

This is one of the most important milestones to date for the Steenkampskraal project," says Engdahl. "With these approvals in hand, our company can immediately launch three vital project steps. Firstly, we have already sent out the tenders for the shaft refurbishment work and are now positioned to select the contractor, who will commence work immediately. Secondly, we can select and deploy a drilling contractor for the exploration programme at the Steenkampskraal site. And thirdly, with the ability to work underground, GWMG can move ahead very quickly to complete the work necessary to verify the available historic data and produce a NI 43-101 compliant technical report."

GWMG is an integrated rare earths processor. It has signed an off-take agreement for 100 % of the rare earth elements (REEs) to be produced at Steenkampskraal and holds 92,6 % equity ownership in Rare Earth Extraction Co Limited, the owner of the Steenkampskraal mine. ■

Scope of DBM study expanded

Wits Gold reports that it will be expanding the nature of the scoping study that is currently being undertaken by Turgis Consulting on the De Bron-Merriespruit South (DBM) project, near Virginia in the southern Free State goldfield.

The main focus of this study is the application of a practical mine design to selectively exploit the indicated resources at DBM, together with a financial model to assess the anticipated returns. However, as an extension of this primary study, the financial benefit of upgrading the current inferred resources into the indicated category will now also be considered. The net effect of this expanded study will be to delay the release of the study results until early June. ■

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