

UPDATE - KOLO KIMBERLITE PROJECT IN LESOTHO

Shareholders are referred to the SENS announcement dated 14 May 2008 and the Company's Interim Results published on 28 November 2008 relating to the proposed disposal of an interest in Angel Diamonds (Pty) Ltd ("Angel"), a 70% held subsidiary of Thabex.

The Company is pleased to announce that Angel has, on 12 December 2008, submitted an application for a Mining Lease ("ML") to the Mining Commissioner of Lesotho. The approval of the ML is subject to approval of the Mining Commissioner of Lesotho in terms of the Mines and Minerals Act of the Republic of Lesotho, No 37 of 2005, as amended.

The ML application includes a pre-feasibility investigation with view of establishing a diamond mining operation, with a planned minimum through-put capacity of 50 tons per hour ("tph"), utilising a Dense Medium Separator ("DMS") recovery plant.

Angel processed a total of 5 088 tons of the Kolo kimberlite, producing 388 carats ("cts") at a grade of 7.73 cts per hundred tons ("cph") utilising a 20 tons per hour DMS recovery plant with a bottom cut-off screen size of 2mm. Angel has exported 332 cts to South Africa for analysis at US\$135/ct.

In terms of an agreement dated 3 October 2008, Mantle Diamonds Ltd ("Mantle") completed a core drilling program during the last quarter of 2008. A total of 19 angled drill holes totaling 1 438m were completed.

Angel estimates an Inferred Diamond Resource of 2.7 million tons at an average grade of 7.73cph or 208 710 cts, from surface to a depth of 100m.

Mantle has commissioned a 10tph DMS recovery plant with a bottom cut-off screen size of 1mm including a Flowsort X-ray final recovery section. The main aim of Mantle's present sampling program is to recover a minimum parcel of about 1 500 cts of diamonds in order to assess the economic viability of the Kolo kimberlite pipe.

All diamonds recovered to date have not been independently valued and a value will only be reported once an independent valuation has been compiled or the diamonds produced during prospecting have been sold.

Angel has also prospected five other kimberlitic occurrences on the Prospecting License (No 002 - dated 15 June 2006) area (5.53 square kilometers in size), including the Sekameng kimberlite pipe (estimated at 3.4ha in size) and known to be diamondiferous. Core drilling of this occurrence will commence during the second quarter of 2009.

Litigation

On 18 March 2009 Senqu Diamonds (Pty) Ltd, has withdrawn from the three cases (CIV/APN/354/06, CIV/APN/294/06 and CIV/APN/42/07) brought against them by Angel in the High Court of Lesotho. Angel has instructed its attorneys to proceed in recovering legal and other costs.

Circular to Shareholders

Thabex has submitted an application to the South African Reserve Bank ("SARB") for approval of the proposed disposal of an interest in Angel to Mantle on 9 February 2009 and is expecting the approval from the SARB in due course. Shareholders will be informed as soon as the Circular is ready for mailing.

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All updates on the Kolo kimberlite project are available on the Company's website www.thabex.com

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