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AMPCONTROL AND PPK MINING EQUIPMENT INTRODUCE NEW BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE

- **New battery-electric personnel carrier vehicle for the underground coal industry**
- **Hunter-based leading Australian manufacturers enter industry collaboration**
- **Companies team up for electrification of existing and new mining vehicles**

A new agreement between two innovative Australian manufacturing and technology companies is set to deliver a range of new battery-electric vehicle (BEV) solutions for underground mining applications.

The collaboration will see the installation of the latest world-class BEV technology designed by **Ampcontrol** into new **PPK Mining Equipment** (PPKME) personnel carrier vehicles. The companies will work together to also retrofit diesel drive trains in a range of other vehicles manufactured by PPKME, including the COALTRAM flameproof and explosion protected diesel Load Haul Dump utility vehicle.

PPKME Global Head of Mining **Dale McNamara** said, "This is a fantastic opportunity to combine our respective industry expertise to introduce the first new Australian designed and built battery-electric personnel carrier vehicle for the underground coal industry. Expanding our relationship to install Ampcontrol BEV technology into our COALTRAM utility vehicles will substantially benefit our customers and employees by developing new vehicles for all underground mines."

Ampcontrol BEV technology builds upon the company's expertise and industry reputation, centred around developing engineering solutions for use in hazardous environments, including underground coal mines.

"We are thrilled to be working with the team at PPK Mining Equipment to power their fleet of industry-renowned underground vehicles. Our new BEV technology lets our partners and customers power their existing equipment, converting from diesel to battery-electric energy, and new vehicles under development with a solution where safety and efficiency are absolutely paramount," added Ampcontrol Managing Director & CEO **Rod Henderson**.



Commenting on potential further opportunities, PPK Group Ltd Executive Chairman **Robin Levison** also added, "Given the proximity of Ampcontrol and PPKME workshops within the Hunter region of NSW, the geographical spread of customers and distinct areas of expertise, I see this unique "electrification project" as the first step on a broader collaboration opportunity between Ampcontrol, PPK Group and our subsidiary company LIS Energy Ltd. LIS Energy continues to commercialise its proprietary Lithium Sulphur battery technology through its joint venture research agreement with Deakin University; we are very enthusiastic about the potential future opportunities this project could present."

"We are looking forward to developing a strong association between PPKME and Ampcontrol, combining our engineering expertise, advanced technology solutions, and world-class manufacturing to deliver the future in battery electric vehicles for our industry," added **Rod Henderson**.

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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 services 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 850 employees, 6 member companies and 30 operations worldwide. Australian owned and operated, locations including New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, ACT and South-East Asia. Built on a foundation of innovation, agility and ingenuity, the talented people of Ampcontrol energise our world by designing and developing integrated electrical solutions and technology that make a meaningful improvement to people's lives and communities across the globe. For more information visit www.ampcontrolgroup.com

About PPK Mining Equipment

PPK Mining Equipment (PPKME) is a leading Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) that designs, manufactures, and services the industry renowned range of COALTRAM flameproof and explosion proof diesel Load Haul Dump (LHD) utility vehicles for the underground coal industry. PPKME's Tomago manufacturing and service centre in New South Wales operates to world-class, large scale, lean manufacturing standards that meet the most stringent global export specifications. COALTRAM utility vehicles, which are manufactured in a range of size variations, are widely deployed at mines throughout Australia by the leading global coal mining companies. PPKME also has a market-leading service and support centre at Port Kembla, Wollongong. For more information visit www.ppkgroup.com.au