**NEIL FITZMAURICE AND JOHN GELSON JOIN NORMET IN AUSTRALIA**

Kari Hamalainen, VP Asia-Pacific, is pleased to announce that Neil Fitzmaurice joins Normet in Australia in the role of Managing Director and John Gelson joins Normet in Australia in the role of Manager, Ground Control and Construction Technologies. Fitzmaurice reports to Kari Hamalainen and Gelson to neil Fitzmaurice.

Fitzmaurice has worked across multiple geographies and diverse cultures within the Asia Pacific region whilst being resident in Japan, Singapore, China and Australia. He has been working with the chemicals industry for over 30 years and has extensive experience with senior management positions in different roles. His previous role was with a major chemicals manufacturer/supplier as head of the mining business in Australia.

Gelson has either worked directly or indirectly with the mining and tunnelling industry for over 39 years. He has worked as an Underground Mine manager and Deputy Mine Manager in the UK before moving to Australia where he worked with a mining contractor as the Manager for Mining Services. After that he held different roles in with a major chemicals manufacturer/supplier in the underground construction sector in Australia and in the Asia Pacific region.

These additions strengthen both Normet’s Australia operations as well as the Asia-Pacific region overall, with the combined expertise and experience of these gentlemen adding significantly to Normet’s capability as a solutions provider to its mining and tunneling customers.

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**About Normet**

Normet is a fast growing and innovative technology company with a passion to offer continuous improvement to underground construction and mining processes for increased safety, productivity and profitability.

Normet has a broad underground offering:

• Equipment for concrete spraying and transport, explosives charging, scaling, lifting, installation works, and logistics.

• Construction chemicals for sprayed concrete, admixtures for all types concrete, injection systems for rock improvement, reinforcement systems for high deformation conditions, spray applied waterproofing systems and needed chemicals for TBM technology covering hard rock, EPB, open face and slurry type machines.

• The new generation energy absorbing rock bolting system; the D-Bolt system specially designed for efficient and reliable rock reinforcement, in both squeezing and burst-prone strata conditions.

Normet has delivered over 10,000 built-for-purpose underground machines which are serviced and supported with Life Time Care.

Normet currently employs over 900 business professionals.

Normet is a Finnish based company that operates globally with over 43 locations in 27 countries worldwide.