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Sinar and Jenoptik give the go-ahead
for sales of the Hy6 system

The electric mine train clatters its way down the well used tracks into the dark mountain. The spotlights on the sides pick out bizarre shapes on the rough-hewn rock face as it rushes by. But the car's occupants are not miners in search of mineral wealth: they are a select group of European journalists and photographers embarking on this adventure a mile and a half underground for the official launch of the Sinar Hy6 system.

This medium format system, first presented by Sinar in prototype form at photokina 2006, is the most flexible hybrid digital/analog system in existence today, designed for sensors up to 56 x 56 mm in size.

Optimum image quality is achieved with an electronically controlled, low-vibration mirror drive system and a zero-shock central shutter with a 1/1000-sec capability that makes it the fastest in its class and a minimum flash synchronization time that is also 1/1000 sec.

Now that the guests have arrived at the heart of the mine, they will soon be able to see for themselves whether the Hy6 lives up to their expectations.

An impressive laser show (also created using Jena technology) sets the scene for the Hy6 system in the largest tin mine in Europe.

Justin Cooper, a Paris based Australian fashion photographer whose work appears in high-end magazines such as Harper's Bazaar, puts on a fashion shoot to show off the Hy6 system's capabilities in a high-stress situation.





Its talents include quick changeover from landscape to portrait format with no change in camera position, a built-in LCD display in the adjustable grip that can be read at the same viewing angle from any camera position, light weight, a long battery operating time that allows up to two thousand exposures, and large internal memory capacity. All these functions ensure maximum mobility.

After extensive opportunities for hands-on testing at four setups, it's already time for the amateur miners to return to the surface and consider the experiences of their busy day over an exquisite dinner. There is certainly plenty to talk about, and the unanimous opinion is that from now on the Sinar Hy6 system should definitely stay out in the open.

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