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Wilco Technologies fires up at Kalgoorlie's GME

Wilco Technologies will unveil its new Trajectaflex Resin Firing System on **Stand 4005** during the Goldfields Mining Expo (GME) at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club from October 28-30, 2008.

The Trajectaflex Resin Firing System is a steel nozzle which, according to Wilco, uses a revolutionary spring design to shoot resin capsules into a pre-drilled bolt-hole for resin set bolting.

Used for underground strata control, the Trajectaflex Resin Firing System has been trialled and tested at BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine site since February 2005, and is now in full-time use there.

It consists of a tension spring with an adaptor at each end, a nylon inner tube and an exchangeable tip with exhaust slots.

The Trajectaflex Resin Firing Nozzle is fixed at the end of a jumbo rail mounted onto an independent slide, allowing it to be extended and retracted for easy bolt-hole location.

Resin capsules are loaded into a manifold located at the operator's platform. They are then shot with air pressure via a delivery line along the jumbo boom passing through the Trajectaflex nozzle and into the pre-drilled bolt-hole.

The company says that with less operator movement on and off the platform, the Trajectaflex system reduces fatigue and chance of injury.

Its spring design allows for easy bolt-hole location as the nozzle will flex and self index, while downtime is kept to a minimum due to its simple, robust design.

It is a single-pass system, said to offer quicker bolting cycle times and be less labour intensive, meaning the need for an offsider is significantly reduced.

Visitors to the Wilco Technologies stand will be able to meet with Trajectaflex inventor Michael Williams and see underground footage of the system at work.

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