



DIAMONDS - Lesotho

Q2 Letseng Update

A new jaw crusher has arrived in South Africa and will soon be operational at the expanded plant in Lesotho. For the past several months, Alluvial Ventures has been using a 'loaner' crusher from the supplier. We expect to begin operating at full capacity (100,000 metric tons/month) in early June.

Q2 Tenders

Letšeng: Successful tenders were held in March and April – with notable success related to the find of a 2.97 carat blue diamond. At the Letšeng mine, Alluvial Ventures does contract work for Gem Diamonds. In mid-April, Gem released the linked statement, highlighting recent productivity at Letšeng: [April 2011 Interim Management Statement](#).

Uranium – Austin's Post RSA

Q2 Update

- The 3-meter column tests have been underway for a month. The first progress results are looking better than the 1-meter column test results after two weeks of leaching. One-meter tests are also underway.
- A flowsheet and mass balance has been produced for the anticipated heap leach operation.
- The first mine plan proposal has been presented.
- Environmental baseline studies are underway.
- Visited the Rossing Uranium Mine to acquire further knowledge about heap leaching process.



Q3 Goals

- The project is to get the 'go ahead' once the first round of CAPEX and OPEX estimations are completed.
- Commence with the work for the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Continue with mine planning, surface planning, and process design tasks.
- Continue with uranium marketing investigations.

Tungsten – Piketberg RSA

Q2 Update

Bongani Minerals is awaiting the decision from the DMR on the Prospecting Rights application submitted in 2010.

Q3 Goals

- Receive decision from DMR.
- Begin Environmental Impact Assessment work.
- Begin prospecting work.

Granite – Malmesbury RSA

Q2 Update

Elsana Quarry is awaiting decision on re-zoning application submitted to municipality in late 2010.

Q3 Goals

- Receive re-zoning decision from the municipality.
- If re-zoning is granted, resume blasting and begin selling aggregate.

Infrastructure Development – Lesotho



Daystar Electrical Contractors

- Daystar finished work on its first round of contracts for the Lesotho Electricity Company (LEC).
- Daystar is currently doing some sub-contract work for Lesotho Steel Products and extension work for LEC.
- The goal for Q3 is to submit tenders for new projects to be awarded this year by the Lesotho Electricity Company for additional electrification construction and to procure further subcontract work.



New Photo Voltaic Electricity Generation Facility Announced

- In early May, Batla Minerals announced that its associate, Batla Resources (Pty) Ltd., was given a mandate by the Government of Lesotho to construct and operate a photo voltaic (PV) renewable electricity generation facility of 10MW. The facility will be built in close proximity to Mafeteng, Lesotho.
- The mandate is subject to a final feasibility study to be presented by Batla Resources to the Ministry of Natural Resources (Lesotho). The PV plant will bring electrification to additional rural areas in Lesotho through the use of renewable solar energy.
- It is anticipated that the Lesotho Electricity Company will be the sole purchaser of all generated electricity and will be responsible for transmission and distribution.
- The PV electricity and generating facility will be built, operated and managed by Sotho Solar Solutions, a Lesotho company which is a subsidiary of Batla Resources. Preference will be given to Lesotho public and private sectors for the supply and provision of goods and services in both the construction and operation phases.

Actualité Administrative

The batlaminerals.com website was recently updated with a new design, a share-price feed, a newsletter sign-up window, and additional photos of active projects. The updated site also reflects our expanded emphasis on infrastructure development projects, particularly in Lesotho.



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