

# New MD takes over at The Mineral

*News from The Mineral Corporation is that its long-standing – and highly respected – Managing Director, Frank Gregory, has stepped down from the position although he will continue as a Director. He is succeeded by John Murphy, an equally well-known figure in the minerals industry, who joined The Mineral Corporation in 2004.*

**E**stablished in Johannesburg in 1997, The Mineral Corporation provides advice on virtually all aspects of the minerals industry to its clients, who include major, mid-tier and junior mining companies, financial institutions and private equity funds. Since being founded, it has completed more than 1 500 project assignments in 46 countries involving more than 30 different commodities.

The company's expertise encompasses mineral exploration, economic geology, mining geology (underground and open pit), mine engineering and development, infrastructural and socio-economic dynamics, statutory compliance, mineral asset valuation

and techno-economic modelling.

Recent milestones include the delineation of over 4 billion tonnes (bt) of coal resources in various countries in Southern Africa and south-east Asia; increasing the JORC Mineral Resources for a London-registered exploration company of its West African bauxite project from 50 Mt to 1 Bt; the provision of technical and corporate advisory services to a South African tribal authority leading to the corporatisation of its mineral assets, now worth tens of billions of Rands; and a 'head-to-toe' technical review of chrome operations – exploration projects, mines, concentrators and smelters – for all the major mining houses in South Africa.

Over the past couple of years The Mineral Corporation has also been involved in the conversion and application of over 30 mining rights (including social and labour plans) and numerous prospecting rights, mostly for PGMs, gold, coal, industrial minerals and iron.

The company is known for its innovation, exemplified by – among other things – its development of in-house software that regularises coal washability data, which has improved

*Seen in this photo taken by 'Modern Mining' earlier this year are (left to right) John Murphy (MD); Dave Young (now retired); and Frank Gregory, Andrew Hart and Stewart Nupen, all directors of The Mineral Corporation. Absent from the photo is Russell Heins (photo: Arthur Tassell).*

