

BHP strategy man to join SA resources boutique

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BHP Billiton's strategy and business development vice-president **Ken Greve** will be leaving the diversified mining group at the end of the year to join boutique South African resources consultancy Allan Hochreiter, he told *Mining Weekly Online* at the weekend.

James Allan, who was a leading South African diamond analyst, formed the company in 2005, later recruiting top-rated platinum analyst **Rene Hochreiter**. Interestingly, Allan and Hochreiter had been classmates with Greve when reading for their mining-engineering degrees at the University of Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, during the early 1980s.

Greve said that he would probably join Allan Hochreiter at the beginning of February, with his last month at the biggest mining company in the world being December.

"It was a very difficult decision," he said in a telephone interview.

BHP Billiton spokesperson **Bronwyn Wilkinson** said that Greve would probably be providing consulting services to the diversified giant on certain projects.

Greve had some 15 years experience in project planning and mergers and acquisitions.

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Allan said in an interview in Johannesburg that Allan Hochreiter was employing Greve in a bid to bolster its capacity in the light of strong growth prospects.

Earlier in November, Hochreiter said that he planned to bring a new gold exploration company, TransAfrika Resources, to the JSE in March, which he would head up.

He planned to serve as CEO only during the start-up phase, and would continue with his role at Allan Hochreiter.

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