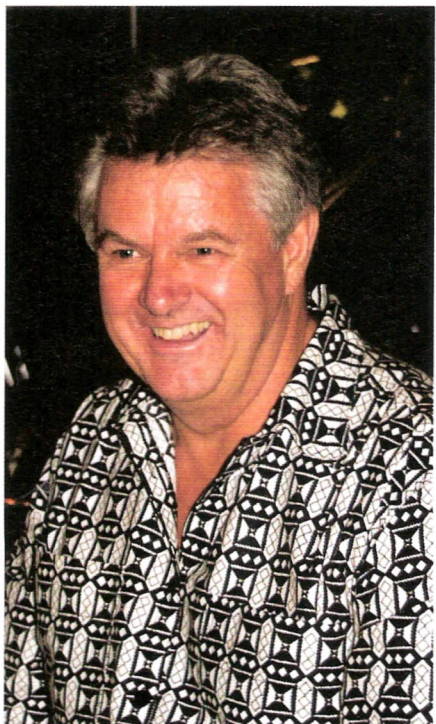


James Allan



JAMES ALLAN, best known for taking on the Oppenheimer family, is becoming something of a wheeler and dealer in the platinum sector. Together with René Hochreiter he's turned over one platinum property to Xstrata for R106m and now they have a second property that could come into play. Allan says the property (housed in Sable Platinum) isn't being put up for sale. Canada's Platinum Group Metals is earning into 23% of the project, managing the exploration programme. The property is immediately to the east of Xstrata's Elandsfontein project. Allan reckons his relationship with BRC DiamondCore soured over his right to advise any company he chose to. He's now adviser to Rockwell, which bought the assets from Trans Hex that BRC had hoped to acquire. There's not been much diamond deal-making news apart from that. Allan helped set up two drilling companies.



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Life of James

A mining engineer by training but armed with an MBA, Allan worked in the mining and finance services industries for 25 years. He was a top-rated diamond and coal analyst at Barnard Jacobs Mellet. He's now a partner in Allan Hochreiter.