Black Rock Expansion Project

The Black Rock Expansion Project (BREP) focuses on developing new mining opportunities at Black Rock Mine Operations (BRMO) in the Northern Cape to increase the output of high-grade manganese ore products. This will ensure the mine’s sustainable longevity and has valuable implications for the company and its employees, the surrounding communities, the region and South Africa. Black Rock Mine Operations is operated by Assmang Limited, which is jointly owned by Assore Limited and African Rainbow Minerals Limited.

Total investment: R6.7 bn

During the construction period the investment will:

- Create an estimated 1,900 employment opportunities for the period
- Result in increased spending on regional and national business levels
- Lead to additional tax income for the state

Ramp-up

Construction

Current operations at 3.2 Mt per annum

Expand operations to 4.6 Mt per annum

Increased production of 1.4 Mt per annum

The increased production of 1.4 Mt per annum will lead to:

- An additional estimated 320 jobs at BRMO and at suppliers
- Increased regional business
- A boost to the national economy
- Increased export revenue for the country
- Increased tax revenue for the state coffers – estimated at R690 m per annum (personal and company tax, VAT, royalties)

Note: Figures are based on the socio-economic impact assessment as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Black Rock Expansion Project.