



Codelco calls on FLANDERS for autonomous conversion

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Codelco will convert its Radomiro Tomic copper mine in Chile to an automated drilling operation over three years, courtesy of US engineering company FLANDERS.

The first six drills are expected to start being converted in early 2022.

FLANDERS will help to complete the project using an automation system based on its ARDVARC Drill Control System.

The system enables Codelco to operate three EPIROC Pit Viper 351 electric drills in full automation mode and three SmartRoc drills in a semi-autonomous tele-remote operation.

Codelco managing director for the Radomiro Tomic mine, Lindor Quiroga, said the automation project would improve safety and productivity.

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