

Environmental Statements

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Venmyn has developed a simple solution to obtaining critical information related to mine environmental compliance in a user friendly manner: the Environmental Statement.

Even in these tough financial times, environmental compliance is still an obligation for any new or operating mining venture. In South Africa this is achieved by a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan; this includes a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Programme and a Closure Plan. Included in the Closure Plan is a complete rehabilitation plan accompanied by financial provision for rehabilitation.

The Environmental Statement that Venmyn will introduce is a short form variation of environmental compliance reports. It is a summary of the key issues and, most importantly, the risks within the environmental compliance reports. It allows the reader to fully understand the environmental aspects of a mining project or operation and get a summary of the financial provision for rehabilitation as well. In short, it is a simple way for all professionals that have to extract information from environmental documents and to do so without the hassle of going through hundreds of pages first.

“These days very few people have the time or inclination to read these multiple and voluminous reports,” says mineral project analyst Mpai Motloug, who is spearheading the introduction of the Environmental Statement. “However, their content is of vital importance to the company, to regulators, to investors and to the government,” she stresses.

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