



Mineral prices have been hovering near historic highs, and Canada's powerhouse mining industry is providing the fuel for this boom. Canada-based corporations develop much of the world's nickel, copper, potash, gold and many other vital resources. Whenever a major new mine is being developed in the Western Hemisphere it's a good bet that a Canadian company is running the program. The nation's gross annual revenue for minerals production averages between 30 and 40 billion dollars annually according to government statistics. Industries and economic activity that indirectly support mining generate an additional eight billion dollars per year. Many rural communities in the less-developed regions of Canada and other nations have economies based around mining and related activities. Canada's safety initiatives and low-impact environmental methods ensure the sustainability of this sector while providing a development model that is considered the benchmark for other countries to follow. Powerful utility vehicles capable of crossing extreme terrain are a necessity for this industry to explore and develop new sites, transport personnel, and deliver equipment to accomplish the hard work that mining entails.

Innovative ARGO and Centaur Solutions From Timmins Rent All Revolutionize Mining Vehicle Fleets.

Mining, like sports, can sometimes be a game of inches. Incremental advances such as being able to drill more test holes, accomplish seamless shift changes, and carry more core samples to the test lab can all add up to a financial windfall when exploration and mining companies achieve success. Timmins Rent All in Timmins, Ontario www.tra.argo.com has struck a profitable vein with their utility vehicle solutions. Owner Alain "Al" Laporte has made Timmins Rent All the "go-to" fleet dealer for exploration and mining enterprises in Northern Ontario. Al studied the needs that area resource development companies have. Mining and Exploration companies must be able to move personnel and equipment around quickly, in wet, thickly-wooded, bug-infested terrain that sees extremes of both heat and cold. The machinery must be reliable. Timmins Rent All bases their customized, yet affordable, solutions for mining companies on the ARGO Centaur 8x8 DT and the ARGO 750 HDi platforms.

The Centaur has a tough 3-Cylinder Briggs & Stratton/Daihatsu Turbo

Diesel rated at 34 Horsepower. The Centaur's fuel tank is sufficient for the vehicle to run for 8-10 hours before re-fueling, permitting numerous core samples to be carried from off-road locations back to a base site. Heavy-duty twin tracks on each pair of the 8 wheels offers low ground pressure and good flotation. There are no grease zerks anywhere on the Centaur, and it will ford streams as deep as 26". Besides the heavy-duty Diesel engine and an enclosed cab for added comfort in inclement weather, the Centaur's major advantage is its utility bed that can be customized for many critical mining needs.

One company using the Centaur is Mallette Drilling in Timmins. Marc Mallette says: "The Centaur is a great vehicle for initial set-up of an exploration site in a wetland, because of its low impact. We use our Centaur to carry in fuel drums, core boxes, rods and casing rods. The rod rack from Timmins Rent All also comes in very handy for us".

Custom Solutions At Off-The-Shelf Prices For Mining and Exploration Companies

Timmins Rent All offers a custom crane solution that can be safely mounted to the cargo bed on the Centaur 8x8. The crane has a lifting capacity of 924 Lbs and a 10 foot reach. The flotation and narrow track width of the Centaur is sufficient to carry this crane system into areas typically reached only by helicopter. Timmins customers are raving about how much work they can accomplish in the field using the crane. Another accessory developed for the mining market is a 150 Amp alternator kit that can be used to power drills and other implements. This high-output alternator serves as a built-in generator, eliminating the need for an auxiliary generator that may be powered by regular gasoline rather than diesel. ***For remote exploration where drilling takes place as***

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deep as 2km into the earth's crust—this platform is the most economical solution, and it's available now!

When Other Vehicles Stop, ARGOS Are Just Getting Started

The other award-winning horse in the Timmins Rent All stable is the ARGO 750 HDi. Where other vehicles must stop, this ARGO is just getting started! Gerry Chartier, Assistant Superintendent for Bradley Drilling says “We have tried many different ATVs and 6x6s, and nothing transports our personnel in and out of swampy areas like an ARGO. Bradley Drilling has 5 ARGOS and they are indispensable for

our shift change operations. We also use them to haul small equipment and supplies. “ Marc Mallette of Mallette Drilling echoes this: “When we are working in large wetland areas, sometimes the ARGO is the only vehicle that can carry us in and out. They are a must-have for our company.”

The 750 HDi has seating for up to 6 passengers plus gear. It can safely carry 1,000 Lbs in its cavernous cargo hold across small bodies of water, or 1,150 Lbs on dry land. A 31 hP, fuel injected Kohler engine powers 8 wheels providing incredible traction and a low-pressure, low-impact footprint. The ARGO has a low and stable center of gravity and a track kit can be installed for crossing deep snow or reducing the footprint on wet lands. The HDi's composite body doesn't corrode, and special treatments are available for the metal components when used in highly corrosive environments.

A Catalyst For Mining and Exploration Success

Up-fitting the powerful, amphibious ARGOS and Centaurs with custom



ARGO Centaur 8x8 DT with high performance tracks for extreme terrain performance. Customized crane solution on multi-purpose platform that can be installed in less than an hour. Both solutions jointly developed by Alain Laporte of Timmins Rent All and ARGO

systems creates an asymmetrical work advantage. *The mining and utility accessories create a catalytic effect that unleashes a work staff's full potential.* Personnel operating in remote locations can now step up from inefficient manual lifting and tool operation to using powerful drills and cranes. Resource companies can unload equipment, take samples, make repairs, all on the go—anywhere—across wetlands and small bodies of water. Laporte says: “Nothing can compete with these custom ARGO packages for the price. Outside of our ARGOS and Centaurs, mining companies must either spend twice as much for a tracked hydrostatic vehicle from a competitor, or spend less but end up with a standard UTV that cannot go where ARGOS can, have less payload and no accessory mining equipment.”

Service After The Sale Keeps Exploration Crews Productive

“All the way through our business dealings, Al at Timmins Rent All has been A-1 to work with. He's always there when we need him” says Chart-

ier. More than 40 years of experience are engineered into each ARGO and Centaur model, and the Marketing and Engineering teams at ARGO are very customer-focused—constantly fine-tuning designs to meet the demanding needs of the utility vehicle marketplace. *A good example of how responsive Alain and ARGO have been is the new heavy-duty track kit* he has developed for the Centaur. The new track kit has custom guides and grousers for more reliable operation in extremely wet terrain. ARGO and Timmins Rent-All have clearly struck gold with the overall Centaur solution. “Anywhere that there is a bottom even three feet down the Centaur can go” says Marc Malette. “There's nothing that can compete with the Centaur for the price in this kind of terrain” concludes Alain.

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