SOUTH AFRICAN ROOTS
INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE
Trading since 1961
more than 50 years of global mining excellence
OVERVIEW

Shaft Sinkers is an internationally recognized mining company with over 50 years of global mining experience and is a leading provider of comprehensive mining solutions ranging from project initiation to realisation.

Shaft Sinkers is the mining operations company for the UMS Group and has the sinking experience as well as the design and mine shaft engineering capability to execute shafts as deep as 3000 meters through almost every type of rock strata.

Shaft Sinkers understands that cost effective and rapid access to deep level ore bodies is of critical importance to its clients. Around this, the Company has developed a culture of excellence and innovative thinking and as a result, we have pioneered many ground-breaking mining methods which have enabled us to perform at the forefront of sinking, development and construction. Over the years, Shaft Sinkers has pioneered mid-shaft development – a system which facilitates horizontal access to the ore body from the vertical shaft while primary shaft sinking is still in progress. This is just one of our many successful innovations aimed at speeding up shaft sinking processes for which we have gained international renown.

Driving our innovative spirit are teams of highly specialised technical and managerial personnel who are dedicated to providing safe, cost effective and innovative solutions to our clients, thereby making us a leader in the industry.

In delivering on its projects, Shaft Sinkers never compromises on safety. Our ethos is: Safety Above All Else.
WHAT WE OFFER

We are able to undertake any type of underground development work from the sinking and equipping of vertical shafts and decline shafts to the development of underground infrastructure including the construction and installation of any auxiliary infrastructure used in mining and hydropower projects.

**SINKING & SHAFT EQUIPPING.**
We uniquely specialise in the sinking and equipping of particularly ultra-deep and wide vertical shafts, production, service, vent and sub-level shafts.

**SURFACE & UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION.**
We are equipped to do concrete civils, mechanical installations, control & instrumentation, pipework, structural steelwork & metalwork and other surface or underground construction that may be required.

**CONTRACT MINING.**
We undertake everything from highly mechanised massive mining to conventional stope mining.

**LARGE UNDERGROUND EXCAVATIONS.**
We undertake all forms of underground excavations from crushers to winder chambers, pump and surge chambers, settlers, silos and oil & gas chambers.

**TUNNELLING.**
We undertake capital and working cost; trackless; rail bound or conventional development.

**MINE REHABILITATION & REFURBISHMENT.**
We are able to prolong the economic lifetime of a mine and improve mine efficiencies. We undertake equipment inspections as well as provide mine care & maintenance services.

**RAISEBORING.**
We raisebore ore passes, pressure & surge shafts, access shafts, conveyance shafts, ventilation shafts.
TRAINING

Our Academy of Learning is audited and accredited by the South African Mining Qualifications Authority including most of the major Mining Houses that Shaft Sinters conducts business with. Our training focuses on technical, health, safety & management skills. We also provide artisan and engineering learnerships.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

We recognize that projects undertaken by our Company could potentially impact the communities in our areas of operation, bringing both opportunities and issues of concern for residents. We strive to partner with local stakeholders to understand their needs and address their concerns, and to conduct our business in a way that contributes to the local communities.

On all of our projects, we look to maximizing opportunities for hiring local workers and thereby minimizing project-related social risks in the company’s areas of influence. We respect local cultural and social norms so as to avoid conflicts and other negative social impacts.

As a Company, we recognize that we have a responsibility towards the wellbeing of our employees. We act on this responsibility by providing safe and healthy working conditions and opportunities where they can learn, develop and prosper. We value diversity and advocate non-discriminatory workplace practices.
Shaft Sinkers instils a culture of safety, health, quality and care for the environment to every one of our employees. All of our projects adhere strictly to our Integrated Management System (IMS) which has been developed and implemented in accordance with SANS ISO 9001:2008, OHSAS 18001:2007 and ISO 14001:2004. Further, all our training is accredited by the South African Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA).

- ISO 9001:2008 - Quality Management System
- OHSAS 18001:2007 - Occupational Health and Safety Management System
- ISO 14001:2004 – Environmental Management System
- Mining Qualifications Authority
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 170,000 m of vertical shafts to date
- 35,000 m of incline & decline shafts to date
- Largest Shaft Sunk was 19m in diameter for a hydro scheme with a total depth 40m
- Deepest shaft sunk at 2,480m in a single drop including a sub-shaft of 600m with a total depth of 3060m.
- Sunk an oval shaft 11m wide x 12m long
- Shaft Sinking next to open cast mining operations

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