



DIAMONDS – Lesotho



Letšeng Mine

- Alluvial Ventures' two plants are currently operating at full production capacity.
- For the three months ending 31 December, 2012, Alluvial Ventures met, on average, 99% of its contractual carat recovery targets and 101% of its contractual ore processing targets.
- Ten successful tenders were held in 2012 and 10 are scheduled for 2013.

Kolo Mine

- The hearing on the appeal for final liquidation of Angel Diamonds (Pty) Ltd was scheduled for 24 January, 2013 in the Appeals Court of Lesotho.
- On 21 January, 2013, the President of the Court of Appeal of Lesotho issued a statement indicating that the Chief Justice had blocked the judges from sitting in the Court of Appeal. Reasons were not provided. All hearings scheduled for January have been postponed to an undetermined date. We are awaiting further information and a reschedule of the hearing.

URANIUM – Austin's Post RSA

Recent accomplishments

- The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan were submitted to the DMR.
- The 2013 DMR Progress Report was drafted and submitted.
- Options were investigated to treat the bleed stream to manage the environmental impact of this discharge and to recover valuable reagent. A conceptual flow sheet was received from a possible vendor.
- Outstanding Department of Energy permissions to possess, use and transport nuclear material were applied for.



Goals for 1st quarter

- The precipitation test work at Mintek has not proceeded according to plan due to unexplained shortcomings in the Mintek experimental work. This has made it necessary for Mintek to restart the work at their expense.
- Complete and submit the National Nuclear Regulator conversion application.
- A wetlands specialist has been appointed and will commence work in February.
- The integrated water user license application and integrated water and waste management plan (IWULA/IWWMP) are to be submitted.
- Submit final EIA report to the DWA and DETEA once specialist reports have been updated following public comment, and feedback has been incorporated from the wetland specialist. This is part of the NEMA application process.
- Finalize the waste license application.

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TUNGSTEN / MOLYBDENUM / RARE EARTHS – Piketberg RSA

**Recent accomplishments**

- Core samples from nine historic holes and one twinned hole were sent to Genalysis (Perth) for analysis. Results received to date are encouraging.

Goals for 1st quarter

- Complete the LUPO process for a temporary departure for the use of the land to include prospecting. The Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) will make the decision on the LUPO application. A positive ruling is anticipated.
- Receive laboratory results from Genalysis on the core sample from the nine historic holes and the one twinned hole.
- Report on lab results and prepare an interim report to support the project's viability.
- Submit/obtain necessary documentation for licenses and permits to continue with the prospecting programme.

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