Knowledge is Power

Mine operators rely on MDA and RADARSAT satellite imagery to rapidly and easily monitor any mine site in the world. RADARSAT provides cost-effective global coverage for areas as small as a several square kilometers to regions as large as 2,500 square kilometers. RADARSAT monitoring provides mining operators with a clear, current understanding of land movement, subsidence, and uplift issues that can affect operational and abandoned mine sites.

MDA’s mining solution combines the most advanced processing techniques and high resolution imagery from multiple sources to tailor monitoring solutions for the mining industry.

Mining operators worldwide have been benefiting from MDA’s global reach, and years of experience and research in supporting the industry. MDA delivers actionable information to technical staff enhancing current monitoring practices and also provides intuitive products to help decision making from the mine site to the boardroom.

About MDA

With 40 years of experience in sensing technologies, MDA is one of the largest and most experienced providers of satellite-based monitoring products in the world. MDA has built the expertise necessary to understand the characteristics of your specific operations and a reputation for addressing customer needs by working closely with you to design solutions optimized to meet your needs.

MDA has an unsurpassed record of reliability, timely delivery, and customer satisfaction. MDA has production, processing, and targeted R&D teams operating across the value chain from building satellites, to data processing and product generation and delivery. With a successful image acquisition rate of 98.8%, MDA’s RADARSAT-2 satellite reliably provides high-resolution, weather-independent, year-round coverage of your mining operation. Multiple ground stations and global offices enable MDA to offer the most reliable and timely delivery of InSAR monitoring services.

MDA delivers innovative, cost-effective, advanced geospatial information solutions.
Surface Asset Monitoring and Risk Identification

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**IMPACT INSIDE MINE LEASE BOUNDARIES**
MDA’s monitoring method incorporates the use of ground assets at customer sites as coherent targets to provide a high-density survey network that highlights areas of movement with the potential to damage equipment, buildings, and other assets.

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**WASTE LAND FORM STABILITY**
Settling patterns detected by MDA’s solution replace the hazardous practice of physical surveys on unstable waste land forms and enables remediation before uneven settling results in a failure.

**IMPACTS ON NEIGHBOURING INFRASTRUCTURE**
MDA’s broad area, remote monitoring techniques enable mine operators to legally obtain vital information on surface movement beyond their mine lease boundaries, such as nearby urban, residential areas and adjacent industrial facilities.

**SETTLING OF MINED OUT AREAS**
MDA’s monitoring technique provides mine operators with an accurate, intuitive geospatial representation of subsiding ground above areas where previous mining has occurred.

**MONITORING LARGE AREAS**
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**PIT CREST STABILITY**
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