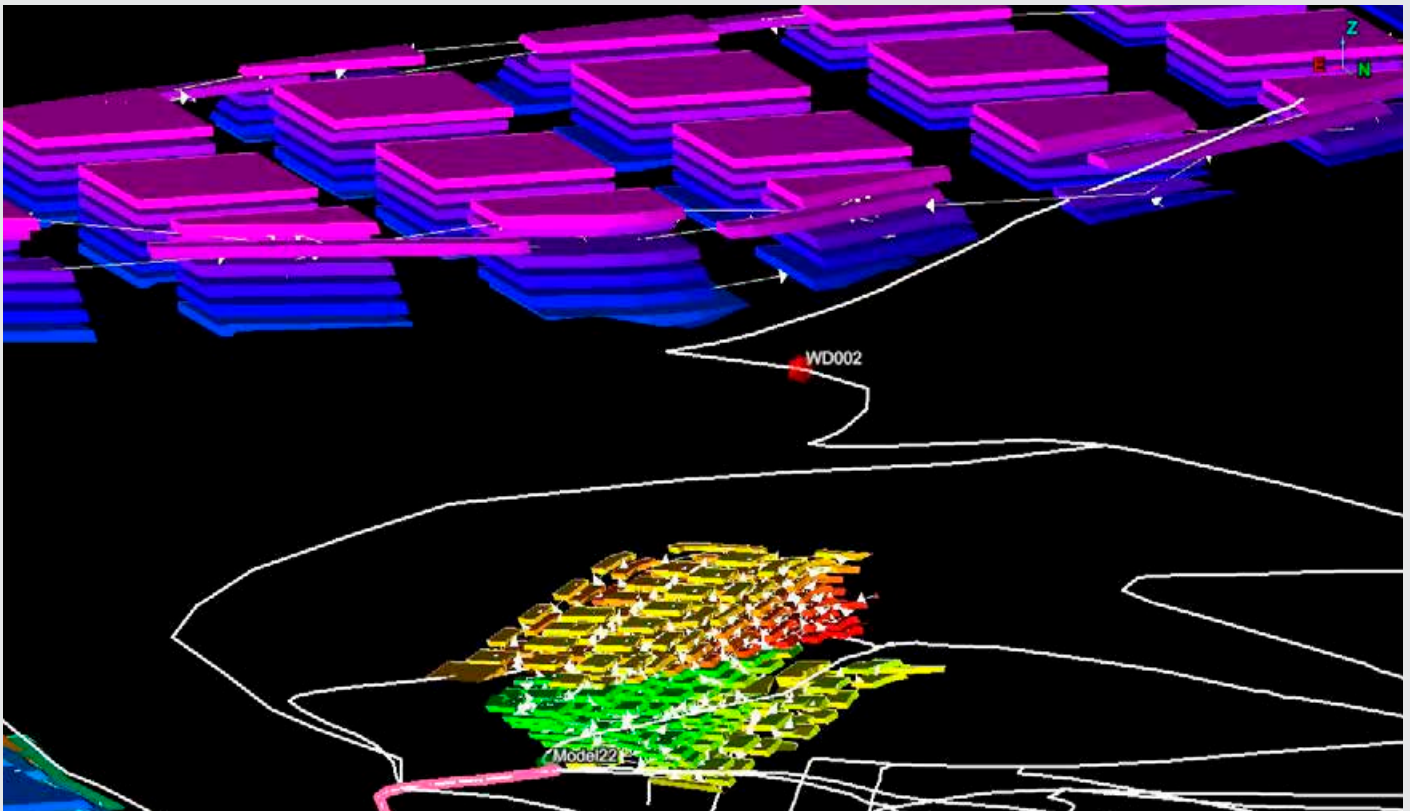
Through connected short, medium and long-term planning horizons, mining teams can make informed decisions that maximise the value of deposits without simplifying data.

At the heart of Evolution is powerful optimisation technology capable of evaluating thousands of potential scenarios.

Using proven cut-off grade optimisation techniques alongside integrated haulage and waste management considerations, the software identifies opportunities to improve net present value (NPV), reduce operating costs and enhance productivity.

Unlike traditional approaches that often require separate datasets and disconnected workflows, Evolution creates consistency across the entire mine lifecycle.

Planners can rapidly compare alternatives, assess trade-offs and understand how decisions made today will impact future production, processing and profitability.



Evolution helps turn strategic plans into practical, optimised schedules.

A key advantage is the ability to run multiple solutions in parallel using high-performance cloud computing.

These solutions continually ‘learn from’ one another, generating increasingly effective outcomes that reflect the complexities of modern mining operations. This approach allows organisations to explore more options in less time and identify opportunities that may otherwise remain hidden.

The benefits extend well beyond production scheduling.

Integrated haulage optimisation helps reduce fleet operating costs, while waste dump optimisation can defer capital expenditure, lower land clearing requirements and support more efficient rehabilitation planning.

By considering these factors together, both financial and environmental gains can be achieved throughout the life of an operation.

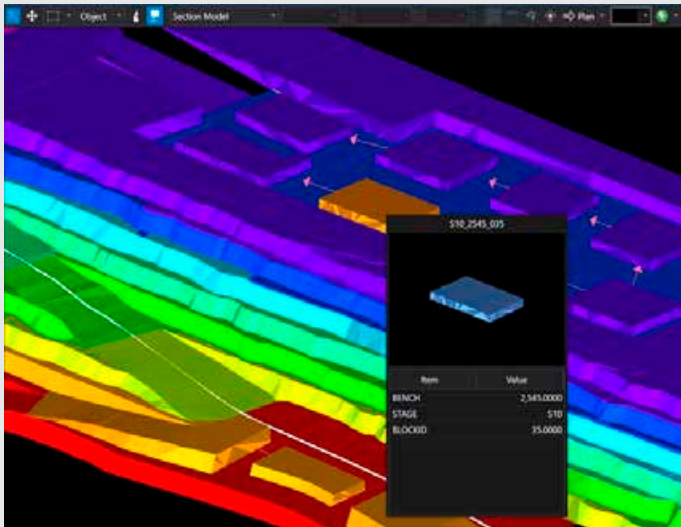
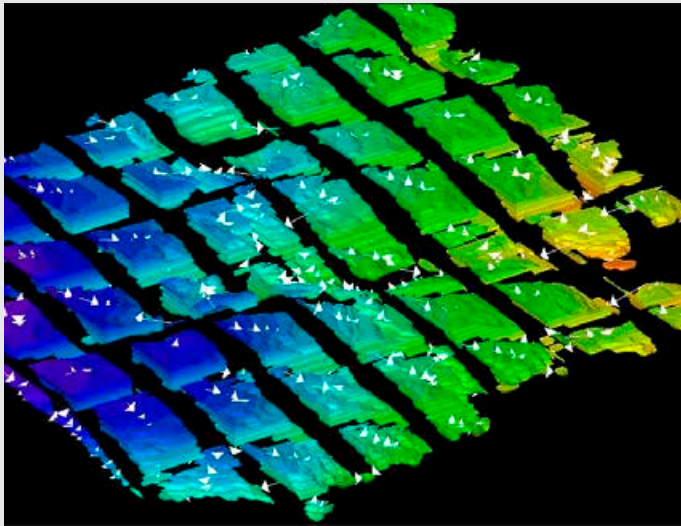
For organisations managing multiple mines, processing streams or competing objectives, Evolution provides a holistic scheduling framework capable of addressing complex challenges within a single solution.

From meeting blending targets and product specifications to managing dynamic haulage routes and waste allocation, planners gain greater visibility and control over every aspect of the schedule. The impact can be significant.

Mining companies using advanced optimisation techniques have reported improvements in project value, faster schedule generation and lower planning costs. Just as importantly, they gain the flexibility to respond with confidence to changing market conditions, operational constraints and evolving business priorities.

Delivered as a software-as-a-service solution, Evolution is designed for rapid deployment and ease of use.

Organisations can begin generating optimised schedules quickly, allowing teams to focus less on managing software and more on driving value from their mining assets.



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As mining operations seek smarter, more integrated planning solutions, Evolution is redefining what's possible—transforming data into better decisions, improved performance and greater long-term value.

Supporting mining's next generation

Discover how Maptek is investing in future mining professionals through university partnerships, student awards and industry development opportunities.

Partnerships with universities and tertiary institutions around the world are helping shape the next generation of mining and technology professionals.

By fostering valuable knowledge and skills, we're helping graduates build the foundations they need to transition confidently into industry.

Read about some of the ways Maptek™ is supporting students and nurturing the skills needed for their next steps in mining.

Method for success

Maptek's sponsorship of an annual award presented by the Western Australian School of Mines (WASM) at Curtin University in Perth helps shine a light on outstanding Mining Methods and Processes students.

The standout student who receives the highest average score is awarded the Maptek prize for Most Outstanding Performance.



Shaun Seah at the Prize Giving Ceremony with Maptek's Deyna Moreno and Head of WASM, Professor Mark Buntine.

This year the award went to Shaun Seah, who achieved an average of 77% in a cohort of 160 students, completed while he was working full time at Iluka Resources.

Shaun said he didn't expect to win the award, making it a pleasant

surprise to be invited to the WA School of Mines Prize Giving Ceremony.

'I have previously worked with data from Maptek laser scanners, so I was familiar with the company's products and grateful for their sponsorship,' he said.

'The award means a lot to me, especially as I was working full time in the mines whilst studying for this unit. It has encouraged me to do the best I can.'

Shaun is now focused on completing the course and looking at his next career goal – to progress a career in mining engineering.

'I hope to combine my prior experience as a geologist to achieve innovative solutions.'

We wish Shaun all the best for the next chapter of his career.

Space exploration, robots or AI?

Kai Westlake is weighing up his options after winning the 2026 Maptek Computer Science prize at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. The annual prize is awarded to the top performing student in second-year Computer Science subjects, and with the versatility of this qualification Kai believes his career options are broad and flexible.

'What I love most about computer science is how versatile it is.

Software is used in so many areas, from video games and productivity apps to healthcare systems and robots,' he said.

'The underlying skills are also highly transferable, which makes the field feel flexible and full of possibility. I

also like that there are always new applications for software. Recent advances in generative AI, for example, have made it possible to tackle problems that once seemed almost impossible. It makes the field feel forward-looking and exciting.'

How did Kai achieve such great results?

'Two of the main factors for me have been time management and understanding requirements.'

'Roughly planning each week helps me spread work out more evenly and avoid the pressure of leaving things to the last minute. I also try to set aside blocks of time to work with full focus and no distractions.'

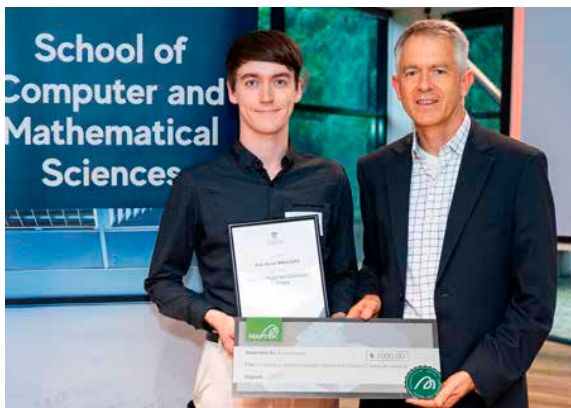
'Aiming to finish assignments a few days early makes study less stressful and gives me more time to improve the final result.'

'For school or university assignments, understanding requirements comes down to carefully reading both the task sheet and the marking rubric, identifying what is expected, and clarifying any ambiguities with a teacher if needed.'

Kai has maintained this approach since high school, and its importance has only become clearer through software and systems engineering studies.

'In high school I was interested in areas like space exploration, robots and artificial intelligence, and that interest is still there.'

'More broadly, I would like to work on systems that are genuinely useful and have a meaningful impact. I have not yet settled on one specific area, but I know I want to contribute to work that makes a real difference.'



Kai Westlake with Maptek's Simon Ratcliffe accepting his award.

'I think this award will help me stand out to employers as proof of my ability to work hard and build competence across different areas of the field.'

'I hope this recognition from a respected company like Maptek will help me pursue opportunities and begin my career in the industry.'

'I look forward to continuing to learn and eventually contributing to something that makes a positive impact on people's lives.'

We wish Kai well on his journey ahead.

A challenge worth taking

Earlier this year we shared results of our 2025 Maptek Geology Challenge, with the awards going to Dr Jen Ellis, Superintendent of Mine Geology & Resource at Rio Tinto Kennecott (first prize), Master's student at Clausthal University of Technology, Bahati Moshally (second prize) and Josh Maurer of Carmeuse North America (third prize).

Second prize winner Bahati Moshally was particularly impressive because it was the very first time he had used Maptek DomainMCF and GeologyCore – a testament to both his agility and the intuitive nature of these tools. A winning combination!

So we dug a little deeper with Bahati to find out what motivated him to enter the competition and how he found the challenge.

'I had heard about the challenge last year and had been curious about DomainMCF for quite some time. I'm currently a Master's student at Clausthal University of Technology in Germany, working on a thesis that involves geological modelling and grade estimation,' he said.

'The program offers a wide range of courses that allow students to specialise according to their interests. One of the modules, Mineral Resources, includes courses on economic geology and geostatistics, which is the module from which I selected my thesis topic.'

'When I saw the Maptek Geology Challenge, I recognised an opportunity to test DomainMCF using the dataset from my thesis and explore how it could support my research,' he said.

He found that Maptek geology solutions addressed nearly every need for developing a geological model, and GeologyCore gave exceptional flexibility for interpretation, allowing modelling of a wide range of geological features.

'Both products exceeded my expectations. GeologyCore's implicit modelling tools offer excellent control over object shapes, allowing me to align the model with my geological interpretation. DomainMCF has broadened my perspective and provided a valuable reference for refining and improving my interpretations.'

'What I also really liked was the seamless integration with Vulcan and DomainMCF.'

'The way Maptek products are managed within the Maptek Workbench, where settings can be applied across different solutions, makes for a great user experience.'

'And the ability to publish directly to Vulcan or launch DomainMCF from GeologyCore is extremely convenient. Even in the short time I've worked with Maptek tools, I've really enjoyed the experience.'

Bahati was able to upskill very quickly during this challenge and felt the experience strengthened his geological modelling skills, gave him new perspectives and allowed him to connect with peers in the field.

'I improved my skills in interpreting structural data, especially faults. This is a fundamental skill that applies across many areas, including geological modelling for resource estimation, mine planning, and geotechnical assessments,' he said.

'I strongly recommend the Geology challenge—it accelerated my learning, gave me access to professional-grade tools, and assisted me with my thesis.'

'I look forward to continuing to use Maptek solutions in my future career and to sharing the value of these tools with others in the geological and mining community.'



Clausthal University of Technology Master's student and second prize winner in the 2025 Maptek Geology Challenge Bahati Moshally.

Global activities



Celebrating 45 years of Maptek at our headquarters in Adelaide, Australia.



Attendees at the Maptek workshop breakfast – Advancing Mining Safety and Technology at PDAC 2026 in Toronto, Canada.



Eduardo Coloma joined the Edinburgh team in Scotland as they relocated from their 'home' of 20 years to their new office on George Street.



Customers taking in a session at our two-day Technical Forum in the Hunter Valley, Australia.



Mike Husbands, Simon Johnston, Peter Johnson & Deyna Moreno at the Iron Ore Open Pit Operators Conference in Perth, Australia.



Our South African team gathered together to kick off the new financial year.



Richard Doyle, Craig Domoney & David Brierty attended the Australian Mining Review (AMR) Safety Summit in Perth, Australia, with Adam McGuckin. Craig presented a workshop on Improving Underground Mobile Mechanised Mining Productivity with Safety in Mind.

Global activities



Eduardo Coloma hosted the leadership team from Austmine, who visited our Adelaide office, in Australia.



Eduardo Coloma hosted the leadership team from Austmine, who visited our manufacturing facility in Adelaide, Australia.



Keith Lee, Fred Busche, Christie Myburgh, James Mackenzie, Amanda Wahrer, Jeremy Andre & Clayton Fritz at CIM Connect 2026 in Vancouver, Canada.



Bryn Ventura, Cameron Baker & Amanda Davis at the Elko Mining Expo in Nevada, USA.



Our team engaging with visitors to the Maptek booth at Exponor Chile 2026.



Khiem Pham, James Moncrieff, Syed Sattar & Nick Harrop were discussing all things geospatial technology at Excel London in the UK.



Eduardo Coloma participated in a panel discussion on Securing the Future: Peru's Role in Critical Minerals and Resilient Supply Chains at GRX 2026 in Perth, Australia.



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