

MINING: Due Diligence

The capacity to accurately identify and evaluate technical and financial risk is fundamental to success within the mining industry. The confident application of this philosophy lies at the heart of the Royal HaskoningDHV approach to transaction services.

Within the mining group we promote and implement a risk-based strategy in all of our projects; from study assessments through to the more traditional due diligence sphere. Our team comprises geoscience, mining, infrastructure, processing, and environmental specialists, including internationally-recognised Competent Persons through to accredited Project Managers who have overseen contracts with some of the largest mining companies in the industry.

Royal HaskoningDHV experts have extensive practical experience in mining operations allowing unparalleled appreciation of a project's realistic viability through benchmarking against real-world scenarios. Combining technical aptitude with a longstanding history of activity in the financial sector our capability ensures we are able to competently undertake due diligence studies, transaction analysis and review work across the full spectrum of commodities, geographies and project types.

Regularly working for major banks, funds and HNWI's, we appreciate the necessity of accurate risk quantification and provision of expert technical and commercial advice to our customers. Through collaboration we ensure our review work is aligned to the investment criteria proposed, allowing us to tailor our due diligence offering so you can make a truly informed decision on your potential investments.

Fast becoming the consultant of choice for mining and investment companies Royal HaskoningDHV offer the industry something different - a more professional and flexible approach to consultancy, through a modern, forward-thinking, and efficient team of experts.

Ranked globally in the top 10 of independently owned, non-listed companies and in the top 40 overall Royal HaskoningDHV has more than 100 offices in 35 countries, 6,000 staff and a turnover in excess of £500 million. With over 135 years of experience defining a proud heritage of bringing leading expertise and innovation to the market the company provides the next exciting step in working towards 'Enhancing Society Together'.

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"Africa Finance Corporation have maintained a longstanding relationship with Royal HaskoningDHV having utilised their Mining Services team for a number of years as part of an ongoing Due Diligence framework contract. We use RHDHV's specialists to evaluate potential mining investments and have found the knowledge and expertise of their technical team to be highly valuable. We trust RHDHV to provide us with accurate, reliable and insightful evaluations for a range of mining projects – from grassroots exploration projects to operating mines. The standard of delivery is consistently excellent and we would have no hesitation recommending them as a due diligence expert for any investment opportunities or transactions."

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Osam Iyahan, Director, Africa Finance Corporation

Recent Due Diligence Projects



Due Diligence Framework, Africa

Royal HaskoningDHV provide ongoing mining services advice under a formal Mining Technical Consultant Framework to Nigeria-based investment company Africa Finance Corporation. RHDHV provide periodic reviews on various mining projects considered by AFC to be potential investment opportunities. To date, the framework has included the review of numerous commodities (gold, iron ore, base metals, diamonds, potash, bauxite, nickel, phosphate, manganese, heavy mineral sands and platinum) across the African continent including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Zambia, DRC, Senegal, Mali, Morocco, Zambia, Senegal and Lesotho.

Bauxite Project Review, Guinea

Royal HaskoningDHV conducted a phased limited Due Diligence review of a bauxite project in Guinea. The scope required an initial evaluation of data and documentation provided remotely via secure dataroom. The team flagged key concerns in order to identify up front fatal flaws to the project or the proposed investment. The preliminary review was followed by a visit to the project site by a team of mining specialists to appraise site investigation procedures, observe site location and infrastructure, meet with company representatives, and assess data and interpretations. The project culminated in a risk review report outlining key technical and financial concerns observed by Royal HaskoningDHV. The project was benchmarked against analogous studies and operations and each risk was presented in terms of most likely and reasonable worst case scenarios and quantified where possible. Mitigation measures were also put forward to the client through a series of investment recommendations.



Coal Project Review, Zambia

Royal HaskoningDHV undertook a technical due diligence of the existing feasibility study located in the Maamba Coalfield of southern Zambia. RHDHV comprehensively reviewed all available technical reports for the project (including a competent persons report, feasibility study and technical mine plan report) to identify and evaluate risk and subsequently comment on the viability of the proposed mining operation and its adequacy in supplying a power station.

Pit-to-Port Due Diligence, Ethiopia

Royal HaskoningDHV assisted with the technical due diligence for a full pit to port logistic chain within the scope of the Allana Potash mining project. A comprehensive due diligence report was prepared which facilitated the Client's decision to acquire a stake in the project, including technical methodology analysis, risk assessments, financial analysis and risk programming. Progress monitoring and evaluation is ongoing after the successful transaction.



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