Simandou Iron Ore Mine

Location:
Guinea, West Africa

AMECO Project Quick Facts

Project Duration:
April 2011 to October 2013

Scope of Services:
General construction equipment rentals and limited technical services, including support of maintenance and warranty issues

Located in an extremely remote location in the Nzerekore Region of the West African nation of Guinea, the Simandou iron ore mine is projected to provide nearly 100 million tons of iron ore per year, upon completion in 2015. It is to be the largest iron-ore mine and infrastructure project in Africa.

In April 2011, AMECO was awarded a contract to work with Odebrecht and Vale SA in the development of both the mine infrastructure and the mine itself, by providing equipment rentals ranging from large earthmoving equipment to air compressors and other small pieces. Because of its ability to mobilize quickly and to the remotest of locations, AMECO’s expertise in both equipment and technical management was sought. AMECO was able to rapidly respond with equipment deliveries by using our global procurement sourcing capabilities. Additionally, we provided equipment operation troubleshooting services as well as recommending repair activities to the Odebrecht and Vale onsite construction groups.

In December of 2011, Odebrecht and Vale SA split their contract, but both contractors continued to use AMECO for their expertise in equipment services.

At the peak of the project, AMECO was providing 162 units, split between the needs of Odebrecht and Vale SA.

AMECO’s Value to Simandou:
• No lost-time accidents
• Knowledge of mobilizing into remote locations with quick service and complete logistical expertise
• Mobilized equipment rental units in compliance with the aggressive project schedule

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