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The Solution
CR Digital’s A&I Team worked with the Miner to unleash the full benefits of the data collected by the industry leading TITAN 3330™ Load Haul Optimization system installed on their CAT 6040 backhoe. The solution developed focused on two key elements of the production circuit, simplifying the project and enabling site to easily control allocated resources.
A Pass Matching analysis was completed using TITAN 3330™ data on the Orion Data Analysis platform. Outcomes of that analysis indicated that operators were preferencing 5 to 6 bucket passes, where the 6th pass was statistically a partial bucket. Partial bucket passes typically extend truck fill times while underutilising the capacity of the bucket, resulting in an overall decrease in production rate. Pass Matching data and insights were discussed with site trainers to build a mentoring program that would optimise loading practices.

Part 1 - Optimized pass matching through TITAN 3330™'s real-time feedback and A&I insights delivered a 2.5% increase in instantaneous production rate (on top of initial production increased unlocked after installation).

Solution Part 1

The Impact

Less time between truck loads + Optimized passes = More production
Solution Part 2

Truck loading data from the first 6 months of operation, accurately acquired by the TITAN 3330™ system, was analyzed using the Orion Data Analysis results indicated that a significant portion of trucks were not loaded to full capacity before leaving the dig unit, leaving critical tonnes of material in the bench. Combining this observation with the Pass Match analysis conducted in Solution Part 1—an operator mentoring program was put in place to maximize the payload of each truck. Ultimately this program reduced the number of under loaded trucks per shift and further boosted production.

Part 2 - Truck loading data analysis and a subsequent operator mentoring program delivered a 6.2% reduction of truck underloads, equating to an additional 16,000 tonnes of material moved during a single quarter.

Production losses (due to Underloaded Trucks)

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Losses reduced by nearly 50%

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Additional Benefits:

- 19.5% Increase in Operational Productivity
- 2.5% Increase in Instantaneous Productivity*
- 2% Increase in truck fill factor (compared to truck rated capacity)
- 1.5% Reduction of truck Minor Overloads (>110% rated capacity)
- 0.2% Reduction of truck Major Overloads (>120% rated capacity)
- Tramming & idle time not included

Titan 3330™ Load Haul Optimization and Analysis and Improvement capability can improve your fleet’s performance today.