

## Ostaline Mining Services - 30 Years in the Making



In 2018 Ostaline Mining Services celebrate its 30th year of operation. Ostaline has played a key role in supplying and supporting drill angle and depth measurement, logging and navigation systems, as well as a wide range of grouting equipment to the Australian mining industry for three decades.

Initially the agent for Ilmeg AB of Sweden, Ostaline was introduced to Transtronic AB, another Swedish company in the mid-1990s, subsequently becoming its exclusive Australian distributor.

Transtronic's Managing Director, Johan Sward stated: "Transtronic has been in the business since 1972 and Ostaline was one of the first companies we signed a partner-agreement with. Ever since the beginning, Ostaline has complemented the products from Transtronic with great knowledge and understanding for our customer's processes".

With the introduction of swinging-boom underground production drills into Australia in the late '90s, Ostaline had an important role to play. Ostaline's Marketing Director Gavin Caspersz explains.

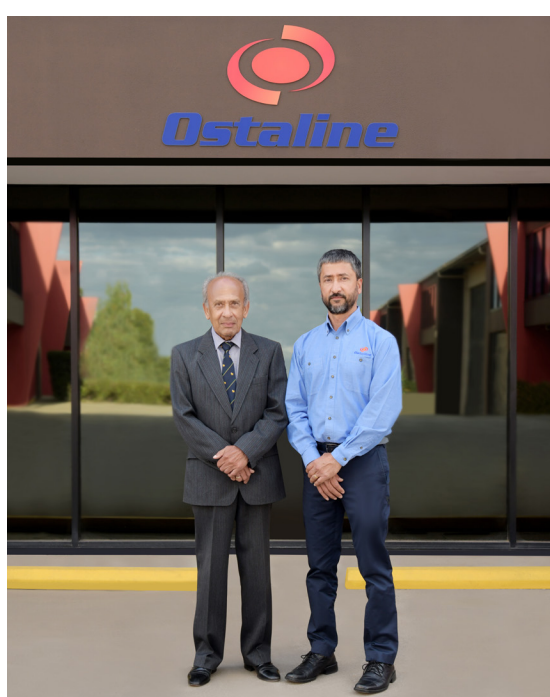
"We supplied Transtronic systems (to Sandvik) from the late 1990s to the mid-2000s on all their swinging boom, production drills, as it incorporated the mathematics capable of accurately calculating the drill angle during off-set feed movements. During this time, the business expanded to include the supply of Transtronic angle and depth instrumentation to other OEMS, mines and mining contractors, both surface and underground."

"Transtronic instruments are a standalone system," Gavin said, "making it easier to troubleshoot. Transtronic have a worldwide reputation for quality products that can withstand the harsh environments they are exposed to".

One of the areas Ostaline can assist customers with is when original equipment manufacturers no longer support ancillary items such as angle indicators on older model rigs.

"When there is a greater demand for production drilling, older model drill rigs are often refurbished and recommissioned. Ostaline can provide a critical service to our customers in these situations and will continue to do so into the future."

Ostaline has been providing that service for 30 years, having been founded by Gavin's father Elroy Caspersz in 1988. Elroy was a naval officer who emigrated to Sydney to serve in the Royal Australian Navy Reserves. Elroy moved on to form Ostaline with the principle aim of supplying, supporting and servicing drill rig alignment systems, grouting equipment and ground support products for mining and construction applications.



Elroy has expressed his pride in the company he formed in 1988 and its achievements over a 30-year period. He is excited by this new chapter in Ostaline's history, which includes the launch of the Transtronic Gyro RigAligner™ in Australia, used for the alignment of a wide range of drill rigs. This exclusive distributorship arrangement with Transtronic makes available the Gyro RigAligner™ in Australia for the first time.

Information on Ostaline, Transtronic and the Gyro RigAligner™ can be found at:

- [Ostaline website](#)
- [Transtronic website](#)