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A HAVEN OF COMFORT FOR THE MODERN SADC EXECUTIVE

As the Copperbelt and the broader Southern African Development Community enter another season of accelerated growth, one challenge remains constant for regional leaders: finding accommodation that matches the pace, standards, and security of the work being done.

In the heart of Kitwe's central business district, Mukwa Lodge has quietly become that answer.

Situated on the secure and easily accessible Mpezeni Avenue, the lodge has long served contractors, consultants, and executives navigating mining and construction projects across the region. At just 45 minutes — 63 km — from Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe International Airport in Ndola, it offers the rare combination of convenience and calm: an indigenous garden retreat positioned exactly where business happens.

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Mukwa Lodge understands its clientele. Rooms range from well-appointed standard rooms to executive suites, all furnished with the warmth of traditional Mukwa *Pterocarpus angolensis* wood — a nod to local heritage with an executive finish. After long days on site, guests return to reliable air-conditioning, complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, and a sparkling outdoor pool. It is a space designed not just for sleep, but for recovery, strategy, and quiet productivity.

What truly sets the experience apart, however, is the dedicated team of staff who take genuine pride in their work and in looking after every guest. It's a space designed not just for sleep, but for recovery, strategy, and quiet productivity — supported by people who care.

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A demanding schedule requires dependable hospitality, and the lodge's *Marigold Restaurant* delivers. Known for consistently meeting international standards, Marigold caters to SADC's diverse delegation base with a strong Continental selection, authentic Mozambican-Portuguese cuisine, and its signature Indian menu — a long-time favourite among regional travellers.

Marigold Restaurant will launch a new dining schedule on 1 October

2026, built for busy professionals. Marigold will offer an All-Day Menu for light meals from 09:00 to 17:30, ideal for between-meeting refuelling. The Full Menu remains available for lunch from 12:30 to 14:00, and for dinner from 18:00 to 21:30.

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What sets Mukwa Lodge apart in the current boom is its integration. Beyond accommodation and dining, the property offers versatile conferencing facilities and flexible corporate account packages tailored for long-term project teams.

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MINING EXPO & CONFERENCE NAMIBIA RETURNS TO WINDHOEK FOR 13TH EDITION.

The Chamber of Mines-organised event runs 4–6 August 2026 at the Windhoek Show Grounds under the theme 'Mining for Namibia's Future,' building on a record-breaking 2025 edition.

The 13th edition of the Mining Expo & Conference will be held from 4 to 6 August 2026 at the Windhoek Show Grounds, bringing Namibia's extractives sector together under one roof for three days of exhibitions, networking and industry dialogue.

Organised by the Chamber of Mines of Namibia, the event is widely regarded as the country's top-ranking mining gathering, drawing exhibitors, investors, policymakers and members of the public to discuss the state and direction of the sector. Entry for the public remains free of charge.

The 2026 edition carries the theme "Mining for Namibia's Future: Job Creation, Local Empowerment, and Economic Transformation," with a focused sub-theme on "Driving Local Empowerment through Procurement and Economic Inclusion." The programme is expected to centre on how the sector can translate exploration and production growth into tangible local jobs, supplier development and broader economic participation.

The expo runs across three public days, with exhibitor stands only

erected once payment is finalised, the deadline for exhibitor payment is set for 25 July 2026.

This year's expo follows a strong showing in 2025, when the event expanded to a three-day format for the first time and set new attendance records. Booth uptake rose despite some late exhibitor withdrawals, and registered participation grew as interest in Namibia's mining sector continued to build.

Features from the 2025 programme including a dedicated Supplier's Platform and B2B meeting rooms designed to facilitate direct business engagement between exhibitors and buyers, are expected to remain central to the event's format as it enters its 13th year.

With Namibia's exploration and production activity continuing to expand across critical minerals, uranium, base metals and diamonds, the 2026 Mining Expo & Conference is positioned to draw significant interest from both domestic and international stakeholders. Further details on registration and the full conference programme are available through the Chamber of Mines of Namibia and the event's official channels.



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Namibia is building for the future.

Across the country, new opportunities are emerging as industries grow, technology advances, and investment continues to shape tomorrow's economy. With our Windhoek branch opening soon, we're excited to become part of that journey.

This is more than an expansion into a new market, it's the beginning of new partnerships, new opportunities, and a new chapter for Namibia's electrical industry.

We can't wait to welcome you through our doors.

"Our expansion into Namibia reflects our confidence in the country's future and our commitment to the customers who have supported us over the years. By opening a branch in Windhoek, we're investing in closer relationships, faster service, and making it even easier for businesses to access the electrical solutions they need to succeed." – Mario Maio, CEO, ACDC Dynamics

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NEW AUTOMATION INNOVATIONS ON SHOW AT ELECTRA MINING AFRICA 2026

New emerging innovations are transforming the South African mining, manufacturing, industrial and automation sectors and driving the deployment of advanced technological solutions across operations. Innovations such as mechanisation, automation and digitisation are improving safety and productivity on mines, production facilities, industrial plants and warehouses. However, to deliver real value, these technologies must be cost-effective and designed to address practical, people-centred industry challenges.

The current growth in automation is positively impacting local industries by facilitating investment in innovation, data analytics and skills development, and helping to develop local competitiveness and export potential as local African solutions are adapted to be exported regionally. South African engineers are leaders in innovation and technology development. Many of these innovations and newly automated systems will be on display at the largest trade-show of its kind in Southern Africa, Electra Mining Africa 2026 taking place in Johannesburg later this year.

Some of these innovations include new CNC simulation server automation software for CNC specific user interfaces that simulate part machining using real-time data. Also on show will be automated purpose-built digital systems that track and trace projects that provide real-time visibility, improve collaboration, and ensure that critical information is accessible to the right people at the right time.

Mining and petrochemical industries demand uninterrupted power, precision control, and uncompromising safety as even brief interruptions can cause operational downtime, safety risks, and financial losses. In response to changing industry requirements new developments in intelligent, digitally-enabled power solutions for modern, mission-critical facilities will be on show.

As mining operations continue to adopt higher levels of automation, the reliability of the data feeding these systems has become increasingly critical. Companies specialising in industrial sensing and monitoring technologies are contributing to the development of more reliable automated systems focusing on digital speed, position and condition monitoring solutions designed for use in demanding industrial and mining environments. Local companies will display the latest developments in precision motion within automated mining and heavy industry systems.

Other new technologies on display at Electra Mining Africa include collision avoidance systems for mining operations integrated with AI cameras capable of reliably detecting people vehicles and obstacles in real mining conditions, as well as new network terminal slice computing technology that moves computing from centralised servers to localised, device-level processing for improved speed, efficiency and resilience. Even emergency prevention systems are automating, with automated fire suppression systems for modern mines and industries also on display.

The biennial show will introduce several notable additions in 2026, including a new outdoor exhibition area in the Arena at the Expo Centre. According to Montgomery Group Africa portfolio director Charlene Hefer, the new Orange Zone has been created in response to strong exhibitor interest and the need for additional space following the previous show.

“The new Orange Zone allows us to accommodate more companies looking to showcase large-scale equipment and innovations outdoors,” says Hefer. “It also enables greater participation from original equipment manufacturers, giving visitors a valuable opportunity to view, compare and evaluate a broader range of solutions across the show’s expanded outdoor exhibition areas.”

Electra Mining Africa 2024 surpassed previous records in terms of number of exhibitors, exhibition space, and number of visitors. Hefer says that the 2026 show will be even bigger with over 1000 exhibitors and expanded floor space, which includes the new orange zone.

“A growing exhibition reflects increased industry participation and innovation, offering visitors a broader and more diverse range of solutions to explore and evaluate,” notes Hefer. “Visitors will have access to a wide range of technologies, suppliers, and expertise in one location, reducing the time and cost associated with sourcing products and supplier engagement”.

International exhibitors and country pavilions will bring global innovations and new technologies to the show. Beyond the exhibition floor, the event offers valuable networking, collaboration and knowledge-sharing opportunities through seminars, technical workshops and informal engagement across the broader industry landscape.

Electra Mining Africa will take place at Nasrec, Johannesburg between 7-11 September 2026. Visitors can register at www.electramining.co.za



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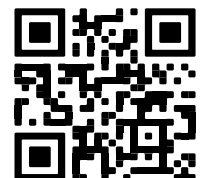
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TUSKER COMPLETES FIRST MODERN RUTILE EXPLORATION PROGRAM AT MZIMBA.

Encouraging field indicators point to a potential large-scale rutile district in northern Malawi.

Tusker Minerals has completed its maiden systematic exploration program at the Mzimba Rutile Project in northern Malawi, the first modern, systematic campaign specifically targeting rutile at the site. Tusker CEO Cliff Fitzhenry said the program was delivered on time and within budget, marking a material step in the company's strategy of building a portfolio of high-quality African rutile assets. While assay results remain pending, he said the scale and consistency of geological indicators observed throughout the program were highly encouraging, supporting the view that Mzimba could emerge as a significant rutile district.

The team identified key hallmarks of residual rutile systems, including well-developed ferruginous pedolith, extensive mottled clay horizons and deeply weathered saprolitic profiles, alongside visible heavy minerals and rutile grains both on surface and in panned samples.

Fitzhenry noted that these indicators span roughly 710km², most of which remains largely unexplored for rutile.

He added that Tusker's in-country processing infrastructure and technical workflows in Malawi give it a cost-effective, efficient pathway to rapidly assess the project's mineral assemblage and rutile potential.

The program comprised three components: mapping and reconnaissance across priority target areas to refine the geological model; excavation of six exploration pits and collection of 31 channel samples to assess rutile potential and grade continuity through the weathering profile; and a project-wide regional soil sampling campaign to define high-grade zones and prioritise future auger drilling.

Fitzhenry said the combination of widespread titanium mineralisation, extensive weathering profiles and visible rutile grains across multiple target areas suggests rutile enrichment may extend over a broader area than previously recognised. The results build on the company's March 2026 discovery announcement, which identified titanium mineralisation hosted predominantly by rutile — based on sampling that covered just 7% of the total licence area, underscoring the exploration upside still ahead.

Mzimba forms part of Tusker's broader strategy of building a portfolio of titanium and heavy mineral sands assets across Africa. Alongside its Central Rutile Project and Douala Basin HMS Project in Cameroon, it gives the company exposure to multiple prospective titanium-bearing systems at a time of strengthening global demand for titanium feedstocks, driven by pigments, aerospace, advanced manufacturing and clean energy applications.

Geologically, the project sits within the Mesoproterozoic Irumide Belt, which runs from eastern Zambia into northern and central Malawi, a high-grade metamorphic terrain of orthogneiss, paragneiss, schist and granulite, intruded by granitic bodies and locally associated with pegmatite swarms historically mined for gemstones such as beryl.

MINGOMBA COPPER MINE EYES SOUTHERN ZAMBIA EXPANSION.

Reinvestment drive to boost exploration and infrastructure as government keeps eye on production timeline.



The Mingomba Copper Mines Project has announced renewed plans to expand its reinvestment programme into southern Zambia, aiming to strengthen its long-term production footprint and deepen linkages with the country's broader mining value chain. Mingomba Mine Chief Executive Officer Mfikeyi Makayi said the reinvestment drive will focus on enhancing exploration activities, infrastructure development, and preparatory works to support large-scale copper production in the coming years.

She made the remarks while leading a delegation from Mingomba Mine on a courtesy call to the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development, Dr. Hapenga Kabeta, in Lusaka.

Makayi said the expansion into the southern region also forms part of the company's strategy to diversify its operational footprint and improve logistical efficiency within Zambia's mining sector.

During the meeting, she introduced the company's new Vice President of Projects, Damian Rogers, who will oversee technical and project development work at the mine.

Government, meanwhile, reaffirmed its expectation that the Mingomba project remains firmly on course to begin copper production in the early 2030s.

Kabeta emphasised that while the government welcomed continued reinvestment and project development activity, the ultimate measure of success would be the timely commencement of production.

He stressed that Zambia's ambition to significantly increase copper output depends on major projects such as Mingomba progressing decisively from the development stage into commercial production within agreed timelines.

Kabeta added that government would continue to closely monitor the project's progress, ensuring compliance with key development milestones while maintaining a stable, transparent and predictable investment environment. Mingomba is set to become Zambia's largest copper mine, with a projected production capacity of over 300,000 metric tonnes per year and an estimated investment of about USD\$2.5 billion.

INTEGRATED AIR SOLUTIONS PLACES ENERGY EFFICIENCY CENTRE STAGE AT ELECTRA MINING AFRICA, EXHIBITING TIER 1 COMPRESSOR BRANDS ENGINEERED TO DELIVER PREMIUM QUALITY AIR SOLUTIONS



Integrated Air Solutions (IAS) will be exhibiting Tier 1 compressor brands, advanced technologies, premium air solutions and customer-focused services at Electra Mining Africa (EMA) 2026, demonstrating the compressed air specialist's commitment to driving energy efficiency and long-term operational value for customers and end-users.

Alongside the highly regarded ELGi range of air compressors, celebrated for their superior performance and innovation, IAS also proudly serves as the exclusive regional sales and service partner for Tier 1 OEM brands from leading manufacturers FS-Elliott and ABC Compressors. "We will showcase IAS's comprehensive compressed air solutions portfolio on our established 180sqm outdoor exhibit (P18) at NASREC's water complex, together with GIGI Group sister companies Integrated Fire Technology and Integrated Pump Technology," confirms IAS Managing Director, Grant Robinson. "Here visitors will be able to experience a full line-up of diesel portable machines and electrical units as well as a selection of accessories (filters, dryers, drain valves and receivers)." Robinson adds that, throughout the show, they will periodically run a large diesel portable machine from IAS's rental fleet, giving visitors the opportunity to witness real-world performance firsthand.

Robinson notes that their participation at this year's EMA is driven by several well-defined objectives. "In addition to growing brand awareness, our focus is to engage with current and prospective customers and share with them the full scope and value of our comprehensive offering and expert capabilities, underscoring our role as a trusted partner in high performance compressed air systems and customer-centric solutions. Taking front and centre will be our key theme, 'Energy Efficiency', which directly correlates with low Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), an essential driver of customers' long-term business sustainability."

Building on this theme, IAS will also highlight two new technologies designed to drive efficiency even further: Efficiency-boosting Permanent Magnet motors coupled to Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) and Demand=Match technology which delivers improved efficiency on fixed-speed units.

Both innovations reinforce ELGi's brand promise of reducing TCO which is core to their unique value propositions (UVPs). With a heritage

spanning more than 60 years of engineering excellence, ELGi has built a proud legacy as one of the world's most trusted air compressor manufacturers. Globally, the brand is synonymous with superior energy efficiency, premium performance, proven reliability and customer value. Reinforcing this promise, ELGi's advanced air ends and IE3/IE4 motors directly contribute to lowering power consumption, slashing energy costs and driving measurable savings. Added to this, ELGi is engineered with premium components to deliver best performance, ensuring maximum uptime and longevity even in the most demanding conditions, for ultimate peace of mind.

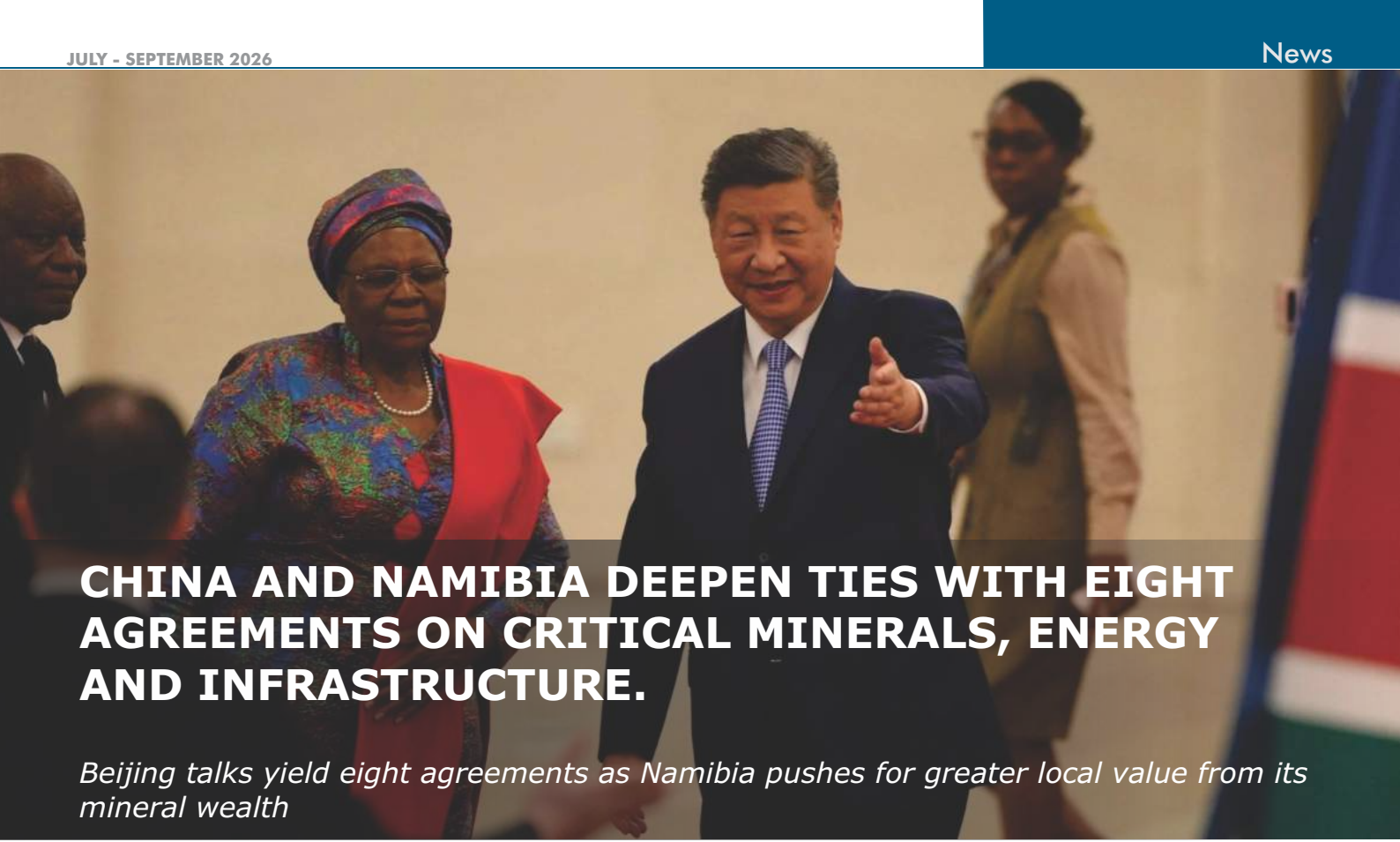
ELGi compressors feature a smart design with a compact footprint, making installation easier while integrated intelligent controls guarantee stable pressure and clean air delivery, driving consistent performance. IoT-ready connectivity allows seamless remote monitoring and analytics for more efficient management and optimised operations. Additionally, low noise and vibration ensure quieter operation, creating a safer and more comfortable working environment. ELGi champions cleaner, greener responsibility with 100% oil-free air solutions, energy-efficient performance and a steadfast commitment to sustainability for both customers and the environment.

Easy maintenance is built into ELGi's design, ensuring quick service and reliability. Lower maintenance, long service intervals and straightforward serviceability combined with IAS's access to ELGi's global support pool means higher uptime and productivity, boosted production and reduced costs, all backed by genuine OEM parts and excellent after-sales support from trained IAS specialists.

IAS will also spotlight its expert service capability, defined by reliable, efficient, responsive and customer-focused support delivered by a team of dedicated, highly skilled specialists, further amplifying the value of the company's premium compressed air solutions.

The IAS team looks forward to welcoming EMA visitors to their stand, ready to guide them on the company's quality compressed air product range and cutting edge technologies and to discuss tailored short-, medium- and long-term rental options. "EMA creates the perfect environment for IAS to reinforce our role as a single-source, end-to-end provider of quality compressed air solutions, combining premium products, expert service and after-market support as well as flexible rental options with a commitment to building lasting customer partnerships and delivering value well beyond the exhibition," concludes Robinson.





CHINA AND NAMIBIA DEEPEN TIES WITH EIGHT AGREEMENTS ON CRITICAL MINERALS, ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

Beijing talks yield eight agreements as Namibia pushes for greater local value from its mineral wealth

China and Namibia have agreed to strengthen cooperation across energy, agriculture, infrastructure and critical minerals, following talks between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah in Beijing. The discussions marked a significant step in Namibia's efforts to attract foreign investment, create jobs and diversify its economy. Nandi-Ndaitwah's seven-day visit formed part of her government's push to secure investment from one of the world's largest economies and leading sources of development financing.

She reaffirmed Namibia's commitment to its long-standing relationship with China, describing the partnership as a key pillar of the country's economic development strategy, and was accompanied by a delegation of government officials and business representatives seeking new investment opportunities.

Xi highlighted the significance of Namibia's status as the president's first state visit outside Africa since taking office, calling it a reflection of the strength of bilateral ties and the potential for deeper cooperation. Nandi-Ndaitwah became Namibia's president in 2025, extending the long-standing leadership of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), which led the country to independence from apartheid South Africa in 1990.

Her administration has prioritised economic growth, job creation and reducing inequality amid public concern over high unemployment.

Focus on Critical Minerals and Energy

China and Namibia signed eight agreements spanning green minerals, economic cooperation and investment partnerships, with both countries committing to expand collaboration on strategic resources including uranium, lithium and rare earth minerals.

The partnership places particular emphasis on local processing, technology transfer and skills development to ensure Namibia captures more value from its natural resources.

Namibia is already a major uranium producer and has drawn growing

interest in lithium and other minerals critical to electric vehicles, renewable energy storage and advanced technologies.

The country is also emerging as a potential oil producer following major offshore discoveries, with recent estimates suggesting it could become one of Africa's leading oil producers within the coming decade.

China's Growing Role in Namibia's Mining Sector

China remains one of Namibia's most important economic partners and a major destination for its exports, with minerals — particularly uranium — accounting for a significant share of bilateral trade.

Chinese companies have invested billions of dollars in Namibia, most of it directed toward mining and metals projects, cementing China's position as a major player in the country's resource sector.

The partnership comes as African countries increasingly seek greater local benefit from their mineral wealth, with governments across the continent pushing for more domestic processing, manufacturing and technology transfer rather than simply exporting raw materials.

Expanding Cooperation Beyond Mining

While minerals remain central to the relationship, Namibia is also seeking investment in agriculture, infrastructure, education, science and technology.

Nandi-Ndaitwah has promoted an economic vision built around a "green revolution," aimed at expanding agriculture, improving water management and creating new economic opportunities.

The country is also developing renewable energy industries, including green hydrogen, while exploring opportunities in oil and gas — sectors that international institutions have flagged, alongside fisheries, as having strong potential for job creation and economic transformation.

The strengthened China-Namibia partnership reflects a broader trend of deeper Chinese engagement across Africa, particularly in infrastructure, energy and critical minerals.

For Namibia, attracting investment while building out local industry will be key to converting its natural resource wealth into long-term economic growth.

ASURE RESOURCES REOPENS FORMER FENTONIA COLLIERY IN MPUMALANGA, REVIVING DORMANT COAL RESERVES.

Reopening of former Fentonia Colliery expected to support jobs amid South Africa's 32.7% unemployment rate.

Asure Resources, co-founded by Emmanuel Ngulube, has officially reopened Asure Colliery in Kriel, Mpumalanga, bringing a previously dormant coal asset back into active production.

The reopening marks a significant milestone for the company, restoring operations at the mine and unlocking coal reserves that had remained inactive for an extended period.

Formerly known as Fentonia Colliery, Asure Colliery forms part of a broader industrial revitalisation strategy spearheaded by Asure Resources — a joint venture between E&T Minerals and A to Z Investments, combining expertise in mining operations, commodity trading, investment structuring and logistics integration across the regional value chain.

The restart comes as South Africa continues to grapple with high unemployment.

According to Statistics South Africa's latest labour market data, released in May 2026, the country's official unemployment rate stood at 32.7% in the first quarter of the year, with youth unemployment remaining particularly high.

Against this backdrop, the redevelopment of dormant industrial assets such as Asure Colliery is expected to contribute to job creation, support economic activity and strengthen the country's mining sector.

The project also reflects growing efforts by private sector investors to unlock value from underutilised resources while supporting regional economic development.



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MICHELIN BETTER MINING: REAL-TIME TYRE DATA CUTTING COSTS IN AFRICAN MINES.

Data-driven tyre intelligence helps operators shift from reactive maintenance to predictive performance

Mining operations across Africa are under increasing pressure to do more with less. Rising input costs, constrained capital investment, ageing fleets and mounting ESG expectations are forcing operators to rethink how they optimise productivity while maintaining safety standards. In this environment, incremental efficiency gains are no longer enough — mines need smarter, data-driven approaches that enable real-time decision-making and operational resilience.

This is where Michelin Better Mining positions itself as a strategic partner, helping operations unlock safer, more productive and more sustainable performance through integrated tyre, data and operational solutions.

Michelin Better Mining is not a single product or technology, but Michelin's comprehensive approach to partnering with mining operations across Africa to deliver measurable outcomes. The approach rests on three core pillars: safety, focused on reducing operational risks and preventing incidents before they occur; productivity, centred on maximising asset performance and uptime across haulage fleets that drive over 50% of operating costs; and sustainability, targeting lower environmental impact while supporting long-term value creation through energy-efficient technologies and responsible lifecycle management.

Together, these pillars form a holistic partnership combining Michelin's products, services, data and expertise to solve the systemic challenges African mines face today.

At the core of that partnership is MICHELIN MEMS 4 — the fourth generation of the first tyre monitoring system built specifically for surface mining equipment.

Unlike basic alert systems, MEMS 4 continuously tracks tyre temperature, pressure and GPS location, storing a full history for each tyre.

That history matters because tyre wear and failure rarely happen in isolation — patterns emerge over weeks and months, and MEMS 4 makes those patterns visible before they become costly downtime.

"Heat is what kills these tyres," says Amaury Vadon, Michelin's Vice President for Africa, India and the Middle East.

"With MEMS 4, you can see which trucks are running hot and reroute them before you lose a tyre. For African mines running remote 24/7 fleets, that means less downtime and tyres that last longer."

MEMS 4 is complemented by Michelin's Better Haul Road solution, which turns tyres into sensors that measure road undulation and cornering severity.

For mines managing vast haul networks with ageing infrastructure, this data pinpoints rough roads, harsh cornering and drivers who need coaching, allowing teams to adjust grading schedules and smooth problem sections.

The result is lower diesel burn, fewer tyre replacements and safer roads — direct contributions to both productivity and sustainability.

Michelin brings best-in-class capabilities across all three pillars.

On safety: TK Solution, Klinge, in-depth scrap tyre analysis and continuous product innovation designed to reduce operational risk.

On productivity: the X® MINE 70/70 tyre, launched in 2023 for increased tramming speed and load capacity, alongside Customer Engineering Support teams offering deep local mining expertise, MEMS 4 for real-time monitoring, and Better Haul Road for road condition optimisation.

On sustainability: energy-efficient tyre technologies, end-of-life tyre solutions, and initiatives supporting environmental impact reduction and social development.

The strategic value of this partnership becomes clearest at scale.

Valterra Platinum's Flatreef project, one of the world's largest platinum, palladium and rhodium deposits — demonstrates how small efficiency gains compound across a large fleet: even a 1–2% improvement in haulage efficiency, or a 10% extension in tyre life, can translate into millions saved per year.

In Michelin's "Inside the Mine" feature, Valtierra's crew showed how MEMS 4 data keeps 24/7 operations running with fewer interruptions — dispatchers see which trucks need attention before they fail, maintenance teams plan work around production schedules, and managers combine data with Michelin's expertise to back their decisions.

For African operations facing rising costs and ESG pressure, Better Mining offers the operational control needed to stay competitive.

"For mines looking to get more from what they already have, it's not about redesigning the pit," Vadon says. "It's about making smarter decisions with real-time data and shifting maintenance from reactive to predictive. Those small gains per truck add up fast across a fleet."

Michelin Better Mining delivers that shift by acting as a strategic partner, not a supplier — bringing integrated tyre, data and operational solutions that make African mining safer, more productive and more sustainable.

DE BEERS TO PAUSE PRODUCTION AT SOUTH AFRICA'S VENETIA MINE.

Two-year halt part of wider cost-cutting drive as diamond giant reshapes global operations

De Beers Group has announced a series of planned portfolio and organisational changes as part of its ongoing business streamlining, aimed at building a leaner cost base and strengthening resilience as industry conditions recover.

The company intends to pause production at its Venetia mine in South Africa for two years, cutting costs while rephasing capital expenditure on the mine's underground project.

During the pause, De Beers will invest in critical infrastructure to boost the mine's future capacity and efficiency, setting the stage for renewed production growth once conditions improve.

De Beers said it is engaging with stakeholders throughout the process and pledged to support affected employees while continuing to honour its community and Social and Labour Plan commitments.

The decision follows an earlier pause this year of the Tuzo Phase 3 expansion at the Gahcho Kué mine in Canada.

De Beers is also reconfiguring its global operating model, sharpening focus on core operations and trimming central corporate overhead.



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Hope and Gorob Mining

Operating as the Namibian subsidiary of the London-listed Bezant Resources (AIM: BZT), Hope and Gorob Mining (Pty) Ltd manages Mining Licence 246. This high-grade Copper-Gold Project is situated within the Erongo Region of Namibia. The site is strategically located 100 km southeast of Walvis Bay and 215 km southwest of Windhoek, centered in the Matchless Amphibolite Belt. With a 15-year licence secured in June 2025, the venture is primed for sustainable development.

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JWANENG TRUCK STAGING FACILITY, WORTH P18.8 MILLION BOTSWANA PULA, TO TRANSFORM MINING TOWN INTO COMMERCE AND LOGISTICS HUB.

Strategically positioned along the Trans-Kalahari Corridor, new facility to unlock opportunities in hospitality, fuel retail, fleet maintenance and other support services.

Jwaneng is taking a major step towards building a diversified economy beyond diamond mining by tapping into the transport and logistics opportunities presented by its strategic location along the Trans-Kalahari Corridor, which links the Port of Walvis Bay on Namibia's Atlantic coast through Botswana to the industrial hub of Gauteng in South Africa.

The town marked another milestone with the groundbreaking of a P18.8 million pula Truck Staging Facility, a strategic investment by state-owned Botswana Oil Limited aimed at strengthening logistics infrastructure while supporting regional trade and mining operations. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2026 and is expected to be completed by March 2027.

The development will feature a modern 25-bay truck staging facility with paved parking, enhanced security, traffic management systems, driver rest facilities, sanitation amenities and lighting.

It will accommodate heavy-duty trucks delivering fuel, mining supplies and other regulated cargo to Jwaneng Mine, while also serving commercial vehicles travelling along the busy Trans-Kalahari Highway.

Jwaneng Town Mayor Ronnie Ntsimako said the project aligns with the town's vision of evolving beyond its mining identity into a diversified centre for logistics, commerce, investment and tourism.

Beyond improving road safety and freight efficiency, the project is expected to unlock new business opportunities for local entrepreneurs, including fuel stations, hospitality establishments, restaurants, vehicle and fleet maintenance services, tyre centres and other logistics support businesses — positioning Jwaneng as an emerging commerce and logistics hub for Botswana and the wider Southern African region.

Botswana Oil General Manager, Operations, Otto Keitumetse, said the investment reflects the company's commitment to strengthening fuel transportation efficiency, improving road safety and supporting Debswana's operations

through world-class logistics infrastructure. Debswana Jwaneng Mine General Manager Goitseone Gadifele described the project as a strategic investment that will improve mining operations while creating lasting economic opportunities.

The development is expected to create about 100 jobs during construction and 18

permanent positions once operational, while opening the door to future logistics-related businesses. Jwaneng-Mabutsane Member of Parliament Omphemetse Kwapa welcomed the investment, saying it supports the constituency's aspiration to transform Jwaneng from a mining town into a centre for logistics, commerce and enterprise.



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