

MEDIA RELEASE

ERICO to focus on lightning protection products at Kalgoorlie's GME

ERICO will showcase lightning protection products, including its technically advanced Eritech System 3000 lightning protection system, on **Stand 1004** during the Goldfields Mining Expo (GME) at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club from October 28-30, 2008.

Unlike traditional lightning protection methods, the ERITECH® SYSTEM 3000 can be used in a variety of mining applications, especially:

- Open areas that need protection for people, equipment or stored chemicals but do not have a structure for equipment installation
- Applications where risks of explosion or damage to critical electronics from a lightning strike make it advantageous to isolate the energy from a structure.

In such circumstances, the ERITECH® SYSTEM 3000 can be installed on a fibreglass-reinforced pole that can be mounted on a free-standing mast or on a structure itself.

The system involves the installation of an ERITECH® DYNASPHERE air terminal at a height and spacing calculated by proprietary Lightning Protection Design Software (LPSD) with the spacing much greater than that of conventional lightning rods.

The fibre-glass pole separates the live and isolated parts of the installation and a special conductor, the ERITECH® ERICORE, is used to isolate the bulk of the energy from a structure and is connected to the Dynasphere and then routed to the ground to connect to the earth electrode.

ERICO is a leading global designer, manufacturer and supplier of precision-engineered specialty metal products. Its product range includes Caddy electrical and mechanical fixings, fasteners and supports, Cadweld welded electrical connections, and Critec surge protection devices.

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