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Kalgoorlie Super Pit Contract Extension

Ausdrill Limited has been issued with a letter of intent for a six year contract for the ongoing open pit drilling works at KCGM's Super Pit in Kalgoorlie worth approximately \$150 million.

The new contract once completed will take Ausdrill's involvement on site to a total of 23 years reflecting the strong relationship built between the parties. During this period Ausdrill has seen the rest of the operations make the transition from contract mining to owner operator, but has remained on site as a specialist contractor. The Company has added value to the operations through the development of specialist equipment and procedures for the unique conditions associated with the Super Pit.

The new term commences in March 2006 and the tenure will allow the Company to invest in a new drilling fleet for the project. Recently Ausdrill achieved a \$100 Million turnover milestone on the existing contract which was initially awarded for a two year period from March 2000 and was subsequently extended through option periods.

Formal award of the contract is subject to the finalisation of contract documentation.

The Super Pit has provided a foundation for the Company's core drill and blast business in the Goldfields region and the renewal of the contract underpins the business for a further six years.

The Company is pleased to be a part of the development of Australia's largest open pit gold mine and welcomes the extension of its relationship with the existing management.

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