


Quick shot technology

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IP-based network video solutions provider, Axis Communications, recently installed two wireless solar-powered network cameras for Platinum Australia's Smokey Hills PGM project in the Limpopo Province. Axis IP-based network video solutions include network cameras and video encoders for remote monitoring and security surveillance. Nelendhre Moodley spoke to GRD Minproc's MD for Africa, Ben Zikmundovsky, and Axis marketing manager, Tami Alves, about camera use on the project

GRD Minproc was awarded the contract to design and manage the construction of a concentrator which is currently under way for Platinum Australia's Smokey Hills Platinum Mine.

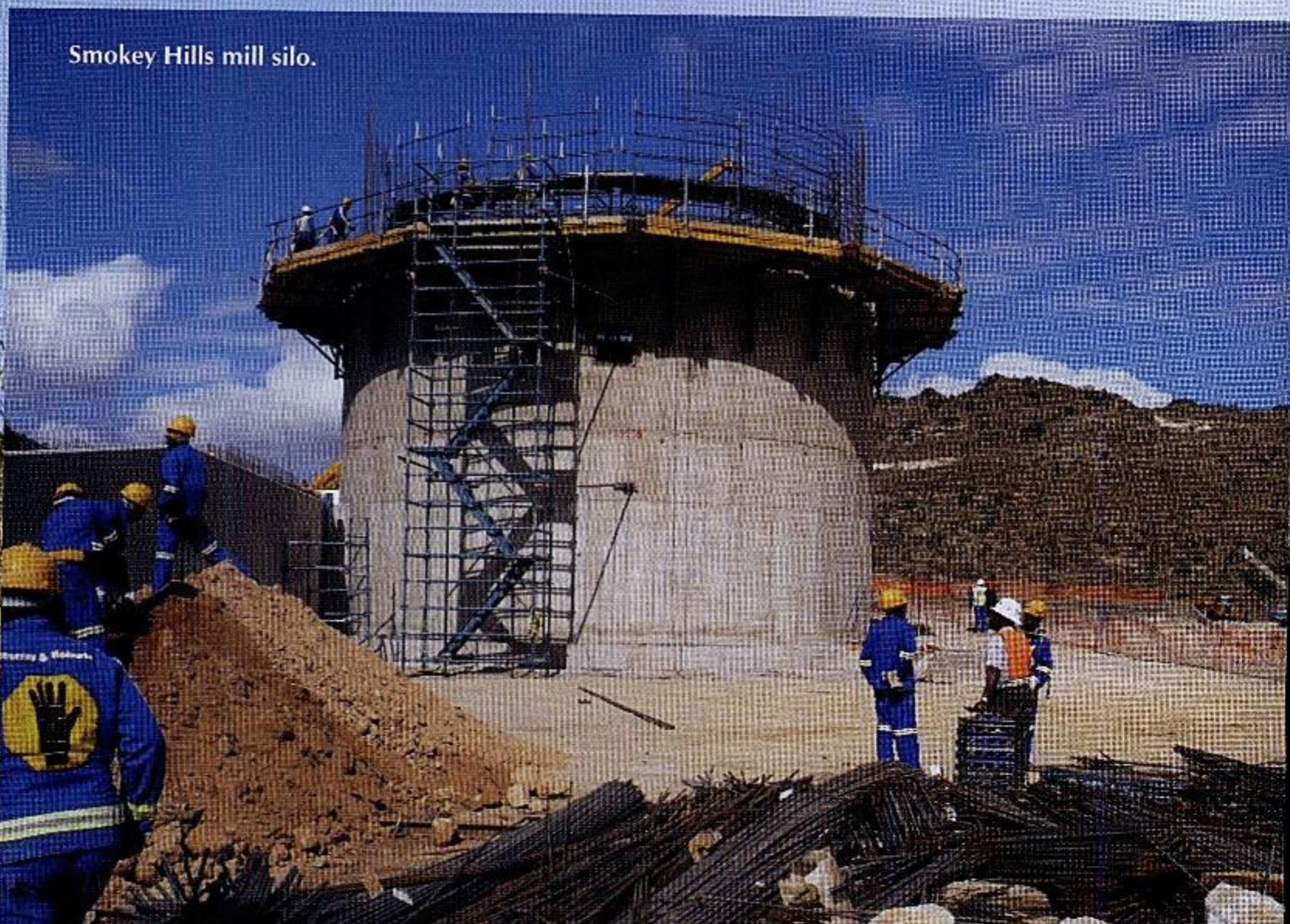
This is GRD Minproc's first platinum contract. The plant designed to process some 720 000tpa of feed.

"The purpose for installing the camera is three-fold – as a security function, for tracking progress on the job, and for making a promotional video once the project has been completed," Zikmundovsky explains.

"At the end of the project, we will develop either a 30-second or 60-second promotional video, which will provide a snapshot of how the project was constructed," he adds.

As the Smokey Hills project is located on hilly terrain, having a wireless solar-powered camera ensures that there is no need

Smokey Hills mill silo.



to return to the project to change batteries or connect wires.

The camera will also assist in establishing the scenario should injuries or accidents occur, and, from a security point of view, it is able to provide digital date and time of footage.

"As the primary focus of the camera is the promotional video, the security is an added bonus," Zikmundovsky points out.

GRD Minproc intends using cameras on all projects henceforth.

The company has recently been awarded four new engineering project management contracts, one in SA and the rest outside of the country, and will be using the cameras on these projects, he reiterates.

The camera is weather-proof, has an IP66 rating, and is easy to deploy, particularly as 90% of businesses run a network to which the camera can be wirelessly connected, Alves explains.

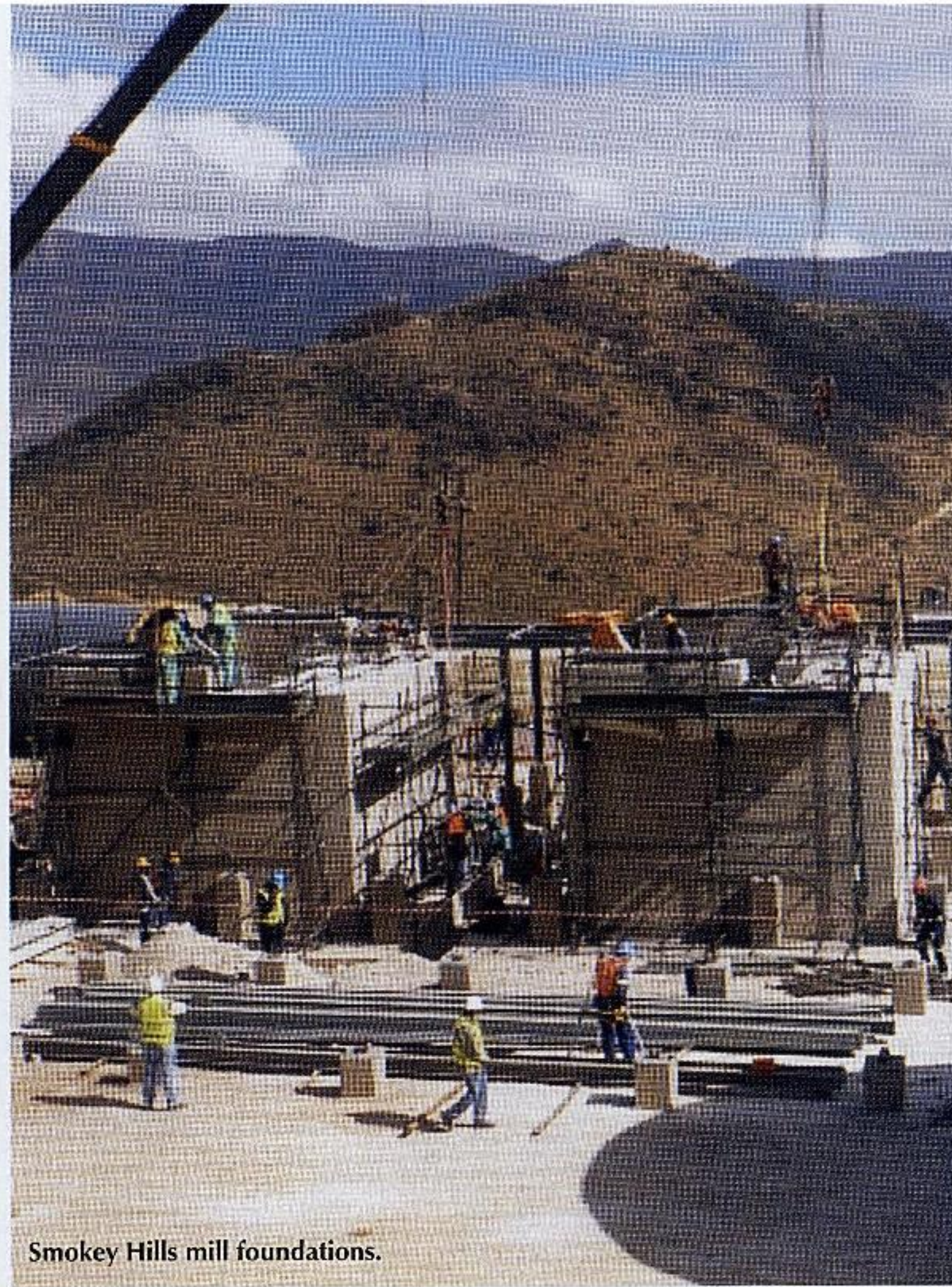
20% of Axis clients are from the mining sector, with the remainder being in the industrial sector.

"Network video offers the client an opportunity to remote manage and connect devices such as alarms and passives to monitor, lock and open doors," Alves adds.

"We are looking at growing business to the mining sector exponentially." ○

Platinum Australia Limited (ASX: PLA) (AIM: PLAA) has signed binding agreements to acquire a further 10.75% of the Smokey Hills Platinum Project, taking its stake to 69.75%.

As a result of these transactions PLA will have a 69.75% stake in Smokey Hills, with the balance being held by various Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) entities. Importantly due to the nature of the BEE transactions which PLA have undertaken, PLA will now retain approximately 85% of the cash flow from the project.



Smokey Hills mill foundations.

Smokey Hills start of open-pit mining

