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Mining News Premium - Ausenco aligns with Whittle Consulting

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ENGINEERING firm Ausenco has teamed up with Melbourne-based Whittle Consulting to provide modelling and consulting services to the resources industry.

The Enterprise Optimisation venture aims to provide consulting services to the study phase of projects and covers a range of applications, including multiple mine/multiple pit and underground operations, cut-off and stockpiling analysis, blending strategies, processing options, processing calibration and capital sizing, as well as costing and constraints.

"We see a number of immediate opportunities to bring our services together as a single offering," Ausenco chief executive officer Zimi Meka told *MiningNews.net*.

"The main aim behind the venture is to take a holistic view for clients from mine to market.

"The optimisation will be focused on the study phase of projects to bring about heightened project economics.

"We see the North America market as a key market to start offering this solution but globally this application will prove valuable."

The new offering is based on Whittle's Global Optimisation software solution for mining companies, which provides mining, processing and production schedules, and Ausenco's expertise in technical and operational performance across all stages of the mineral processing value chain.

Meka said Whittle Consulting was recognised as a leader in the field of large-scale optimisation for mining companies and its approach of software plus methodology had been credited with value improvements of 5-35% for mining portfolios and the identification and proactive management of value and risk.

The value improvements were highly relevant to mining companies, Meka said, particularly during the current economic climate.

Whittle Consulting managing director Gerald Whittle said Ausenco had the depth and range of technical expertise to take the consultancy's work to the next level and the geographic reach to make the new offering global.

"Ausenco's ability to support the implementation of new operational strategies will maximise the implementation of value positive opportunities Enterprise Optimisation will identify in each project," Whittle said.