

GOLD EXPLORATION

Platinum analyst Hochreiter to list new exploration company

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Former platinum analyst Rene Hochreiter plans to bring a new gold exploration company, TransAfrika Resources, to the JSE in March.

The firm has exploration assets in Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Mauritania, Hochreiter said in a telephone interview.

All of its projects are in early exploration stages, with the DRC being the most advanced.

Hochreiter said that TransAfrika's assets in that country neighboured those of TSX-listed gold explorer Banro.

Banro has exploration permits in the South Kivu and Maniema provinces of the DRC, according to its website.

TransAfrika will start completing feasibility studies on some of its prospects in "about two years", Hochreiter states.

Former Anglo Platinum financial director Roeland van Kerkhoven is to join the firm as executive chairperson, with Hochreiter serving as CEO.

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