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AMPCONTROL PURCHASES ANDROCK TO EXPAND AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE AND CAPABILITY

- Ampcontrol acquires Hunter-based Androck Engineering & Mining Pty Limited
- Acquisition marks first purchase by Ampcontrol following full ownership by investment house Washington H. Soul Pattinson in 2022
- Investment backs strategic plans for growth and expansion in renewable energy manufacturing to support the transition to a low-carbon economy

Ampcontrol, Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company, has today announced the acquisition of Hunter-based Androck Engineering & Mining Pty Limited (Androck).

Established in 2006, Androck began as an exclusively based repair-supplied company to support the Australasian underground mining industry. Initially starting as a specialised component overhauling facility, it has grown into a substantial supply & manufacture operation, including the engineering & re-engineering of many problem issues in the underground mining sector.

"There is a great opportunity for the industry when Ampcontrol and Androck combine their offerings. Androck's extensive mechanical and machining expertise, capability, and manufacturing operations will enable Ampcontrol to further accelerate the development of our energy and electromotive solutions at scale to support industry decarbonisation," says **Rod Henderson, Ampcontrol Managing Director & CEO**.

Androck has five workshops located in Rutherford, NSW, and has capabilities in machining, fabrication, hydraulics, and electrical repairs. They conduct equipment services and overhauls, including continuous miners, shuttle cars, and multi-bolters.

"Keeping manufacturing jobs within Australia has always been important to me. With a workforce of 65 people, I'm excited to see how the Androck product offerings and skilled people can support Ampcontrol, its customers and the wider industry to help make net zero a reality," says **Darren Rockley, Androck Managing Director & Owner**.

"Knowing Androck will be going to the 'good home' of Ampcontrol leaves me confident there will be a smooth transition of our business operations for our customers and will see our manufacturing remain onshore."

Mr. Rockley will remain in the business following the acquisition transaction to support the integration of Androck into the Ampcontrol business and focus on strategic growth opportunities.

Ampcontrol and Androck signed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) on Tuesday, 2 May 2023, with the acquisition transaction expected to be completed on 31 May 2023.

There will be no immediate changes to current trading, workforce, operations, branding, or customer contracts and orders during the acquisition period. The existing product and service offerings from Androck will remain unchanged and form a part of the trusted and reputable Ampcontrol offering.

ABOUT ANDROCK

A wholly Australian-owned private company based in Rutherford, New South Wales, Androck Engineering began in 2006 as an exclusive repair and supply company to support the Australasian Underground Mining Industry. Initially starting as a specialised component overhauling facility, it has grown into a substantial overhaul, supply & manufacture operation, including the engineering & re-engineering of many problem issues in the underground mining sector. Androck has 60 staff, five purpose-built workshops located in Rutherford, NSW, and has capabilities in machining, fabrication, hydraulics, and electrical repairs. They conduct equipment services and overhauls, including continuous miners, shuttle cars, and multi-bolters.

ABOUT AMPCONTROL

Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions, and services to the resources, infrastructure, and energy sectors. Founded in Newcastle, NSW, in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 950 employees across 30 operations worldwide.

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About Ampcontrol

- Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions and service to the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors.
- From humble beginnings founded by four friends in a small shed in Newcastle in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 950 employees across 30 operations worldwide.
- Ampcontrol co-founder, Peter Cockbain AM, is named by Engineers Australia as one of Australia's top 100 influential engineers and in 2015 he became a Member of the Order for Australia for his significant services to engineering.
- Locations include New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, ACT, Asia, India, Mongolia, UK, and France.
- The largest operation is located in the Hunter, NSW, with a combined manufacturing space totalling over 21,000sqm spread over 10 different sites.
- Designed and built lifesaving emergency ventilator prototypes for the NSW Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed the world's first IECEx certification for an explosion protected, hermetically sealed, nitrogen filled and pressurised mining transformer.
- Developed the industry's first 132kV emergency response mobile substation that has received RTA approval as a new special class type of vehicle due to its innovative design and ability to meet all road safety requirements.
- Developed Australia's first variable speed drive (VSD) installed on a longwall armored face conveyor in Moranbah North Longwall.
- Designed and developed a breakthrough remote water treatment system that transforms undrinkable water into pure water. Pilot project currently installed in a remote indigenous community in Gillen Bore, Northern Territory.

MULTI-AWARD WINNING ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND INNOVATION

- 2023 Hunter Safety Awards for 'Best WHS Improvement - Large Organisation' (Live Work Better Program)
- 2022 Charge On Innovation Challenge Winner with Tritium (end-to-end mining haul truck battery swap solution)
- 2021 Good Design Award for Excellence In Engineering Design (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Excellence In Product 'Design' (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Collaboration 'Partnership' (Hybrid Diesel Electric Boat)
- 2020 Hunter Business Award for Excellence In Innovation & Adaptability for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Collaboration Partnership for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Manufacturing Pivot for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence In Innovation for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Consult Australia Awards for Excellence for Technological Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 [Institution of Civil Engineers](#) Chris Binnie Award for Sustainable Water Management for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Engineering Excellence Award Newcastle Division for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Good Design Award winner for Social Impact for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 NSW Mining Supplier of the Year
- 2020 Australian Water Association NSW Water Infrastructure Project Innovation Award for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Hunter Business Excellence Award for Innovation' Gilghi'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Product Design – Commercial and Industrial for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Engineering Design for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Scottish Engineering Awards – President's Award winner
- 2019 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence Award for Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Mine Electrical Safety Conference Innovation Award for AFC VSD Moranbah North Longwall Project
- 2018 HunterNet Chairman Awards Excellence In Work Health Safety
- 2018 Hunter Business Awards Excellence In Business (20+ employees)
- 2018 NSW Minerals Council Outstanding Supplier for 'H3RO'
- 2017 Hunter Manufacturing Awards Excellence In Product Design for 'VoiceComm Phone'
- 2015 Engineers Australia Newcastle Engineering Excellence Award for 'Arc Fault Venting – Simulation and Practice'
- 2013 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Innovation' Management of VSD earth leakage currents in fault limited networks'
- 2010 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence' Blakefield South 11kV longwall in partnership with Xstrata Coal and Joy Global'
- 1998 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence 'IMAC'