

René Hochreiter

HOCHREITER has been a key figure in South African mining analysis for more than 25 years. His direct, no nonsense style, astute financial sense backed up by a passion for geology make him a sought-after adviser. While an analyst, he was SA's top-rated platinum guru for a decade, and after a few years as a resources-focused investment banker, Hochreiter teamed up with an old university friend, James Allan, as part of consultancy AllanHochreiter. He has led more than 10 IPOs and debt financing worth R15bn in his career. The latest to come under his wing is the planned listing of gold exploration company Trans-Afrika Resources, of which Hochreiter will be CEO, on the JSE in June.

Life of René:

Born in 1957, Rene Hochreiter has a BSc in Mining Engineering (Wits) and a BSc in Geological Engineering (Wits). His hobbies include mountaineering, scuba diving, flyfishing, skiing and cycling. He's married to Gail. They have two children.

Did you know?

- » Hochreiter is a partner in Partners' Drilling, a surface drilling company that operates on a wide range of properties in SA.
- In 2006, Hochreiter climbed 6 500m of Everest's 8 853m to have his hopes of summiting dashed by the onset of frostbite.

66 The mountain is still there and I'll give it another bash in a year or two. **99**