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Think & Act Differently, Powered by BHP, launches global innovation challenge focused on Orebody Knowledge

Unearthed, a leading facilitator of open innovation in the resources sector, is pleased to announce the launch of the latest global challenge in partnership with Think & Act Differently, Powered by BHP.

The Orebody Knowledge Challenge invites innovators from diverse industries to present concepts and solutions that improve subsurface data collection, a fundamental factor in mining decision-making. The challenge seeks advancements in three critical areas:

Faster Data Collection: Innovations that increase drilling rates or reduce the need for drilling while maintaining accuracy.

Improved Characterization Between Drill Holes: Technologies that enhance orebody data resolution, enable better sample analysis, or improve in-situ measurement precision.

Enhanced Data Integration & Unification: solutions that collect high-density data and unify multiple sources for more robust decision-making.

Understanding the orebody at a high resolution is essential for defining mining methods, optimizing ore extraction, and ensuring the economic viability of mining operations. With mineral deposits becoming harder to locate and more complex to mine, improved orebody knowledge is critical for sustainable mining.

Through this innovation challenge, Think & Act Differently, powered by BHP, will provide selected innovators with tailored support, including:

- Funding for physical or digital experiments to de-risk solutions.
- Access to Resources, including mining experts, sample data, and operational insights.
- Network Connections to BHP Ventures, industry partners, and funding ecosystems.
- Technical Support to design and execute solution testing with guided feedback.
- Mentorship from industry and commercial experts to refine market entry strategies.

This challenge welcomes participation from innovators inside and outside the mining industry, recognizing that cross-industry perspectives drive the best breakthroughs.

To participate, please register for the challenge, where you will receive access to more information about the challenge background. Register here

https://unearthed.solutions/u/challenges/open-house-orebody-knowledge





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Example of a past Think & Act Differently ecosystem thematic

The <u>Comminution Challenge</u> was focused on finding ways to reduce energy consumption or increase throughput by delivering potential step changes in the way we crush, pulverize and grind rocks for mineral extraction.

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