

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN MINING

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Mining provides resources necessary for everyday commodities and future technologies. As mining grows, companies must protect employees from electrical hazards like arc flashes.

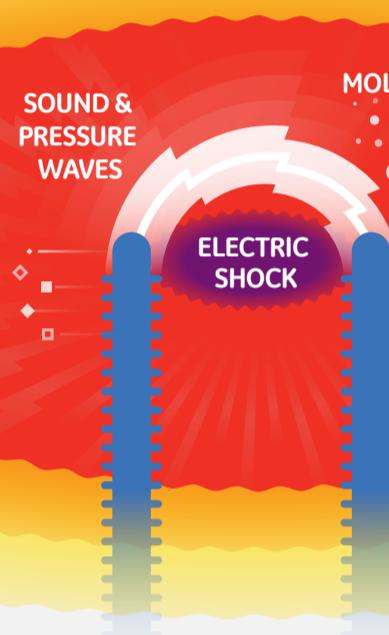
## • MINING IS GROWING •

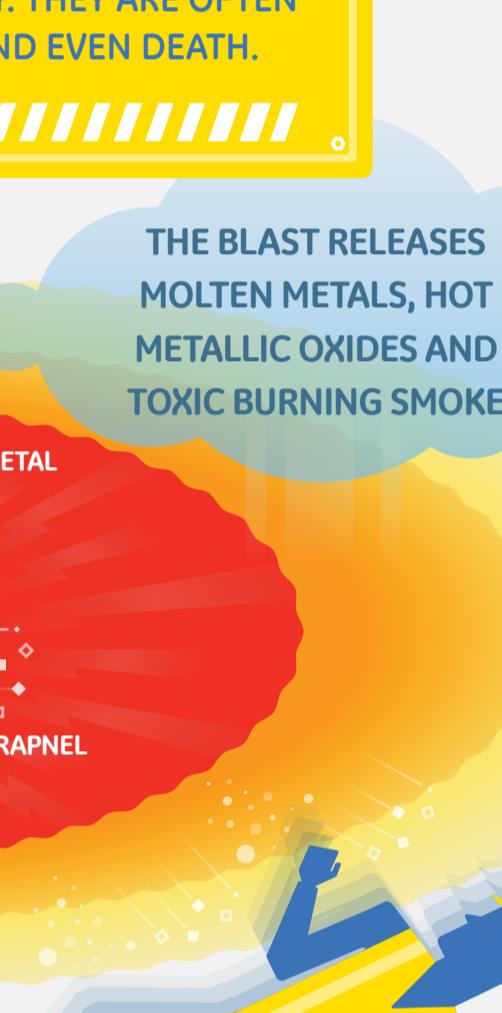
Countries that are projected to make the largest investment in the mining industry between 2013 and 2030:<sup>1</sup>

ARGENTINA CANADA CHILE PERU BRAZIL AUSTRALIA

From 2006-2011 Australia's mining industry employment rose over <sup>2</sup>

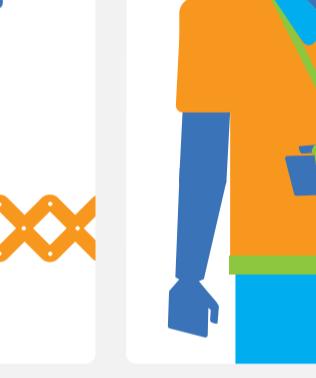
+75.5%

Experts predict the Canadian mining sector will create more than 6,000 jobs over the next 5 years.<sup>3</sup>

U.S. mining supports nearly 2 Million Jobs and generates revenues of more than <sup>4</sup> \$100 Billion/Year

MINCOM REPORTS WORKPLACE SAFETY IS A MAJOR CONCERN OF MORE THAN

71% OF MINING EXECUTIVES<sup>5</sup>



## WHAT IS AN ARC FLASH?

AN ARC FLASH IS A RELEASE OF HEAT ENERGY. THEY ARE OFTEN VIOLENT RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY AND EVEN DEATH.

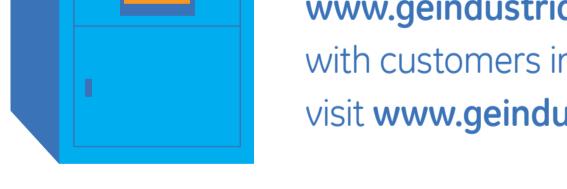
AN ESTIMATED 5-10 ARC FLASHES HAPPEN DAILY IN THE U.S.<sup>6</sup>



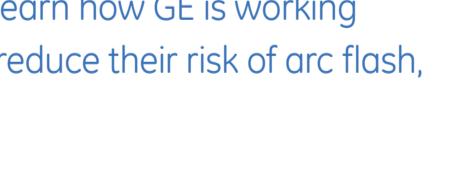
THE BLAST RELEASES MOLTEN METALS, HOT METALLIC OXIDES AND TOXIC BURNING SMOKE

## • THE DANGERS OF ARC FLASH •

With a 700 mph, projectile-producing pressure, the blast wave can throw a person across the room.

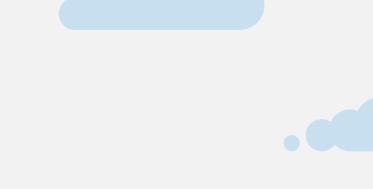


During a recent 12-year period in the mining industry, 36,000+ lost work days recorded for all electrical injuries.<sup>6</sup>

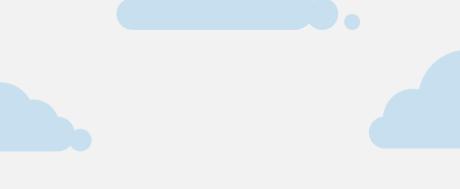


As loud as a jet engine.<sup>7</sup>

+140dB.



In the mining industry, electrical arc flash incidents are the most common cause of non-fatal electrical injuries.<sup>6</sup>



## • THE COST OF ARC FLASH •



The average of lost work days at a mine site per arc flash incident was<sup>6</sup>

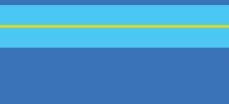
21 days

## Doctor's Bill

\$\$\$ HEALTHCARE  
\$\$ WORKERS COMPENSATION  
\$\$ NEW EQUIPMENT  
\$ INCREASED INSURANCE PREMIUM  
\$ LOST PRODUCTION TIME

One arc flash

can cost up to<sup>8</sup> \$15 million



## • PREVENTING ARC FLASH INCIDENTS •

### GE'S SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### ENSURE PROPER TRAINING

- Attend IEEE Events
- Attend NFPA 70E training for qualified individuals
- Enroll in Plant Engineering's Arc Flash University



#### PERFORM HAZARD ANALYSIS

- Evaluate your system for hazard locations
- Calculate incident energy exposure & arc flash boundaries
- Use warning labels to indicate arc flash hazards



#### INTEGRATE ARC FLASH MITIGATION BY DESIGN

- Consider arc resistant equipment for new installations
- Install devices to deliver energy vs. contain energy
- Solutions for fast fault clearing



### IS YOUR MINE PREPARED FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY?

For more information on arc flash and electrical hazards, visit [www.geindustrial.com/arcflash](http://www.geindustrial.com/arcflash), and to learn how GE is working with customers in the mining industry to reduce their risk of arc flash, visit [www.geindustrial.com/mining](http://www.geindustrial.com/mining).

#### NOTES

- Deloitte's Tracking the Trends 2013 report: <http://bit.ly/UifxM1>
- Australian Jobs report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations: <http://bit.ly/XiqGgA><sup>2</sup>
- The Mining Association of Canada: <http://bit.ly/WenP6><sup>3</sup>
- National Mining Association: <http://bit.ly/VvCbym><sup>4</sup>
- The Mincom Annual Study: Mining Executive Insights: <http://bit.ly/UmndxE><sup>5</sup>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "Reducing Non-contact Electric Arc Injuries: An Investigation of Behavioral and Organizational Issues" report: <http://1.usa.gov/1arRs6><sup>6</sup>
- GE Industrial Solutions' "Arc Flash: The Real Danger of Conducting Business" fact sheet<sup>7</sup>
- A 1999 Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) study pegged total direct and indirect costs of an arc flash incident<sup>8</sup>