

# Snowden's young gun

SNOWDEN Group senior software developer Joshua Freitas is proving age is no barrier to success.

The 25-year-old recently flew across the world to visit a minesite run by a Brazilian major and present proof of concept for Snowden's Reconcilor software.

Reconcilor, a software system that enables the comparison and analysis of resource/reserve estimates, grade control, truck dispatch, survey pick-up and plant production data, was installed at one of the major's Brazilian projects late in 2008.

"The biggest issue that we had with the project was obviously the difference in countries and the time difference, which was 11 hours," Freitas said.

"It made things a lot simpler just to go there, meet face to face, put faces to names and show the product off."

Although the Reconcilor package had been in use at the operation for a few months, Freitas said it was not being used to its full capacity.

"Basically Reconcilor is a mine reconciliation package and they went there with the mindset of 'we're just going to do reconciliation,' but obviously Reconcilor is a bit more than that; it's operations management, it's mainstream reporting," he said.

"We had a look at what they're currently doing and compared it [with what could be done] to get a rough map of what we were going to do inside Reconcilor.

"We finally did a demonstration of what it actually looks like from what we developed here. We had a website up and running and we went through that and they basically had more of an understanding of what Reconcilor did. They got very excited."

Following the visit, talks between Snowden



Snowden senior software developer Joshua Freitas.

and the mining giant have been ongoing, with suggestions that the company will expand its use of Reconcilor to other operations. Snowden chief executive Craig Morley and general manager Robert Williamson have been invited to travel to Brazil in July for further discussions.

Williamson said Freitas performed admirably during his time in Brazil.

"I think Josh is being a bit modest," he said. "He went over there to show them proof of concept but he's the guy that got them excited about what the product can do.

"At the end of Josh's visit there has been

discussion between Snowden management and the company, which has culminated in an invitation to the Snowden CEO and myself to visit."

While the trip ultimately has proved to be a successful one, Freitas admitted to initial nerves about it.

"I haven't left Australia except for that [trip]," he said. "It was a big culture shock for me, [but it's] a very beautiful country and the people there are very nice.

"Working with the guys at the site, they were very helpful, very friendly, very accommodating - it was a lot of fun." **AMM**

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