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# Boliden: Insights of a conveyor

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# A century of exploration and innovation



BOLIDEN 1924-2024

On a cold December day in 1924, gold fever struck near the village of Boliden in northern Sweden.

This marked the start of 100 years of challenging conventions while providing some of the most important building blocks for modern society.

BOLIDEN

# **About Boliden**

- Provides metals made in Europe that are essential for the climate transition and modern society
- Conducts operations within exploration, mining, smelting and recycling
- Produces copper, zinc, nickel, lead, precious metals, tellurium as well as sulfuric acid
- Leads the industry in climate and sustainability performance
- Achieves world-class productivity through technical know-how and decentralized decision-making





# **Boliden in numbers**

- Production of base and precious metals since 1924
- Five mining units and five smelters in Finland, Ireland Norway and Sweden
- Around 6,000 employees\*
- Approximately SEK 80 billion in revenues\*



#### Aitik

Copper, gold and silver

The world's most productive open-pit copper mine

Large volumes and rational methods mean high productivity

Electrification for climate-smart haulage

Milled tonnage: 40.7 Mtonnes\*

Operating profit: SEK 1,419 m\*

Average number of employees: 814\*



SKF

Founded in 1907

129 countries

40 000 employees

17 000 distributors

40 customer industries

#### Our combined offering



- Bearings and units
- Seals
- Lubrication
- Condition monitoring
- Services





### Boliden and the Use Case

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- Eliminate risks of breakdowns in the conveyor belt system.
- Critical Asset
- Transport all ore from Mine to Concentrator
- Bearing failure
  - Direct costs
  - Indirect costs, resources, spares, logistics
  - Production disturbances
- Other unexpected happenings
- Fire
- Human errors



# **Business success objectives**



#### Collaborative efficiency

Make vibrations-based data and insights available to broader audience like application engineers and maintenance planners. Sharing contextualized data for further analysis for both maintenance engineers and condition monitoring analysts.



#### **Data Quality**

**Improved quality and efficiency of data** analysis by having process and vibration data in a single asset view.



equipment.

#### Using AI and ML

Availability Improvements

The goal is to achieve a **reduction** in

unplanned equipment downtime and

maintenance activities on the critical conveyor

Improved asset status understanding by having process and vibration data in a single asset view. Perform analytics using ML Models on datasets to get pro-active alerts to operators and maintenance technicians.



# What are we talking about?











## Use cases during the Lighthouse project

#### **Use Case 1 - Collaboration enablement**

- 1. Combining and Contextualizing data from BOLIDEN PI System and SKF Observer
- **2. Centralizing** data in a global cloud-hosted repository to allow access for different stakeholders (BOLIDEN and SKF engineers can look at the same data at the same time)
- 3. Sharing data from Operations and Condition Monitoring between BOLIDEN and SKF
  - Make data available to from BOLIDEN PI System to SKF PI System using CDS
  - Data analytics (AVEVA Advanced Analytics)

#### **Use Case 2 - Digital maintenance using AVEVA Advanced Analytics**

 Using Anomaly Detection Model to track equipment performance and vibration data anomalies

#### Use Case 2a – Gain Insights

• Enable BOLIDEN and SKF experts to better collaborate on a regular basis



## Success criteria



Rapid Data Integration from On-Premise to Cloud Contextualization of Vibration Data and Process Data

Implementation of AVEVA Advanced Analytics to find Anomalies in process and vibration data Improve overall equipment availability and minimize downtime Achieve rapid deployment and scale-up to production





# Why Connect SKF Observer and PI

- By using vibration-based the refined vibration data (MCIs) is made available for also non vibration experts both from SKF and customer. This increases value created by condition monitoring by improved utilisation of technical competence.
- The combination of vibration-based MCIs and other operational data ("process data") creates new insights and improve quality and efficiency of condition monitoring.
- PI make vibration data available for "non-maintenance" applications and hence increase value created from the data.
- Data consolidated in PI enables use of ML/AI applications.

# SKF Observer Connector to the AVEVA PI System



- SKF Observer Connector to the AVEVA PI System is based on Dianomic FogLAMP. It has been developed in collaboration with AVEVA.
- The connector uses the existing Phoenix REST API in Observer.
- Historical data from Observer DB can be made available to PI
- In combination with vibration data, the connector also transfers asset data structure from Observer making the hierarchy available in PI Asset Framework.
- Possible to deploy on-prem, cloud or hybrid setup.
- No-code configuration. The goal is that "IT-competencies" will only be needed for initial setup



# Step 1 – Tear Down Silos



#### Traditional Condition Monitoring in a Silo



Condition monitoring using mainly vibration data.

#### **Combining Condition Monitoring and Process Data**



Condition monitoring supported by broad data-set.

Analysis of operational data including SKF vibration data

# Step 2 – Build equipment dashboards for maintenance people and bearing application engineers





Data from ABB 800xA SCADA and SKF Observer united for the first time



## Asset Dashboard for BT1490 and Al Assistant



# Step 3 – Implementation of threads and models based on visual analysis in AAA



# Threads and Anomaly Model in AVEVA Advanced Analytics



# Step 4 – Data sharing – PI Cloud Connect next generation



# Sharing Data between BOLIDEN and SKF

#### CONNECT to PI Agent now supports community streams



# CONNECT enables BOLIDEN and SKF to accomplish smart Maintenance

#### Challenges

- Low availability and high maintenance cost on critical belt conveyors resulting in high TCO and low productivity.
- Conveyor Belts have currently high failure rates on bearings causing unplanned downtime
- BOLIDEN Maintenance Engineers traditionally only worked with a limited dataset from SCADA
- SKF Vibration analysts only looked on Condition Monitoring data from their expert system (SKF Observer) no
  process context

#### Solution

- Integration and contextualization of SCADA and SKF Observer data in BOLIDEN PI System
- Leverage CONNECT Data Services as industrial data enablement infrastructure
- Continuous Data Sharing between BOLIDEN and SKF
- Leverage AVEVA Advanced Analytics for rapid implementation of self-service data analytics
- Partnership approach: Client Solution Partner Vendor

#### Results

- End-to-End data availability
- Connecting process with condition monitoring data **empowers collaboration**
- Gaining new insights on both ends (BOLIDEN Maintenance Engineer and SKF Vibration Data Analysts)
- Potential reduction by of Downtime as a result by being able to react on equipment behaviour proactively



# Lessons learned

1	<b>Data Engineering</b> is fundamental at the very beginning: Data selection, data quality, data governance, data contextualization			
2	Process to discuss and <b>create insights</b> for the people on the equipment from the different experts <b>across BOLIDEN and SKF</b>		3 Provide a common data set across different Organizations within BOLIDEN and across companies towards SKF	ری در ا
4	If you want to do machine learning, you need to learn the machine	R	5 It is also all about safety and security	Ċ
6	Think big, start small: Lighthouse Project architecture as blueprint for BOLIDEN Industry 4.0 Roadmap	Q.	7 Experience of <b>Build vs. Buy</b>	

# Thank you for your attention!

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