



Strategic tips on getting "operational ready" in Africa

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Africa is a complex operating environment and mine developers must manage their risks carefully to avoid a project delivery failure. Critical assets, people, processes and systems must all come together at the right time and "to specification". It is widely accepted that a significant amount of value can be destroyed in the critical stage of commissioning and start-up if the right planning and critical skills and expertise is not brought to the project early on.

Risks to operations include prolonged start-up periods, capacity shortfalls, engineering design issues, safety and risk hazards, skills and training challenges. Adding to that are the regulatory and geopolitical challenges that are commonplace in Africa.

This panel discussion will cover suggestions on what new mining operations in Africa need to consider and prepare for when engaging partners in the design, build and operate phases of the project. Issues such as project governance, operator involvement, project risk assessment (internal and external), personnel competency and development, changing country requirements, cost management, quality control and stakeholder engagement all form part of what needs to be managed to achieve "operational readiness".

RSVP required

WHEN: Thur, 5th September
TIME: 7:00 am - 8.10 am
WHERE: Silver Room, Novotel Perth Langley
COST: Free. By invite only.
RSVP: ASAP. Limited spots.
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Breakfast will be served

Speaker Bios



Sherif Andrawes, Global Leader, Natural Resources, BDO

Sherif is BDO's Global Natural Resources Leader responsible for the strategy and development of the sector within BDO internationally. Sherif has led BDO teams for a number of mergers and acquisitions and has prepared numerous independent expert reports and other special investigation assignments. Having prepared over 400 public independent expert and investigating accountant's reports, Sherif is recognised as a leader in his field in Australia.



James Smith, Group Executive, Operations, DRA Minopex

James Smith is the Group Executive for Operations and is responsible for DRA's Minopex business unit. James has over 20 years' experience in the mining, industrial and financial sectors where he has held various consulting, investment advisory and operational leadership positions. In his current role, James drives the growth and development of DRA's contract operations and maintenance business. He holds a BSc. Eng. (Chemical Engineering) from the University of Witwatersrand.



Tony Sage, Executive Chairman, Cape Lambert Resources

Mr Sage has over 40 years experience in corporate advisory services, funds management and capital raising. Tony has been influential in the mining industry working across a number of countries raising capital, listing companies and doing deals. In addition to Cape Lambert he is a Non-Executive Chairman to European Lithium and Fe Limited and a Non-Executive Director to International Petroleum Ltd and Karratha Metals Group. He operates Perth Glory FC, Perth's only A-League football team and co-own's Perth Fashion Festival.



Errol Smart, MD & CEO, Orion Mining

Errol is a geologist, registered with the South African Council of Natural Scientific Professionals, a Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation for JORC purposes. Errol has more than 24 years of industry experience across all aspects of exploration, mine development and operation, with a key focus on gold and base metals. Errol has a wealth of public and private company corporate experience and has been on the founding teams and managed a number of exploration and mining companies throughout Africa and has had strong exposure to Australian projects. Errol has held positions in AngloGold, Cluff Mining, Metallon Gold, Clarity Minerals, African Stellar Group and LionGold Corporation. Errol is Chairman of the Junior Leadership Forum of the Minerals Council South Africa and is a board member of the Minerals Council.



Michael Anderson, Director, Taurus Funds Management

Mr Anderson has over 25 years' industry experience, largely in southern Africa and Australia. His career commenced as a geologist with Anglo American, followed by roles in the metallurgical and engineering industries with Mintek, Bateman and Kellogg Brown & Root. He subsequently held senior management positions including Corporate Development Manager at Gallery Gold Limited, and Managing Director at Exco Resources Limited, where he oversaw the successful development of the White Dam Gold Project, and the sale of the Company's Cloncurry Copper Project to Xstrata. He joined Taurus Funds Management as a Director in August 2011 where his role comprises origination, due diligence and management across a range of the firm's equity and debt investments. Mr Anderson has served as Taurus' nominee on the boards of a number of private and publicly listed companies and is currently a Non-Executive Director of Alliance Mining Commodities (Bauxite in Guinea), Hot Chili Limited (Copper In Chile) and QMetco Limited (Coal in Queensland).