The center is the Internet of Things Center of Excellence. When you talk about IoT there are three important things that come together. The first thing is intelligent sensors, devices and network & connectivity. The second thing is data science and interconnectivity. And the third important thing is the machine-human interface. But all that brings this together is the business enablement aspect.

What is the focus for the center?

The center will focus a lot on what IoT is going to do to the human in the field wherever they are. The fundamental differentiator and DNA of the center is innovation to action at pace. So we don’t stop with just talking about ideas here or innovation here, we translate them very quickly into prototypes, something that you can touch and feel and react to, so that you can take it to the field very quickly.
What can visitors experience in the center?

There are multiple different stations that we have stood up. One of that is an aerial monitoring station to help with all the aerial monitoring work that we do. The second one is a processing plant because that actually mimics what we do at an energy site, at a refinery as well as in a generation plant. The third thing that we have stood up is an actual conveyor station because conveyor although elementary as it sounds is a very important asset for a mining client. The last but not least is the augmented reality and the virtual reality rooms as an immersive environment for some of our clients.

How will the center help drive business value for natural resources companies?

It provides that in three different ways. Number one is productivity and cost take out and that’s a huge lever for a lot of the resources companies right now. Number two is how it impacts the top line benefits for a lot of companies. And the third and the very important thing, you want to attract the best talent, you want to be the best company out there for shareholders and stakeholders and that’s what IoT actually brings to the table as well.

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