



Analyst and media visit Blyvoor 2000



On a recent underground visit to Blyvooruitzicht the media and analysts were presented with plans to extend Blyvoor's life by ten years, thereby boosting annual gold production to 400 000 ounces over the next three years. At the same time, increased utilisation of surface infrastructure will contribute to a decline in costs to US\$200 per ounce.

Project Blyvoor 2000, which has involved an investment of only R74 million, has resulted in the acquisition of the Doornfontein infrastructure equipping a relatively new shaft system and higher hoisting capacity – to allow new access through the lowest levels of the shaft. The recently completed 38 level transport level and ore handling facilities will enhance Blyvoor's production profile, while the original infrastructure will be used for a pillar extraction programme focusing on the very high grade boundary pillars.

These developments will add some 10 million ounces to DRD's existing reserves of 7.6 million ounces – with more to come when the pillar extraction programme in the old Blyvoor lease area takes hold. Post 2003 this area will contribute more than 400 000 ounces annually – making a

significant contribution to production costs which will decline from current levels of R58 000 per kilogram (US\$240/oz) to below R45 000 per kilogram (US\$199/oz) in 2003. Profits are due to peak at R200 million per annum (US\$25m plus) in real terms in 2004.

The final capital to complete the project will be incurred over the next 12 months, limiting contribution to profits to R45 million (US\$6m) for the period until December 2001.

Under DRD's turnaround team three key assets have been geared into one highly effective cash flow generating business. These assets – previously inaccessible ore reserves from the Savuka mine, under-utilised shaft infrastructure from Doornfontein mine, and a team of motivated, technically competent people from Blyvoor mine – are now a core low cost quality production entity within the Durban Deep Group.

The underground visit highlighted some quality work in construction and development. With high morale in the DRD team, productivity should improve. Growing production and declining costs will contribute to DRD's positioning in the low cost category. The 597 cps (US80 cents) npv contribution from Blyvoor clearly underpins the current share price.

BLYVOOR NPV			
@ 5%	US\$265	US\$315	US\$365
NPV(Rm)	606	945	1 276
NPV per share	4.97	7.76	10.43



Mark Wellesley-Wood
Chairman

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter, which is one of our initiatives to improve shareholder communication. We welcome comments on both its format and content.

I am pleased to report that we are ending a somewhat traumatic year on a more positive note. The focus on costs and production has helped us to move round to a cash positive situation – and I hope that we will also have positive news on the earnings front.

We will announce our December quarter results in mid-January. Let's hope that the Christmas holiday break doesn't hit us too hard. All our mines have plans in place to protect production.

The drive on cash and costs continues relentlessly. By year-end the Perth Office will close and the Johannesburg Head Office has now been downsized to such an extent that we are moving on to a single floor and seeking a tenant to occupy the surplus space. Throughout the operations further economies are being sought and we have instituted a programme of non-core asset disposals. This could raise a further R10m on the first round and release further cash as the programme develops.

We are also conducting a thorough review of suppliers, contractors and purchasing controls, led by a task force reporting to Operations Director, Frans Weideman, and myself on a fortnightly basis.



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DRD visits New Orleans gold show

Durban Roodepoort Deep, Limited recently attended the New Orleans Investment Conference held from Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 November.

Says DRD Company Secretary, Maryna Eloff, "According to the conference organisers, more investors registered to attend this conference than last year. Although my general impression was that gold mining companies were not necessarily the flavour of the month, many old friends – and some new ones – visited our stand.

"Friday kicked off with Dennis Tucker of Corner House delivering his speech on Emerging Mining Opportunities to a packed audience. Thereafter a South African Mining Shares Panel, with Dennis Tucker, Bernard Swanepoel (Harmony), Mark Wellesley-Wood (DRD Chairman) and Lawrence Roulston (Editor – Resource Opportunities, Canada) answered questions put to them by Rick Rule of Global Resource Investments.

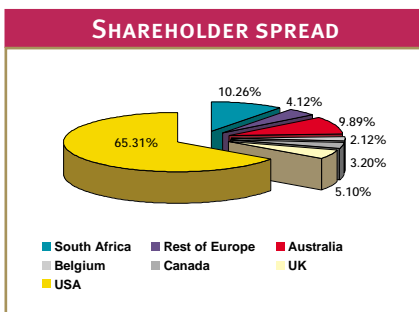
"DRD's presentation, delivered by Mark, was attended by about 40 investors. The presentation dealt with DRD's strategy

resting on four simple concepts, namely:

- the generation of cash;
- growth for the future;
- risk reduction controls; and
- delivery of results.

Mark told the group that the company would shortly become cash positive and would consider either paying a dividend to shareholders or instituting a share buy-back, which was well received."

To view the presentation, visit the DRD web site at durbans.com or e-mail investor@drd.co.za to receive the full Powerpoint presentation.



I met some of our shareholders in New Orleans recently. Of course, nobody was happy with the share price performance but, as I described the steps that the new management team was taking to ensure that DRD made healthy returns (even at today's gold prices), I received almost unanimous support.

By way of disclosure, I can tell you that Roger Kebble, Ian Murray and I have all bought shares recently. It hasn't moved the share price, but I hope it shows the confidence we have in the company's future.

Many of you have asked about the process we have embarked on to recover some of the missing funds and value losses the company incurred, mainly in Australia. Unfortunately the lawyers force me to keep most of the detail under wraps, but I can assure you that claims are being prepared and that proceedings will commence shortly. We have already recovered over R1.0 million and are looking at the possibility of recovering some loss from our insurers. All these monies have been provided for and recoveries only represent upside.

Everybody tells me that the stock market sentiment for gold companies is the worst in living memory. As an avowed contrarian, I find this the best news I have heard for a long time. While all the signs of a top-out in the dollar (which must surely herald a change in attitude to gold) are in place we cannot be complacent. DRD will be able to survive these hard times and, hopefully, when the market turns the 'Roodepoort Rocket' can kick in again.

Please communicate with us through our website – www.durbans.com – and may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mark Wellesley-Wood

Million fatality-free shifts at Harties/Buffels

Durban Roodepoort Deep, Limited's North West operations achieved one million fatality-free shifts on Saturday 2 December 2000.

Manager, Neil Herrick, congratulated the people of Harties and Buffels on this

"magnificent achievement" and paid tribute to the willingness and dedication of each and every employee, every union and association leader and every manager, whose combined efforts have made this one of the safest operations in the country.



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