Minera Escondida Limitada

Location:
Antofagasta, Chile

Start of Services:
Since June 1996

AMECO Project Quick Facts

Scope of Services:
Integrated fleet services with and without operators, medium equipment, lubricated mining trucks, forklifts, earth-moving equipment, boom trucks, service and maintenance trucks, high tonnage cranes, and minor equipment (generators, lights and compressors)

Minera Escondida, a company operated by Australian group BHP Billiton, is the largest open-pit mine in the world. It is also the world’s largest copper producing mine, producing over 1.2 million metric tons of fine copper a year. This accounts for more than 8 percent of the total global production and close to 25 percent of the national production. The Minera Escondida deposit is located more than 3,000 meters above sea level in the Atacama desert in northern Chile.

AMECO began operations at Minera Escondida in 1996, and the scope of this project currently includes:

• Provision of integrated rental services of equipment with improved uptime and availability
• Suggestions for the improvement of the company’s equipment yard, helping them to record an overall reduction in operating costs through increased efficiency
• Maintenance and repair of company-owned assets by highly qualified personnel, ensuring overall equipment safety, regardless of ownership
• Consistently offering innovation from technological advances to better practices to help improve the company’s overall mining operations

Since 1996, through continued support and commitment, AMECO has been able to create a solid relationship with Minera Escondida by adding value to their business and becoming a strategic partner in their operations.

Today, AMECO manages a fleet of more than 450 pieces of equipment and a crew of nearly 400 people at the mine. With these resources, AMECO has managed to become integrated into all aspects of Minera Escondida’s businesses, becoming a trusted advisor in matters of management, operation, and equipment fleet maintenance.