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# MFQ continues its digital transformation journey by relying on AVEVA Operations Control & Predictive Analytics using the AVEVA PI System data foundation

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## Quebec Iron Ore

Champion Iron Limited, through its subsidiary Quebec Iron Ore Inc., owns and operates the Bloom Lake Mining Complex, located on the south end of the Labrador Trough, approximately 13 km north of Fermont, Québec.

Bloom Lake is an open-pit operation with two concentrators that primarily source energy from renewable hydroelectric power.

The Bloom Lake Phase I and Phase II plants have a combined nameplate capacity of 15 Mtpa and produce a low contaminant high-grade 66.2% Fe iron ore concentrate with a proven ability to produce a 67.5% Fe direct reduction quality concentrate.





# Business Challenges

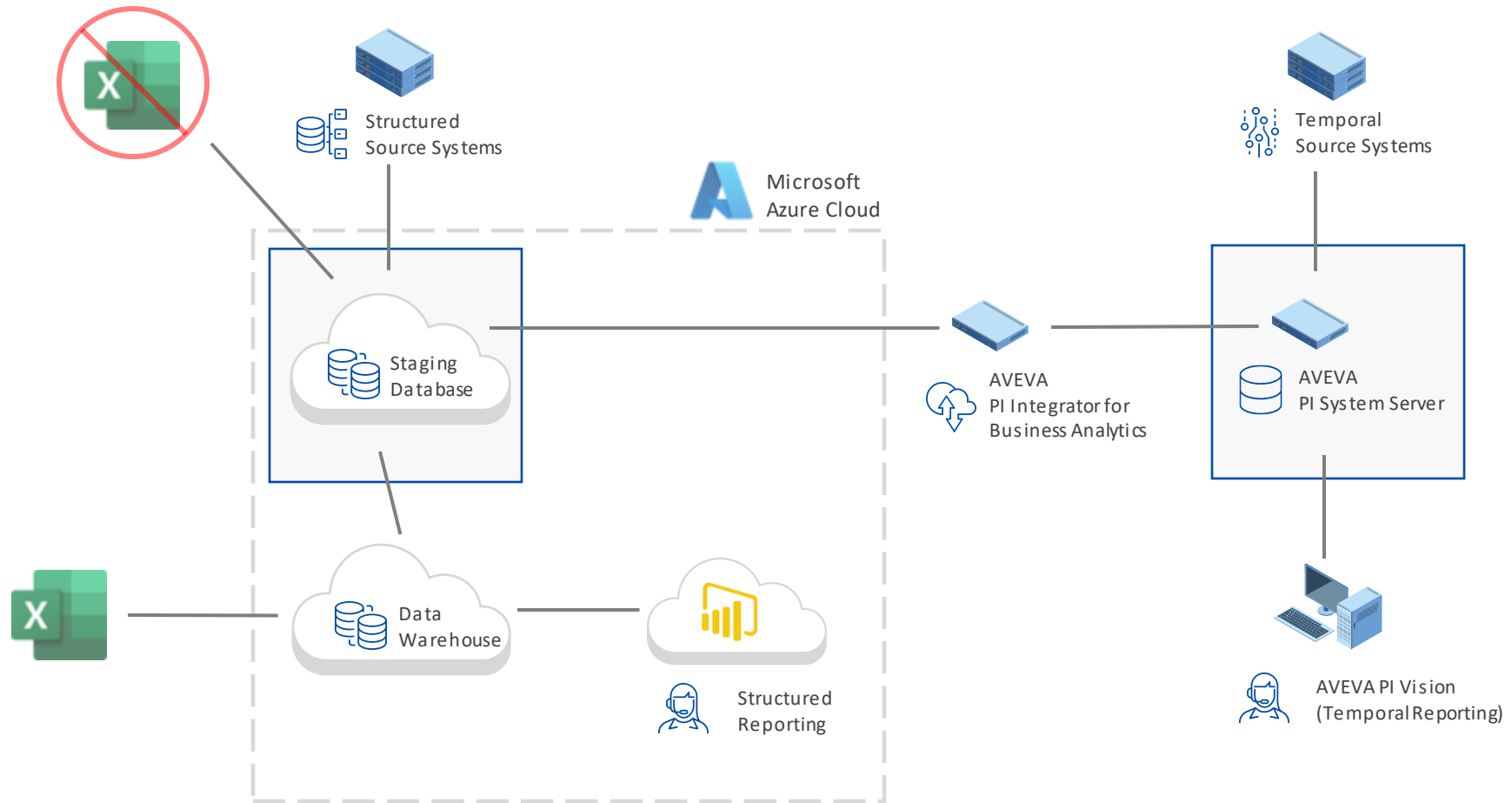


## Main challenge: Reducing reaction time from event to resolution

- Must evolve from Excel based analytics
- Lacked a solid data foundation to efficiently feed business and operational reports
- Multiple isolated control rooms across the mine operations
- Reliability of critical equipment needs to be improved to support phase two expansion
- Improve production traceability
- Increase real-time visibility of pit to port operations



# Data Foundation & Excel Transition





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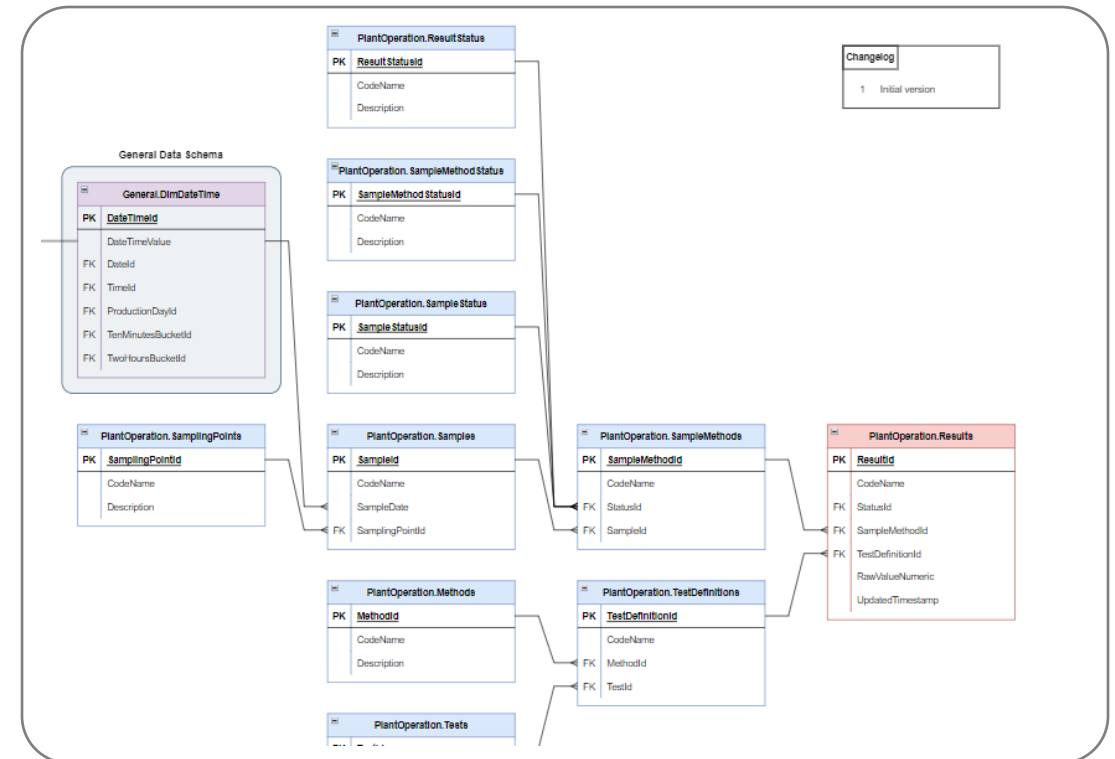
Key: Having a solid data architecture

## Temporal Data

The screenshot shows the PI System Explorer interface. On the left, a tree view lists various elements under 'Elements'. The main pane displays a table for 'Valve Eau Procède Residus Fins Combines' with columns for Name, Value, and Description. The table contains several rows of data, including 'Boude', 'CVin', 'CVout', 'ISA', 'PLC', and 'Secteur'.

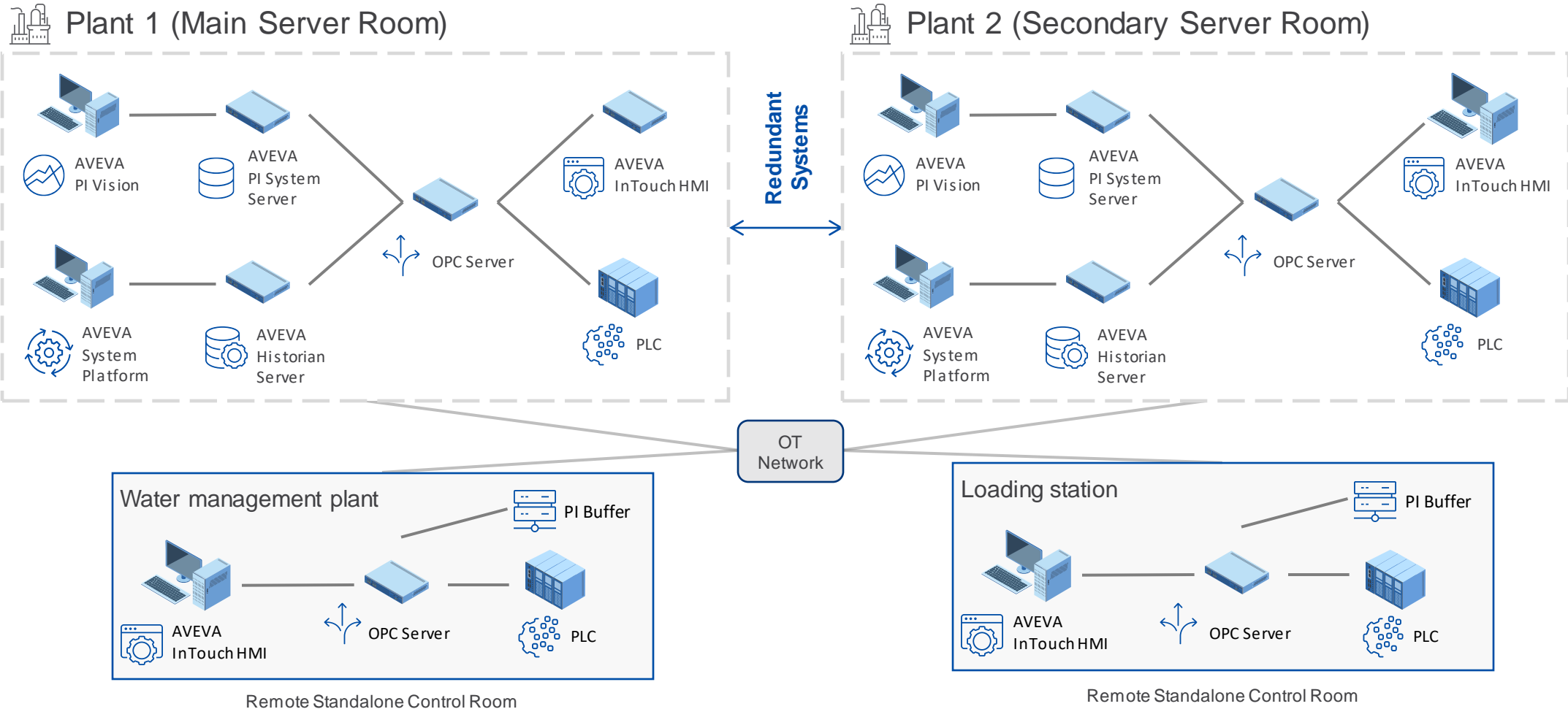
Name	Value	Description
Boude	7348	7348
CVin	0	Valeur analogique d'entrée à traiter
CVout	100	Valeur analogique de sortie
ISA	LV	LV
PLC	B109	Numéro de PLC
Secteur	2714	Numéro de secteur

## Structured Data





# Control Rooms (AVEVA Operations Control + PI System)





# Increase Critical Equipment Reliability



## Using AVEVA Predictive Analytics to benefit

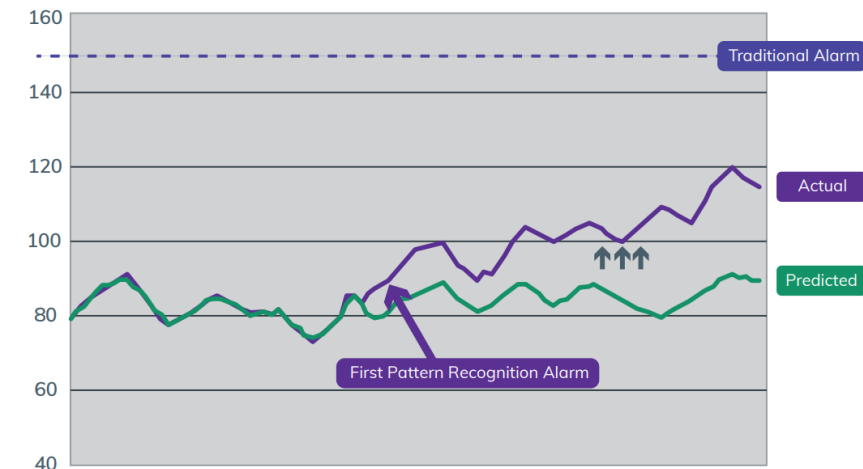
- Maintenance / Reliability engineers
- Operators

## Started with pilot project

- Able to verify that the tool would have detected the failure in previous breakdown
- 3 assets monitored
- Analyzed the result with users

## Current deployment

- Production rollout
- Phase One: 10 assets (50 models)
  - Coarse tailing pumps
  - AG Mill







# Improve Production Traceability



## Identified areas of need

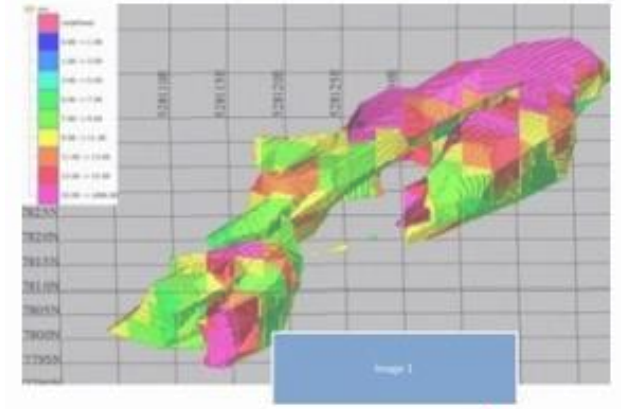
- Track material quality over the process
- Live inventory of stock piles
- Quality manifest of loaded material in train

## How we think it would improve traceability

- Summary view of what is in the pipeline
- History of mineral resources extracted
- Robust source of production information to further enhance reporting

## Path forward

- Evaluating AVEVA Production Management



PERFORMANCE	INVENTORY	SUSTAINABILITY
Delay Accounting	Inventory Management	WAGES Loss Accounting
Production Reporting	Grade Control & Tracking	Incident Management
Knowledge Management	Material Accounting	Environmental Reporting



# Increase Pit to Port Visibility



## Identified areas of need

- Have a unified view of different systems (structured data, temporal data and CAD drawings)
- Show operations control and predictive maintenance data in context

## How we think it would increase pit to port visibility

- Help the business react to production events
- Bring global view to managers
- Make data more accessible to other users

## Path forward

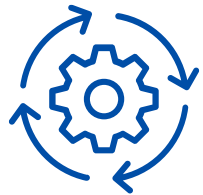
- Evaluating AVEVA Unified Operations Center





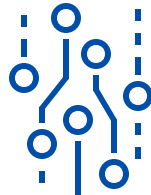
# Roadmap

**Main challenge: Reducing reaction time from event to resolution**



Reliable  
HMI/SCADA

**AVEVA  
Operations  
Control**



Solid Temporal  
& Structured  
Data  
Architecture

**AVEVA PI  
System**



Process and Asset  
Performance  
Visibility

**AVEVA Predictive  
Analytics  
&  
AVEVA Production  
Management\***



Overall Pit to  
Port Visibility

**AVEVA  
Unified  
Operations  
Center\***

# Recap



## Challenge

- Reducing reaction time from event to resolution
- Evolve data foundation and improve robustness
- Users need a real-time view of the operation



## Solution

- Implement tools to follow asset health in real-time
- Organize a solid data architecture
- Improve visibility of operations from top to bottom



## Results

- Independent control rooms with a centralized data center
- Robust temporal and structured data architecture
- Real-time asset analysis tools
- Unified data visualization tools



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