

Media Release

Ezulwini implements MineWare system

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MineWare Consulting and its experienced team has been producing a range of software solutions to improve business operations and production at South African mines since 1996.

MineWare not only develops customised software, but also adapts and redesigns client's current products to ensure seamless integration of the new system and ease of use for operators.

It is this flexibility that has brought the company success across South Africa's mining industry, and this experience that prompted management at Simmer & Jack's Ezulwini mine to engage MineWare in the development of a customised system.

MineWare Consulting Managing Director **Paul Saker** signed the deal in January 2008 for a Centralised Production Management (CPM) system that suited the mine's specific conditions. "The standard CPM software forms the basis of the system, but with enhancements designed to accommodate the extensive growth that this mine anticipates," Saker says.

Currently running at 20 000 tons a month, the mine's capacity is set to rise to 200 000 by 2010. "Any system implemented would need to be enhanced as time goes by to grow with the operation. What's more, the company is mining gold, with uranium as a by-product, so information on both products would need to be tracked."

The current CPM system is conducting planning, bookings and survey measurements for Ezulwini. "The safety system and an equipment planning system are dormant and can be switched on as soon they are required," Saker says.

Ezulwini management needed to implement a system that would support their operations from the ground up. The challenge for Mineware was getting the system operational before the computers and networks had been purchased by the mine.

"The beauty of a system like this," says MineWare GM, **Ian Saker** "is that it can be modified to accommodate specific reports that may be required only when the mine is running at full steam."

MineWare anticipates growing with Ezulwini and looks forward to contributing to the success of the mine's expansion over the next few years.



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