

JSM and MECS to attend African Mining Indaba

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JSM Appointments will be joining Johannesburg based affiliate company MECS Africa at the African Mining Indaba in Cape Town next week.

The Indaba is the world's largest mining investment conference and Africa's biggest mining event. The 2014 occasion is expected to draw around 8,000 individuals, representing more than 1,500 companies from 100 countries.

This conference, running from February 3-6, is an excellent opportunity for JSM and MECS Africa to exhibit a mutually beneficial partnership.

Attendance at this event will enable the companies to interact with other organisations and individuals involved in the mining sector around the world. The African Mining Indaba is known as the place "where the world connects with African mining".

It is also hoped the conference will allow JSM and MECS to raise awareness of the recruitment and project support services they offer throughout Africa and Australia.

Representatives from JSM and MECS also plan to attend a number of talks and sessions hosted by ministers from South Africa and other African countries. These presentations will allow JSM and MECS to better understand the ministers' views and policies which will enable heightened opportunities for future growth in the African mining sector.

MECS Africa Managing Director Roland Glass explains his company has already set up meetings with potential clients to encourage mutually beneficial future relationships. Additionally, Mr Glass believes the conference will present a unique opportunity to develop stronger relationships with existing clients as the event offers various networking events to give stakeholders the chance to interact with others on a social level.

The value of the partnership

By partnering with [MECS Africa](#), JSM Appointments is able to not only offer its clients access to a larger pool of talent to fill [engineering jobs](#), but Australian clients can also benefit from specialist project support for construction and mining projects in Africa.

"[MECS Africa](#) is the ideal resource to provide logistics tailored for a site environment servicing expatriates, while JSM provides Perth-based clients with a local representative for access to these services," explains JSM Director John Masters.

With more than 32 years' experience in project support across 17 African countries, [MECS Africa](#) specialises in supporting mining, construction, energy, agriculture and [engineering jobs](#) Africa-wide.

Mr Glass explains how the MECS Africa partnership with JSM helps bridge the 'geographical divide' between the African and Australian mining and engineering sector.

By working with JSM appointments, MECS can provide skilled personnel for the mining, power and energy industries in Western Australia.

"Western Australia has a skills shortage in the mining sector and this partnership focuses on providing manpower for Australian companies operating across Africa, as well as supporting the technical skills shortage in Western Australia," he said.

Mr Glass expects this partnership will position MECS Africa and JSM as the leading service providers in the global mining sector.

"With the ever increasing investment activity in Africa and the capital expenditure programmes across the above sectors, our labour supply and related support services are well positioned to take advantage of the global skills shortage and skills demand imbalance," Mr Glass explained.

MECS Africa currently offers specialist human resource management services, principally in the fields of contractual manpower and logistics capabilities.

This includes the full recruitment administrative process, as well as providing expatriates with work permits, flights and other important requirements for individuals to take advantage of opportunities in [recruitment for Africa](#)-based mining opportunities.

"Beyond our core expertise, we continue to be innovative, exploring new areas where we can add value, while maintaining service excellence for our candidates, contractual employees and clients," Mr Glass said.

"JSM's knowledge and experience abroad enables us to place the best talent from around the world - and in keeping with our positioning as a WA company with access to global resources, our partnership with [MECS Africa](#) further strengthens our ability to offer clients a selection from international talent pools and candidates access to global opportunities," Masters concludes.