



## Venmyn Deloitte Chris de Vries and Neil McKenna

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Chris de Vries as the new managing director for Venmyn Deloitte and Neil McKenna as director of global markets.

Chris succeeds Andy Clay who has decided to step down from the leadership role. Andy will continue to assist the business in market development as a senior associate.

Venmyn Rand was acquired by Deloitte in 2012 and during the last four years, the team has established itself in the Deloitte portfolio as competent technical mining professionals, working across the globe.



Chris joined the Deloitte audit practice in 2002 and served as audit manager in the Deloitte London office for three years. While in London, Chris was the group audit manager on a FTSE 250 company with operations in 30+ countries. In 2008, Chris joined the Deloitte Corporate Finance division in Johannesburg and since then has worked on a wide range of buy-side and sell-side due diligence assignments, independent business reviews and IPO projects. Chris has also led the Deloitte South Africa Mining Transaction Services team and the global due diligence team for a multi-national e-commerce group, executing more than 70 projects in over 40 countries.

Chris joined Venmyn Deloitte in November 2014 focusing on mineral asset valuations, fair and reasonable opinions, due diligences, impairment reviews and strategic advisory to mining companies, banks and investors. Chris has 8+ years' experience in the minerals industry including a wide range of mining transactions, M&A advisory, IPO projects and corporate recovery projects covering commodities such as gold, copper, platinum, nickel, chrome, coal, uranium and industrial minerals. This included operational, development and exploration assets as well as tailings retreatment operations and assets under care-and-maintenance.



In addition, Neil McKenna will take up the role of Director Global Markets for Venmyn Deloitte.

Neil joined Deloitte in 2012, as part of the acquisition of Venmyn Rand by the Southern African member firm, and has been a Director of the business since 2009. Neil is an expert in mineral asset valuations, mineral project reviews and public reporting. In addition, Neil actively provides audit support and transactional support for Deloitte's global Audit and Corporate Finance teams. Neil also serves as a member of the Core Mining Team in the UK and is recognised as a Subject Matter Specialist for Energy and Resources for Deloitte globally.

Neil relocated to the Deloitte London office in 2015 to focus on rolling out Venmyn Deloitte services in the region and to have better access to European based clients, including financial institutions.

Neil has acted as key technical advisor for a number of mining companies, financial institutions and mineral project investors. He has reported on various international stock exchanges and advised on a number of significant, global, transactions. His experience includes working on minerals projects across Africa, the Middle-East, Europe and the United States.

Please join me in congratulating Chris and Neil on their new leadership roles for Venmyn Deloitte.

Kind regards,

**Abri Olivier**  
Director SA Leader S&I

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