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MINTEK, SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL MINERALS-RESEARCH ORGANISATION which was founded in 1934 to assist the mining industry to operate more effectively and profitably, has achieved international recognition for its contributions. Our mining and minerals industry has been extremely innovative, and many notable advances in extraction, refining, and manufacturing technology that originated in South Africa have impacted on the minerals industry world-wide.

Mintek works with industry and other R&D organisations to research, develop, and implement new and improved technologies in the minerals and metallurgical sectors. South Africa has become a world leader in this technological niche, with a successful record of technology export, and Mintek itself has become an international player in the field.

Mintek's research complex is situated in Randburg, about 15 kilometres north of Johannesburg, within easy reach of Johannesburg International Airport.

With a total staff of about 800, Mintek employs a highly qualified and motivated workforce with a wide range of skills, including metallurgical, chemical, and electronics engineers, chemists, physicists, and mineralogists. Many of our engineers and scientists are recognised as leaders in their fields of specialisation.

Mintek provides world-class R&D expertise, testwork, and process optimisation for the precious and base metals, ferroalloys, and industrial minerals sectors on an international basis. The activities range from initial investigations to process development, and the design, construction, and commissioning of industrial plants. Working closely with clients, and in conjunction with engineering partners, Mintek supplies a flexible package of technology for process development and optimisation.

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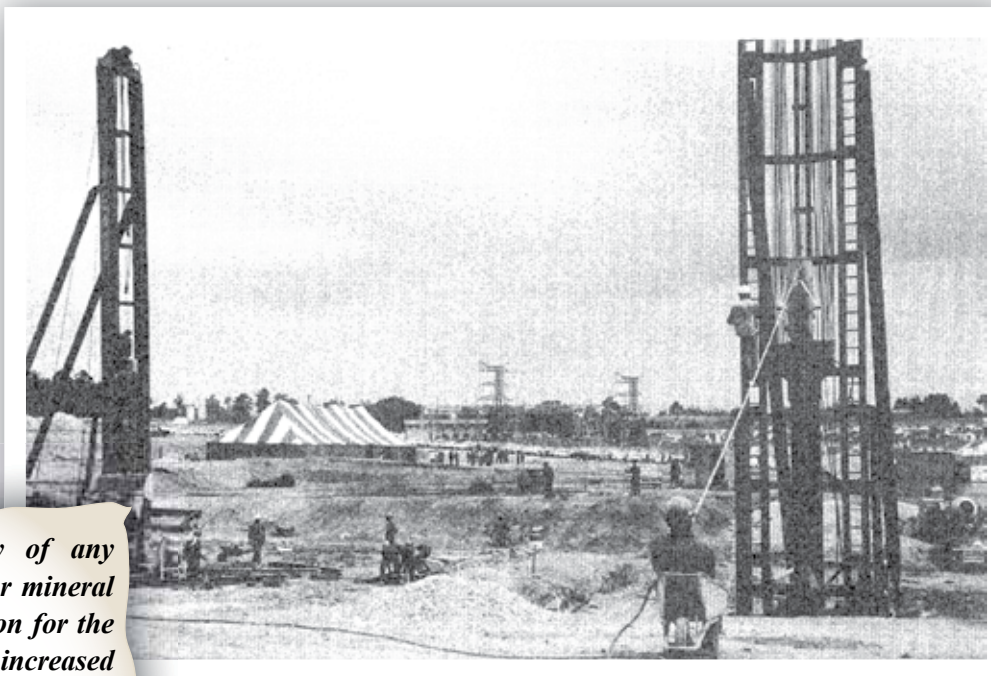
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The start of the construction of Mintek in 1971.

“It should be the policy of any Government, to see that our mineral assets are brought to fruition for the benefit of the people, for increased employment and for the promotion of our national wealth.”

Speech made by Mr Patrick Duncan, then South Africa’s Minister of Mines (*The Star*, 1934), at the opening of the new mineral research laboratory at the Witwatersrand University.



An aerial view of Mintek in 2009.



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