

DEALING with the mining downturn

Despite the downturn in the global commodities market, outsourced plant operations and maintenance specialist **Minopex**, a member of global multidisciplinary engineering firm DRA, was able to renew and maintain almost all of its contracts during 2015, testament to its “superior value-added and bespoke service offering”.

“While one of Minopex’s contracts was not renewed in 2015 owing to the tough operating environment, the company still operates and maintains an impressive 13 mineral processing plants in Africa, as well as one plant overseas, says Minopex South Africa business development director Rafael Abela.

In 2015, Minopex was awarded a contract at the Ad Duwayhi gold mining project in Saudi Arabia, owned by Saudi

Arabia’s largest mining group Ma’aden Gold and Base Metals.

The contract entails the operation and maintenance of the gold extraction process plant as well as upskilling the local staff.

Improved efficiency

Using its minerals processing and operational readiness expertise, Minopex is able to gear up to production quickly, which will help its clients receive a quicker return on their investment, says Abela.

Furthermore, the outsourced operation and maintenance of the processing

plant can reduce business risk as plant availabilities are optimised. “Partnering with Minopex also allows a client to focus on its core mining competencies, while Minopex takes care of the rest.”

OUR SERVICES

Minopex’s service offering extends to every aspect of minerals processing including:

- Health and safety;
- Plant process operation, control and optimisation;
- Asset maintenance and management;
- Contract management and administration;
- Purchasing;
- Stores control;
- Training and skills development;
- Sub-contractor management;
- Environmental management; and
- Waste and tailings.

ZERO STRIKE ACTION MILESTONE

While the South African mining industry was marred by labour unrest during 2014 and 2015, compounded by strike threats as a result of wage negotiation stalemates in the gold and coal industries, Minopex ensured that no strike action took place at any of its clients’ 11 South African operations. “We ensured our clients’ plants performed to standard as promised.”

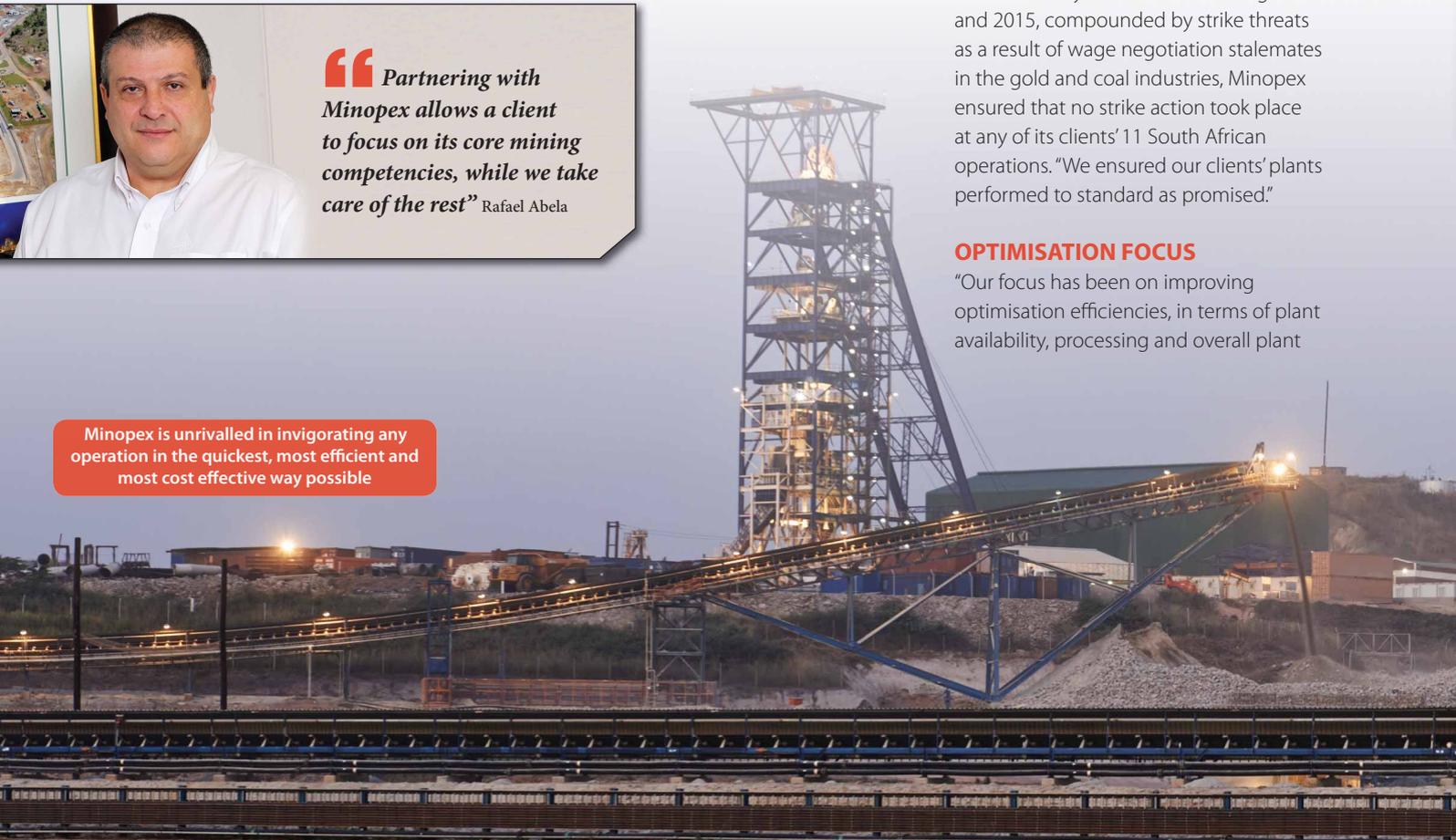
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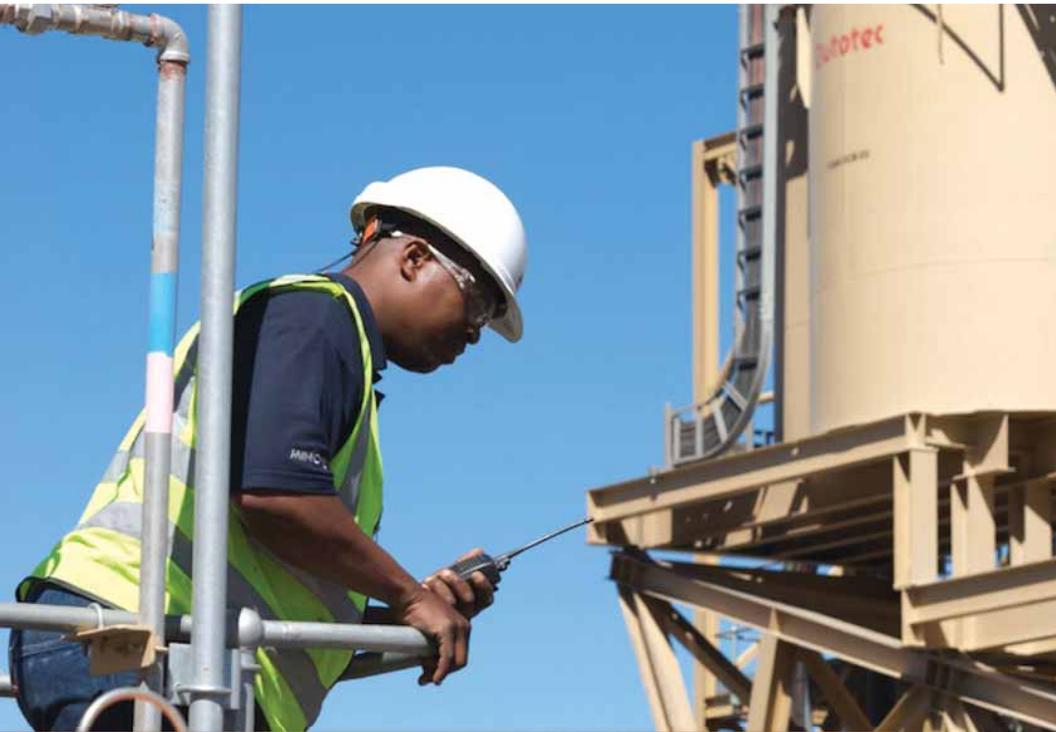
“Our focus has been on improving optimisation efficiencies, in terms of plant availability, processing and overall plant



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Minopex is unrivalled in invigorating any operation in the quickest, most efficient and most cost effective way possible





Minopex creates and maintains safe and healthy working conditions through effective on-site risk management

MINOPEX GROUP STRUCTURE

Minopex was established in 1996 to explore the outsourced operations and maintenance concept. The company has grown over the last two decades, diversifying into several divisions, each specialising in a field which complements the Minopex service offering. Starting with core services of operations and management, Minopex then acquired Quality Laboratory Services (QLS) a SANAS 17025 certificated laboratory to offer specialised analytical facilities to the mining industry. Following that, continued diversification and the addition of Ensera in South Africa and Ensermo in Mozambique, as well as M & E Plant, a yellow metal services company, continues to ensure that Minopex can provide clients with a holistic service offering.

Minopex is geared and operationally ready to fast-track the implementation of new projects

operation. If we are able to improve efficiencies within the plant as well as along the entire minerals processing value chain then will be able to unlock further value for our clients and add to the clients bottom line," says Abela.

LOOKING AHEAD

While most of Minopex's business is in the platinum, coal, diamonds, chromite and gold sectors in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Tanzania, Mozambique and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the company is expecting more work in the phosphate, iron ore and coal sectors in Africa in the short-term future. **MRA**

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The total amount of ore that Minopex processed in 2015 across its client's operations

