

Junior Mining & Exploration Conference & Exhibition: The time to invest is *now*

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The **Junior Mining & Exploration Conference** will take place from 6th-8th November, 2012, at Turbine Hall, Newtown, Johannesburg.



Entrepreneurs, explorers and miners alike are set to gather for this inaugural event. One of the key focus areas of the event will be to determine what needs to be achieved in order to attract increased investment into junior mining.

Mining for investment:

Geared towards investors looking for openings in exploration ventures, mining projects and those searching for stock market value amongst mid-cap producers, the event provides an ideal opportunity for the investment community to make better informed investment decisions. This due to the fact that they will be afforded the opportunity to meet many of the mining sector's key individuals, who will be gathered in one place, at the same time.

Says IIR BV SA Project Manager, Paula Munsie, "**The Junior Mining & Exploration Conference** has secured an unrivalled panel of leading figures within the SA mining landscape. They will be sharing first-hand how they plan to unlock value in their mining projects, secure long-term funding from exploration to production and grow their businesses from juniors to mid-tier producers and beyond."

Bernard Swanepoel, Village Main Reef; Nchakha Moloi, Motjoli Resources; John Wallington, Coal of Africa; Steve Phiri, Royal Bafokeng Platinum; Moss Radingoana, Sekoko Resources; Paul Miller, Keaton Energy; Philip Kotze, Wits Gold; Lelau Mohuba, Sephaku Holdings; Tony Harwood, Montero Mining & Exploration; Daphne Mashile-Nkosi, Kalahari Resources; James Campbell, Rockwell Diamonds, Rob Still, Pangea Group and Michael Solomon, J&J Group -are just some of the mining industry's key people set to debate these, and other issues.

Putting your money where your mine is

Within the parameters of the **Junior Mining & Exploration Conference**, investors and bankers will put forward their views to the mining industry, on what it takes to deliver an attractive investment proposition and what their current strategies of engagement are. In addition, junior and mid-tier mining companies will discover what they can do in order to attract long-term funding and international investment.

Investment in the mining spotlight:

Rob Still, former director of Metorex, will deliver his insights into private equity funding for mining projects. Neil Gardyne of the New Africa Mining Fund, Nerina Visser of Nedbank Capital, and Tim Clark of Deutsche Securities, are also amongst those who will debate how to create a robust investor landscape as exists in countries such as Canada and Australia. Noah Greenhill, well known in the mining industry from his days at the JSE, and now with Sasfin Capital, will lead the discussion on the most favourable financing and funding options for juniors from exploration to bankable venture; from exploration finance to mine development and on-going production finance, from junior to mid-cap producer. He will assess the role of debt versus equity; how to best access international capital markets; benchmark the JSE, TSX, ASX and others; evaluate the role of project finance; DFIs and commercial lending institutions and assess the characteristics, strengths and challenges associated with different sources of finance. Joining him is Kevin Hodges, of the Industrial Development Corporation, and Stephan Vermaak, of the International Finance Corporation, who will discuss equity finance for early stage mining projects, as well as funding structures for juniors.

Concludes Munsie, "The event is a must for those wishing to compile a compelling investment case to raise finance, attract international investment capital and successfully list a junior mining company. Other important issues under discussion will encompass how mining companies are optimising their assets, creating long-term sustainable businesses and moving from juniors into the mid-cap producer space."

Munsie also stresses that investors, explorers and miners should definitely attend the ***Junior Mining & Exploration Conference & Exhibition***, and decide for themselves where the real opportunities lie within the different commodity sectors of: Platinum; Gold; Coal; Manganese; Chrome; Rare earths; Diamonds; Iron Ore and more in both South Africa and the major mining economies of the SADC region.

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Speakers to date September 2012

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Steve Phiri, Royal Bafokeng Platinum
Michael Solomon, J&J Group
Richard Linnell, formerly Coal of Africa
Rob Still, Pangea Group
Daphne Mashile-Nkosi, Kalahari Resources
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Chris Hart, Investment Solutions
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Ingrid Watson, Centre for Sustainability in Mining and Industry (CSMI)
Peter Sullivan, Landelahni and formerly *The Star*
Peter Temane, South African Mining Development Association (SAMDA)

Xolani Mkhwanazi, Chamber of Mines of South Africa
Bheki Sibiyi, Chamber of Mines of South Africa
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