# SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR MINING AND REMEDIATION



#### NOVEL PROCESS

- HPSA is a mechanical process (i.e. no chemicals) leveraging particle particle collisions.
- HPSA focuses on liberating minerals along their intergranular boundary lines, creating a much more efficient liberation at particle sizes that are coarser than the industry standard.
- Slurries are transported by high-pressure pumps through opposing nozzles, creating impinging jets contained in a collision housing.

#### SELECTIVE LIBERATION

- HPSA uses the difference in Mohs hardness between the base mineral and target mineral for selective liberation, which provides a more energy efficient alternative to conventional grinding mills.
- By liberating target minerals from the gangue, the post-HPSA material can be more efficiently separated by size classification or flotation for increased grade and recovery.
- Due to HPSA's effectiveness at selective liberation, the target minerals are efficiently concentrated earlier in the processing sequence, which reduces the amount of overall material that needs processing. This creates opportunities to reduce or remove downstream unit operations.

### CONTINUOUS OPERATION

- HPSA can be used as a stand alone system (typically for remediation and tailings applications) or as a "plug and play" unit in the grinding/regrinding stage of the processing circuit (replacing the need for ball mills, rod mills, and/or attrition scrubbers).
- Throughput scaling options based on processing needs currently offering units with a range up to 50 tons per hour.
- Units can be applied to any circuit with minerals that benefit from selective liberation. Successful applications currently include, but are not limited to: Uranium / Vanadium / Phosphate / Potash / Graphite / Copper / Molybdenum / Gold / REEs.

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GEN A Deployed at an Iron Tailings Site





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## APPLICATION

- Filter sand is used in a variety of mining applications including well water filtration, water reuse, source water filtration, leaching pads, tailings, and many more.
- Currently, when filter sand is saturated with contaminants, it is discarded and replaced with new sand. This replacement can be very costly.
- HPSA technology has been proven to remove contaminants from filter sand so the filter sand can be regenerated and re-used as "clean sand" back to the filtration process.

FILTER SAND IMAGES





5 min







0 min

10 min

30 min

0 min

**HPSA Processing Time** 

### CONCLUSION

- After HPSA processing, quartz content increased from 67% in the feed material to 94% in the product material.
- Post-HPSA sand is now able to be recycled back to the filtration process as clean sand. This process is at least 50% more economical than replacing the contaminated sand.

Pre-HPSA Filter Sand







Post-HPSA Coarse Clean Sand



Post-HPSA Contaminants Removed