

Drilled Meters in 2019 by Leading Exploration Drilling Contractors



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Raising number of total drilled meters worldwide by the 23 leading exploration drilling contractors in 2019



Photo: Swick Mining



Performance factors



Client relations & partnerships



Industry experience



Positive mental attitude



Innovation & technology

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Best known factors that influence performance. Companies are claiming that investing in innovation is of utmost importance.

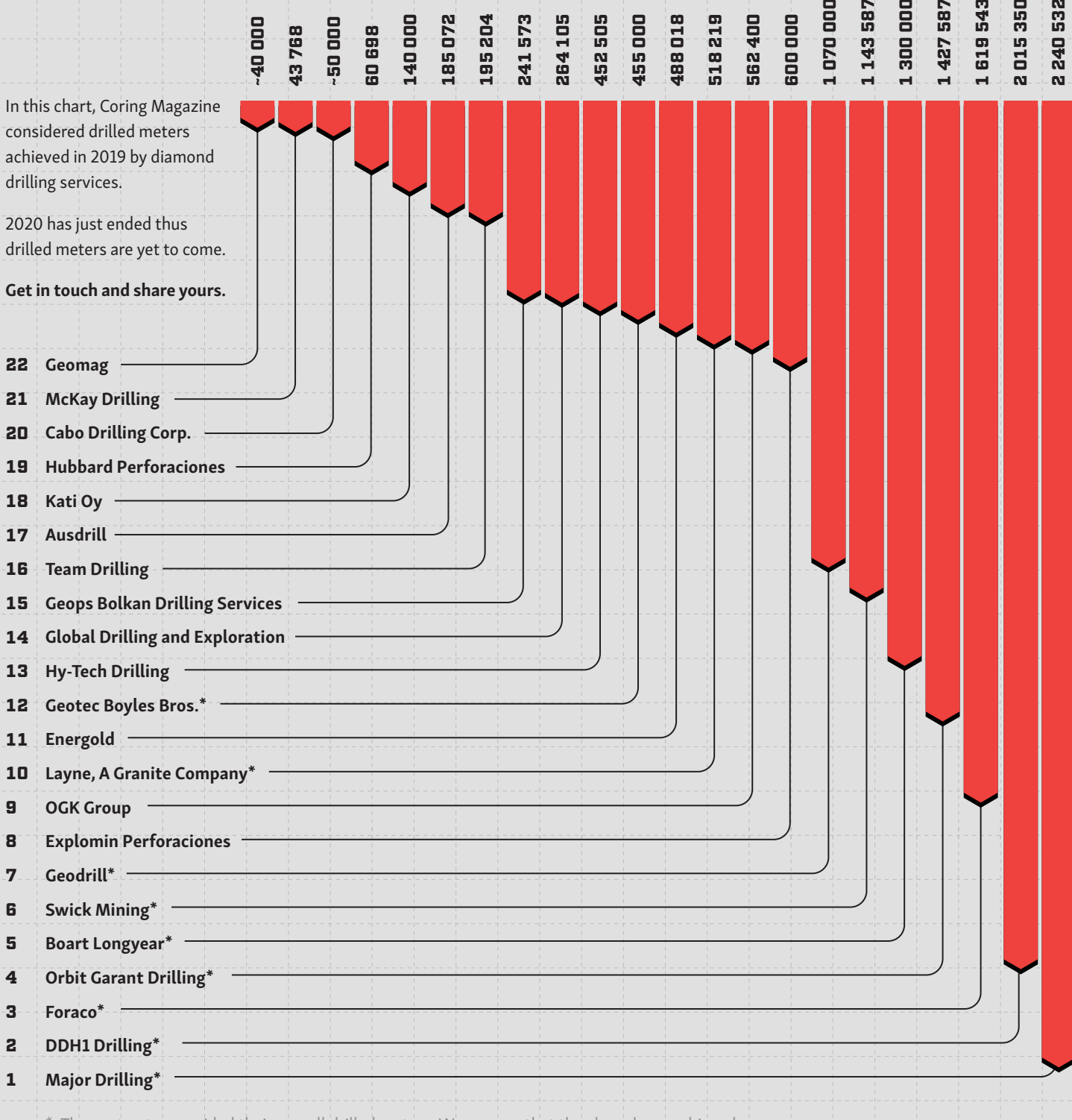


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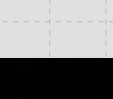
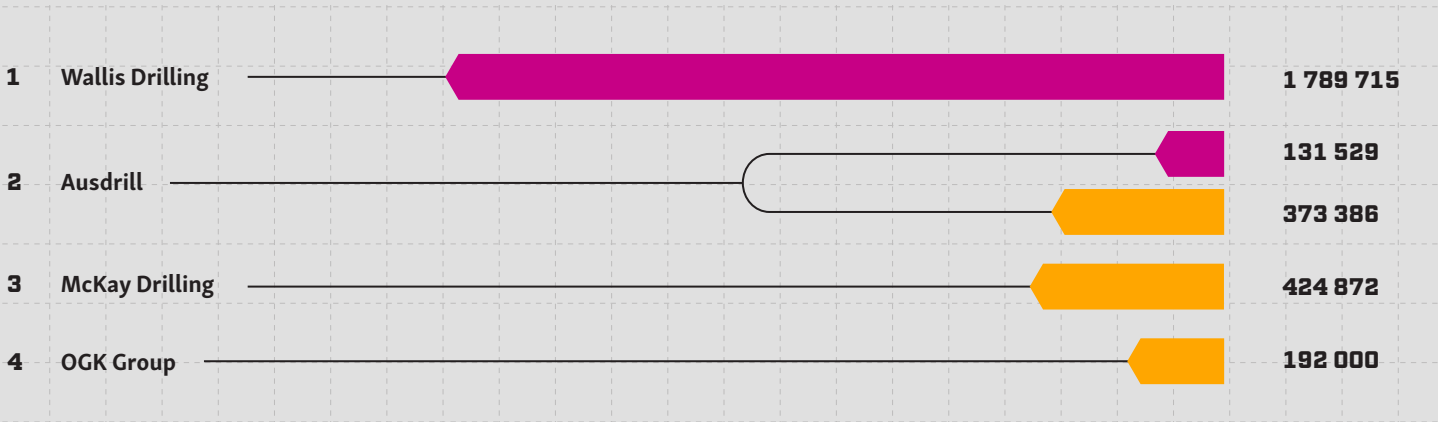


Drilled meters stats by company

Diamond Drilling



AirCore & Reverse Circulation



Company management

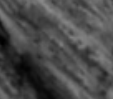
From evaluation to innovation



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The top companies listed in the statistics have experienced leadership to support their drillers. Most of the drilling company managers have extensive backgrounds in the business bringing values, such as safety, innovation and sustainability, to every aspect of their companies.

Good managers do not merely ensure that drilling operations run smoothly and on target. Perhaps their more important role is to evaluate results and performance and drive innovations and improvements not only to the operations of the whole company but also to the work of each driller.



Innovations

And the impact of the pandemic

Innovations are particularly important in the current COVID-19 situation. While all of the companies featured in this infographic have reported major disruptions to operations in 2020, many have made year-over-year innovations that have lessened the impacts of the pandemic.

Innovations may take many shapes. Several of the companies have stated that upgrading their rigs or building custom setups has helped their success both in 2019 and 2020. Others report that improvements, such as better scheduling, improving processes and automation, have also brought significant benefits.



Training

Improving safety is essential

All of the companies Coring Magazine has contacted stated that training was an essential part of their success in 2019. Better training increases the number of drilled meters and also prevents accidents, which is essential.

The top companies invest in training their drillers, either through in-house courses or through certification programs. Other strategies employed by companies are exchanges – drillers are sent to other sites, where they can gain valuable knowledge through working alongside more experienced drillers.

As a result, several companies have achieved record-breaking depths in both 2019 and 2020 and have improved the average amount of shifts required to drill to a certain depth. The number of accidents has decreased for the majority of the companies dedicated to training their drillers.