


Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd

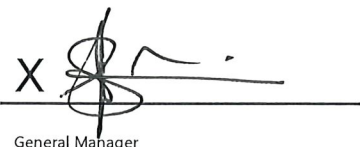
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WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY			

Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd is a base metal producer that operates underground mines and a processing plant in the Bushmanland region of the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. Copper, Lead and Zinc concentrates are produced for sale to local and international markets.

The principle of sustainable development is fundamental to our long-term success and Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd is therefore committed to conserve and protect environmental resources by reducing our water and electricity use and minimising carbon emissions.

Therefore Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd strives to:

- understand our water footprint at our projects and operations, and will maintain a water balance that minimises the amount of freshwater consumed by re-using as much water as possible in our processes;
- comply with applicable national, regional and local regulations and legal obligations;
- identify water conservation projects through reduction, recycling and reuse and monitor progress against water consumption reduction targets across our businesses. We will avoid pollution of surface water, ground water and other water resources arising from our operations;
- apply a zero discharge philosophy wherever possible;
- treat all wastewater to international best practice standards before discharging to the environment through the application of best available techniques (BAT) where possible and we will ensure that water/wastewater storage facilities are engineered and maintained;
- participate in local or regional water catchment planning activities to secure sustainable water resources for Vedanta operations and the activities of other users outside of the organisation;
- determine baselines and develop ongoing monitoring of water quality;
- work with communities and communicate with all our stakeholders on the progress and performance of water conservation and water management.

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