

Tshipi Borwa manganese mine extends Aveng Moolmans contract for a further five years

Aveng Mining subsidiary, Aveng Moolmans, has concluded a five year extension of its contract with Tshipi Borwa open pit manganese mine in the Northern Cape. This second cycle contract extension was won following a very competitive open tender process in a tough operating environment and is testament to the company's leadership position in surface mining.

Aveng Moolmans has over 40 years' experience in hard and soft rock environments and operating in remote and challenging locations. This together with its continuous focus on improvement initiatives has ensured the consistent delivery of a world-class mining service to the Tshipi Borwa site. Tshipi Borwa is offered full service mining including topsoil stripping, drilling and blasting, loading and hauling of ore as well as waste mining and dewatering. The primary equipment used on this site comprises of three excavators, eighteen 100 ton trucks and three drill rigs.

Aveng Moolmans also has an outstanding safety record across a number of projects. The operation is guided by a robust risk and sustainability philosophy, which encompasses Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Management. This philosophy, in relation to safety performance among its peers and Aveng's 'Home Without Harm, Everyone, Everyday' mantra were fundamental to the contract extension.

Managing Director of Aveng Mining, Stuart White explained, *"Aveng Moolmans is delighted to continue our working relationship at the Tshipi Borwa project, one of the largest exporters of manganese ore globally. Aveng Moolmans' service ranges from short-term waste mining and bulk earthmoving to a complete and long-term mining solution.* He added that *"Looking forward, the integration of Aveng Moolmans and Aveng Shafts & Underground into the combined Aveng Mining will bode well for future projects as it has created a formidable player in mining contracting around the world. Aveng Mining has operations in*

both surface and underground mining, which make it an effective and reliable mining partner of choice for our clients.”

The mine is owned by Tshipi e Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Limited, an empowerment company.

“Tshipi has over the course of the last five years developed a partnership business model through which we strive to deliver value to all our diverse stakeholders. Aveng Moolmans has over the course of the last five years earned our respect and have taken their place as our trusted mining partner. We look forward to continue building this mutually beneficial relationship into the future” said CEO of Tshipi e Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Limited, Mr Brendan Robinson.