

## BAUMA 2013 - BEST BAUMA EVER?



E-Z Drill just returned from Munich, Germany where they exhibited at the largest construction equipment show in the world – held every three years on the outskirts of Munich at the site of the old Munich airport. 2013 represented E-Z Drill’s sixth time as an exhibitor (if you count 2010, where the exhibit materials made it to Munich, but no personnel did because of the volcano in Iceland!). And we came home with the feeling that this was the best of all Bauma shows.

If you are connected in any way with the construction industry, or construction equipment, and you’ve never been to Bauma, this needs to be on your “bucket list”. There is nothing else like it on the planet. According to official statistics, there were over 530,000 attendees - **more than 4 times larger than CONEXPO and 10 times larger than World of Concrete in Las Vegas**. Other interesting facts include:



*3,420 exhibitors from 57 countries*

*570,000 square meters of exhibit space*

*16 huge buildings full of indoor exhibit space*

*Outdoor exhibit spaces with equipment and modular 2-story buildings erected just for the show*



E-Z Drill was part of the USA Pavilion in one of the buildings. There were also pavilions set up representing other countries such as Korea, China, France, India and more...

You can find massive construction equipment like mobile cranes, mining trucks and excavators, to small valves, gears, and o-rings on display, and everything in between. And the fact that Munich hosts this exhibition is another treat in itself. Munich is a beautiful city, and it offers, along with the surrounding area, great sightseeing opportunities, such as:

*Munich architecture*

*Castles (Neuschwanstein – built by “crazy” King Ludwig. This is the castle that inspired Walt Disney for his castle at Disneyland)*

*Dachau – a somber but powerful tour of the WWII concentration camp*

*White asparagus – when it’s in season, which it usually is during Bauma*

*Golf course – any with the Alps in the background*



The only downside for Bauma, and this would be true in any city hosting this many visitors at once, is that it’s recommended that you are sitting when getting a quote for hotel rooms near the city center!



Save the date for the next Bauma Exhibition – **April 11-16, 2016**. E-Z Drill will be there, and we hope to see you, too!