

## Appointment

Mr. Raymond Auger, President of Auger Groupe Conseil, is pleased to announce the arrival of our new Vice-President of Sales, Mr. Marcel Lafontaine, Eng. With over 23 years of industrial engineering experience in the manufacturing and distribution industries, Mr. Lafontaine represents a major asset for our company. He previously held executive positions within large businesses and also worked as a consultant in the information technology and business process improvement sectors.



**We are currently looking for an experienced trainer and an industrial engineer or technician with five years of experience.**

For more information, please call Mrs. Suzanne Angel at 819-370-2875 or Mr. Gilbert Leblanc at 506-533-0004.



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## Iron Ore Company of Canada

IOC (Iron Ore Company of Canada) has asked Auger Groupe Conseil to reduce the amount of mill downtime by conducting a SMED project (Single Minute Exchange Die) to help maintenance department implement the necessary changes. IOC has 3 AG mills in its concentrator plant located in Labrador City. The liners on these mills are replaced every 6 months. Those equipments are stopped for 120 hours per mill which means substantial lost production revenue.

The maintenance team is composed of 7 people per shift and works 12 hours per shift, two shifts a day.

The objectives of the mandate were:

- ✓ Train the maintenance team to the notion of SMED for future usage.
- ✓ Define the method of the optimal set-up.
- ✓ Provide all necessary information to the maintenance team relating to the optimal set-up  
Coach the maintenance team on the optimal set-up implementation.
- ✓ Define an objective of the time set-up reduction.

- ✓ Evaluate the cost saving: quantify the cost relating to the current method of the set-up and evaluate the cost after the implementation of the optimal method.

After conducting the SMED project, Auger Groupe Conseil proposed action plan:

1. Reorganization of the work method.
2. Work in parallel way by adding new small equipments.
3. Change actual liner handler by more efficient equipment.

The result of this project after having implemented the first step of the action, the theoretical time to change the liners was reduced by 35% and has recently been reduced by 40 % with zero capital investment.

## KEEP AN EYE OUT!!

**Auger Groupe Conseil will unveil its new Web site very soon.**

**We will be at the MQQ Congress on November 16<sup>th</sup> with our partner Créacor, a firm specialized in organisational development.**