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Opsens touts large order from South American copper mine

Quebec City-based optical sensing technology supplier **Opsens** (TSXV: OPS; US-OTC: OPSSF) has announced receiving an order worth more than \$1 million for a unnamed mine in South America.

The company said one of its South American distributors placed the order for a monitoring system that will optimize mining operations to prevent negative impacts on the environment at one of the world's largest copper mines owned by major mining company.

"Our fibre optics technology can be adapted to measure various parameters in the most difficult conditions to deliver significant benefits in terms of optimizing production and reducing risks to the environment and health, compelling sales arguments for many industries, including mining," vice-president of Opsens' oil, gas and industrial division Gaétan Duplain said.

The order is significant for the firm because it does most of its business in other fields, supplying medical instrumentation for the fraction flow reserve (FFR) technique used in cardiology and equipment for downhole monitoring in the oil and gas sector.

"This order is a tangible demonstration of our company's versatility. We intend to capitalize on our assets to create value for our shareholders in the industrial field while continuing to focus on the practice of FFR in the medical field," company president and CEO Louis Laflamme said.

"This contract in the mining industry follows a stream of contracts fulfilled by Opsens on mining projects," Laflamme added. "Our success in landing this order can be credited to our distributor's geotechnical knowledge and know-how, and to Opsens' expertise in fibre optics."

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