



Today most people believe that battery powered equipment will replace diesel equipment at some point in the future

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How did we get here?

A Brief History of Battery Powered Mining Equipment

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## Five Years Ago

- There were a few prototypes in hard rock mines that were not successful
- No hard rock production systems were available
- No evidence that battery power was viable

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## Today

- Over four years of experience in real world production environments
- Over 100,000 real production hours
- Over four years of enhancements that have created a mature and stable system
- Customers that have used the equipment for years and are investing in more.
- New tenders from major mining companies now include a request for battery powered alternatives.

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### What is currently being proven?

### Battery power...

- is reliable
- reduces capital expenditures
- reduces operational expenses
- is more productive
- better for worker health and satisfaction

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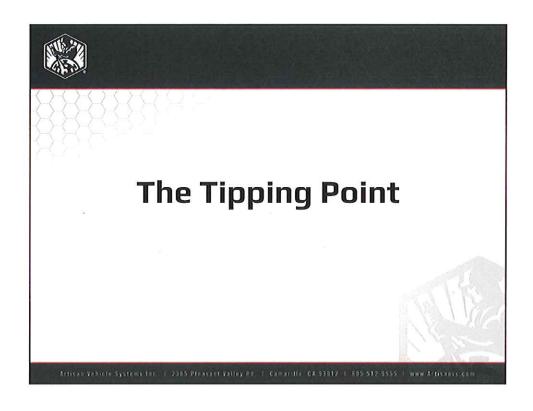


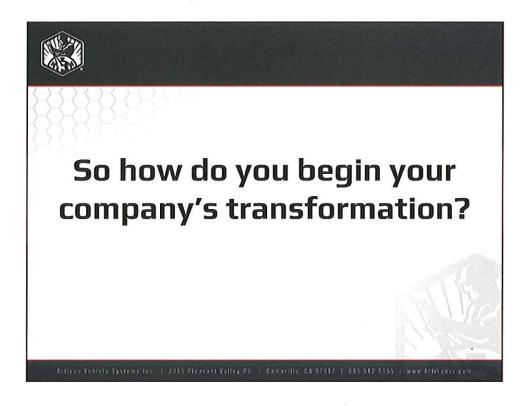
### Five Years from Now

#### The Year 2020

- All tenders will request <u>only</u> zero emission equipment
- Diesel will no longer be an option in new equipment
- A few diesel engines will remain underground, but will be phased out
- Cost per ounce will be lower industry wide, mine company financial health will have improved

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# So how do you begin your company's transformation? Get Informed.

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Get Informed...
Start a discussion that includes your mine specifics and create a cost analysis

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## **Proving the Savings**

- We have models that can help your development team and partners quantify the benefits based on the specifics of each project
- We will help you produce reports and presentations for internal review and for public market analysts
- We have operational and financial models for each type of deployment
  - New development
  - Mine expansion
  - Fleet conversion

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## Transforming the Mine Plan

- Reduction in capital costs
  - Less ventilation
  - Less cooling
  - Less electricity generation for off-grid sites
- Operational cost savings related to reduced electricity, less diesel, and lower maintenance
- Less ventilation infrastructure means faster development of adjacent ore bodies
- Lower operational cost translates to lower cost per ounce

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### Recommendations

- Focus on high CFM equipment first
   (LHDs and trucks change ventilation use dramatically)
- Rent battery packs (treat them like fuel)
- Carry loads down hill wherever possible (results in less charging and longer duty cycles)
- High electricity costs translate to higher savings with battery equipment
- Include both new equipment and re-manufactured equipment in your fleet conversion plan

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# **Operational Readiness**

- Staff training for operators, technicians, and management
- Service facility plans, electrical grid design, data acquisition and reporting
- Service equipment, Maintenance procedures
- Spare parts inventory and management

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