



## New line of surface drilling and blasting rods introduced

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Global mineral exploration company Boart Longyear expanded its range of rock-drilling and blasting products with its new Lightning rod series, the company reported in May.

The company reports that the new line of rods is specifically designed for the surface drill and blast industry.

Boart Longyear product manager **Jay Klinko** says the Lightning rod series incorporates new features, which enable the products to be used in various types of surface drill and blast applications.

The range features quick-change male and female rods that are engineered for high durability and air flushing.

The new line of rods has a diameter range of 33 mm to 60 mm, and vary in length between 2.4 m to 4.2 m.

The male and female ends have been treated for high wear-resistance and they eliminate conventional couplings to allow for fast, automated subtractions and additions to the drill string, resulting in higher productivity and improved efficiency.

The rods have a midbody steel design, which gives them a strong foundation with efficient energy transfer.

The new product line simplifies drilling and blasting projects and delivers optimal rod compliance for a full range of ground conditions, says Klinko.

Boart Longyear conducts contract drilling services in 40 countries, and supplies mining products to customers in over a 100 countries.

The company also has a drilling presence in fields such as water exploration and environmental sampling, as well as energy and oil sands exploration.

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