

Hofstetter wins contract from major gold mining company

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Hofstetter Umwelttechnik AG (Hofstetter) has been awarded the contract to build a high quality degassing and flaring unit for the leading global mining company Gold Fields, at its Beatrix gold mine in the Free State Province 240km southwest of Johannesburg, South Africa. As the technical partner to Group Five Engineering and Construction (Group Five), Hofstetter provides a reliable solution for the collection, transportation and disposal of methane. The plant consists of a degassing station and a high temperature flare. The key feature is the monitoring, measuring and recording unit for monitoring Certified Emission Reductions for the United Nations Framework for Climate Change

Convention (UNFCCC). Winning such a prestigious project, in a competitive market, once again proves Hofstetter's ability to provide high quality technology solutions for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Dirk Van Greuning, the Environmental Engineering Manager of the Beatrix Gold Mine commented: *'Through their specialised knowledge in gas flaring technology, Hofstetter offers the perfect partnership for the mine's methane extraction project. What I find reassuring is that Hofstetter conducted a detailed survey of the mine to assess the local conditions, in order to provide the best possible solution for our mine.'* Anne Wright, the Operations and Systems Advisor of Group Five, adds: *'We selected Hofstetter because they are recognised as a major supplier of quality degassing and flaring equipment and have an excellent track record. We look forward to working with them.'*