



## **Lesotho Judge recuses self from Kolo Mine cases**

### **Batla Minerals SA (EURONEXT : MLBAT)**

On 30 August, 2012, Reskol Diamond Mining, a subsidiary of Batla Minerals SA, learned that the Lesotho High Court Judge recused herself from all cases relating to Angel Diamonds (Pty) Ltd (in provisional liquidation).

In her 'Reasons for Recusal,' Judge Chaka-Makhoane indicated that *"some people who say [they] are investors have approached the powers that be, in Government, i.e. the Executive, in relation to this case – in particular the pending judgment that is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2012. They have complained about the fact that the date for judgment in November is too far."*

The argument in the final liquidation application of Angel Diamonds (Pty) Ltd (in provisional liquidation) took place in the High Court of Lesotho on 30 March, 2012 and judgment was extended until 1 November, 2012 when the judge indicated she would make her ruling whether or not to make the provisional order final.

The Judge's recusal will affect the date for judgment in the final liquidation proceedings of Angel Diamonds (Pty) Ltd (in provisional liquidation) that had been scheduled for 1 November, 2012.

The Judge's recusal may also affect the date of the hearing regarding the ex parte application against the Minister of Mining and Energy, interdicting the Minister, Reskol Diamond Mining (Pty) Ltd and other interested parties from entering the mining area. This matter was scheduled to be heard on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 in the High Court of Lesotho.

We will provide additional information on these two matters when we receive information from our lawyers in Lesotho and from the Registrar of the High Court in Maseru.

### **About Batla Minerals**

Batla Minerals is a French resource investment company listed on the NYSE Euronext (Marche Libre: MLBAT). The company has active diamond operations in Lesotho.

New ventures are being sought across Southern Africa and include mineral deposits in the energy, precious and base metals categories.

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