Minera Los Pelambres

Location:
Coquimbo, Chile

AMECO Project Quick Facts

Project Duration:
Ongoing since 1997

Scope of Services:
Construction Site Services including cranes and lifting equipment fully operated and maintained, equipment inspections and certifications, provision of construction equipment to onsite contractors, operator training and certification.

The Los Pelambres deposit, located 200 kilometers north of Santiago, is the world’s fourth-largest copper mine with an elevation of 3,200 meters. The open-pit porphyry copper mine began production in 1999. The mine is located in a mountainous terrain with a harsh winter climate.

AMECO has worked with Minera Los Pelambres since 1997 with ongoing contract renewals and expanding scopes. Currently, AMECO has 160 personnel onsite, including a site manager, supervisors, mechanics, operators, administrative clerks, and a safety manager. The company is operating and maintaining 80 pieces of heavy construction equipment onsite.

Community involvement is a key driver for Minera Los Pelambres. AMECO participates in community and school programs to enhance the skills of locals and prepare them for job opportunities at the site. AMECO hires and trains locals for positions as operators and mechanics.

The client promotes world-class standards in safety and environmental regulations, and AMECO’s quality, safety, and environmental programs are highly respected by the client and a major reason for ongoing contract renewals.

The client has also cited AMECO’s expertise in cranes and lifting equipment, especially as it relates to Chilean mining operations, as another factor in our continued selection as a service provider.

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