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Mining News - Whittle expands into Africa

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OPTIMISATION software specialist Whittle Consulting has opened a subsidiary in Johannesburg as its client base grows in Africa.

The private Melbourne-based company has appointed former Bateman Engineering chief technology officer Steve Burks as managing director of the African branch.

Whittle Australia MD Gerard Whittle said the region has great opportunities and the African mining industry has shown a willingness to embrace new ideas to improve performance.

"Although the Whittle name is synonymous with mining optimisation, we can demonstrate how linking mine planning to the processing and downstream parts of the business reveals previously untapped value," Whittle said.

"Steve has the skills, experience and local knowledge to drive that process forward. He will coordinate a team of subcontract local and international specialists, including having access to Whittle Consulting's Australian-based resources."

Whittle last year formed the Enterprise Optimisation venture with Ausenco, which 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.

The company said there has been considerable interest in Enterprise Optimisation, which is applicable to most mining and processing operations.