## MINE BACKFILL WORKSHOP

December 6-8, 2022 — Pullman Hotel, King George Square, Brisbane

December 13-15, 2022 — Novotel Langley, Perth

### Workshop Overview

In today's tough economic climate, mine backfills play an increasing role in sustaining the viability of mining operations worldwide. Beyond the traditional roles of maximizing resource extraction, improving safety, and increasing productivity in otherwise difficult deposits, there is increasing pressure from local stakeholders and communities to reduce surface impacts and even eliminate surface tailings impoundments. Hence even high cost alternatives, such as paste fills, are now becoming mainstream. The capital for a modern backfill system may well run into the tens of millions of dollars.

The cost effective design of mine backfills is a complex process that must consider the available materials, the geomechanical requirements for the mine, the geotechnical properties of the fill, and a host of other mining and cost related factors. The life-of-mine costs for backfill can represent a significant part of the overall cost of the mining cycle, however, optimizing these costs requires an understanding of backfill engineering that goes beyond most university curriculums and minesite training. The workshop is designed to provide an "everything backfill" overview of backfill engineering primarily aimed at mining engineering and technical staff, and backfill operations personnel.

### Key Learnings

This workshop will provide a unique, introductory level, overview of the engineering of a backfill system from the mining perspective. Lectures include the geotechnical properties of minefills, the geomechanics of minefills, numerical modelling, backfill mix designs, backfill quality control, and backfill instrumentation. Participants will gain a solid understand of the basics of backfill designs including industry standard design tools.

### Your Instructors

The workshop will be led by a number of recognized industry experts in mine backfills. The workshop attendees will benefit from the background and experience of the instructors all of whom have a track record of success in the industry.

**Dr. David Stone, P.E.** is an internationally renowned expert in mine backfills with over 35 years of consulting to metal mines worldwide. He is the President of MineFill Services USA and is based in Tucson, Arizona.

**Dr. Murray Grabinsky, P.Eng.** is an expert in field sampling and instrumentation of backfills. Murray is a Professor at the University of Toronto and is widely recognized for his research into the behavior of paste fills and barricade designs.

**Dr. Matt Helinski,** has a Ph.D. in backfill geomechanics and is renowned globally for his expertise in geotechnical modelling. Matt is resident of NSW, Australia.

**Mr. Zlatko Martic**, is the Global Technical Manager for mine backfills at Master Builders and is an expert on binder and admixture chemistry. Zlatko is a resident of Switzerland.

This workshop is hosted by **MINEFILL SERVICES** a global provider of backfill engineering.





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This workshop is designed for a range of professionals involved in mine backfilling, including:

- Mining and geotechnical engineers
- Who Should Rock mechanics engineers
  - Tailings engineers
  - Technical services professionals
  - Project/Study managers

- Backfill plant operators
- Backfill technicians and QA/QC staff
- Metallurgists
- Environmental managers
- Equipment vendors

### Date/Venue

Attend

To accommodate a larger audience this three day workshop will be available in two consecutive weeks. The first event will be held in Brisbane, with a second event in Perth in the following week.

Space will be limited and is being offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration fee includes a printed workbook with all of the presentation materials, plus all lunches/tea/coffee breaks during the workshop.

Discounted accommodation will be made available in the host hotels by requesting the "MineFill workshop rate".

Registration and Fees

The workshop fee is AUD \$2,250 per delegate. Please download our Workshop Attendee Form from our web site at www.minefill.com. For corporate invoicing, please send us an email with the names and job titles of the participants, and a billing address.

### Workshop Contacts

Please direct all workshop enquiries to: Bev Heiszler, Workshop Coordinator workshop@minefill.com

Workshop Agenda

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Backfill	Rock	Backfill
Selection	Mechanics	Quality Control
Break	Break	Break
Rockfills	Backfill	Modelling
Hydraulic Fills	Geomechanics	Instrumentation
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Paste	Binders	Barricades
Fills	Backfill Strengths	Case Histories
Break	Break	Break
Geotechnical	Mining	Backfill
Properties	Under Backfill	Operations
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Disclaimers:

\*\*The sponsor reserves the right to cancel the course if the registration is insufficient.

\*\*The availability of the workshop presenters is not guaranteed and substitutions may be made.

\*\*The workshop agenda is for information purposes only and may be modified prior to the workshop date.



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