



DIAMONDS – Lesotho



Letšeng Mine

- Alluvial Ventures is operating at full production and processing the required tonnage for the Letšeng Mine (photo, left).
- The first two successful tenders of 2012 were held in January and February (Antwerp).



Kolo Mine

- Security fence has been completed and security personnel are on site (photo, lower left).
- The final liquidation hearing for Angel Diamonds (previous prospecting license holders) will take place on 30 March, 2012.
- Once the liquidation judgement is finalized, Reskol Diamond Mining will take the appropriate steps to begin operations at Kolo.
- We anticipate that a small slimes dam will be built during May-June 2012, and expect to begin trial mining (60,000 tons) on the Kolo pipe Q3.2012.

Storm Mountain Mine

- The appeal lodged by Toro Diamonds against Namakwa Diamonds for joint ownership of Storm Mountain is scheduled for Q4.2012 in the Court of Appeals, Lesotho. Appeals cases are heard twice/year – the next available session for this appeal is Q4.12.

URANIUM – Moofontein Occurrence, Austin's Post RSA

Recent Progress

- Completed additional alkaline column tests (photo, upper right).
- Negotiations with neighbouring farmers have commenced.
- Ongoing work on Environmental Impact Assessment (target submission May/June 2012).
- Initial mine plan completed (photo, lower right).

Goals for Next Quarter

- Perform direct precipitation test work to determine product specs and verify that a saleable product can be produced from the pregnant leach solution.
- Perform geo-mechanical test work to determine compression behaviors of ore.
- Draw up a programme of pilot scale heap leaching test work to provide logical series of scale increases.
- Confirm infrastructure upgrade needs and costs (e.g., road, water, electricity).
- Await DMR decision regarding mining rights application.



TUNGSTEN / MOLYBDENUM / RARE EARTH ELEMENTS – Riviera Deposit, Piketberg RSA



Recent Progress

- Access agreements were entered into with two landowners and prospect drilling has begun (photos, left).
- The initial meeting of the Environmental Monitoring Committee was held on 1st March in Piketberg. The environmental control officer reviewed the regulations associated with the prospecting phase. The drilling company personnel were present, as were representatives of impacted landowners, CapeNature, Department of Agriculture, Withers Environmental Consultants, Creo Design and Bongani Minerals.
- An interdict regarding land use and zoning was lodged by the Berg River Municipality. This will be heard on 23 May 2012. The interdict has not halted core drilling of the first hole.
- A further interdict was lodged by the Moutonshoek Investments (Pty) Ltd. prohibiting prospecting on their portion of the property covered by the prospecting right. Bongani opposes both interdicts.
- Bongani published an advertorial in the Swartland Gazette on 20 March, 2012:
[“Know the Facts on Bongani Minerals and the prospecting work in the Moutonshoek Valley”](#)

Goals for Next Quarter

- Continue prospect drilling to determine the reliability and accuracy of the historic data.
- Generate new core for assay, geotechnical analysis and preliminary metallurgical test work.