



**Imagine the moment
Anvil realised their most
robust equipment was actually
their Pronto Xi software.**

Anvil Mining

Getting the most out of Africa

With operations in remote areas of Africa that have an unreliable IT infrastructure and comparatively low education levels, Anvil Mining needed a business software system that was robust, flexible and simple to use.

Digging for the facts

To say that running a multi-million dollar operation in Congo is a challenge is perhaps an understatement. There is a volatile political and economic environment, a poor IT infrastructure and many of the local workers have had a limited education.

Given these conditions, when Anvil Mining was looking to update its IT systems it was clear that a platform was needed that was particularly robust, easy to implement and simple to use.

In addition, due to the Global Financial Crisis, expansion plans at the largest Anvil mine, Kinsevere, had to be put on hold. As a result, Anvil was looking to its new IT system to generate efficiencies across its purchasing, productivity and maintenance operations.

"In such a challenging financial climate, it was an opportune time to look at our company's processes with a view to increased automation and greater staff efficiency," explained Anvil Mining's Senior Business Analyst, Troy Barclay.

"From my point of view, flexibility and ease of use were the keys to achieving these outcomes because we have to comply with Congolese tax and employment regulations, and we need people who aren't necessarily IT savvy to be able to use the system," added Mr Barclay.

Developing precious resources

The tailored Pronto Xi solution includes financials, distribution, maintenance management helping Anvil Mining achieve:

- Greater automation of key business processes
- More accurate and timely financial reporting that is compliant with Congolese regulations
- More reliable and comprehensive maintenance scheduling
- Improved staff productivity

Uncovering hidden gems

Right from its implementation, the Pronto solution has performed reliably, even in remote locations.

According to Mr Barclay, Anvil has been very impressed with the robustness of the system, as well as how easy it is to use.

"The take-up among our Congolese workers has been impressive, which I think highlights just how user-friendly the Pronto Xi system is," said Mr Barclay. "In fact, I doubt any other system would have been as successful."

Using the Pronto Financials, Sales and Purchase Order modules, Anvil has also realised significant productivity improvements. Critical information is delivered on one platform and in real time, eliminating many laborious practices.

"With the click of a button, anyone who is authorised can generate a report that's completely accurate and up-to-date. It's improved our budgeting accuracy because everything is integrated and based on real-time data," added Mr Barclay.

"Despite being in the 'middle of nowhere', we can generate accurate, up-to-date reports in an instant."



Anvil Mining

- A leading copper and silver producer in Congo, with two mines located at Kinsevere and Mutoshi
- Produced over 41,350 tonnes of copper metal and over one million ounces of silver in 2008
- Listed on both the Australian and Toronto stock exchanges
- Over 200 staff across Congo and Australia



“The cost of this module will pay for itself by just avoiding one day of downtime.”



Troy Barclay, Senior Business Analyst, Anvil Mining

A gold-plated success.

Anvil Mining needed to bring sophisticated business computing systems into what was an unsophisticated environment – with high take-up and reliability.

We Listened

to understand how we could help the company implement a robust, user-friendly IT system in a very challenging location.

We Adapted

our Financials, Project Costing Payroll, Maintenance and Management modules to suit the unique needs of Anvil and comply with Congolese law.

We Revealed

a fully integrated, reliable system that has been embraced by the local Congolese and helped Anvil Mining achieve greater operational efficiency.

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Pronto believes in the power of actively listening to clients, adapting our product to meet their needs and finally revealing the best solution. It's how we continually surpass client expectations, delivering moments of utter surprise and delight.