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## **UPDATE TO SHAREHOLDERS – MONASTERY KIMBERLITE PROJECT**

Shareholders are referred to the update to shareholders announcements relating to the progress at the Company's Monastery Kimberlite project in the district of Marquard of the Free State Province, the last of which was released on SENS on 30 July 2010.

Thabex is pleased to announce that Monastery Mine (Proprietary) Limited ("Monastery Mine") has entered into a processing contract agreement with Dry Harts Diamonds cc ("Dry Harts"), a close corporation based in Kimberley, to process an oxidised kimberlite dump located on the southern side of the main Monastery Kimberlite pipe. The agreed minimum rate of processing is 10 000 tons per month. The contractor agreement provides for a gross turnover split of 20/80. Monastery Mine would receive 20% and Dry Harts 80% of gross turnover. Dry Harts will however supply all processing equipment and be responsible for all operating costs of the dump processing operation.

The approximate size of the oxidised kimberlite dump is estimated at 200 000 tons at an estimated grade of 25 ctpH ("carats per hundred ton").

At present Monastery Mine is processing various kimberlitic dumps around its 100 tph ("tons per hour") DMS ("Dense Medium Separator") plant. Having consulted various metallurgical consultants, Monastery Mine is planning to refurbish its 100 tph DMS plant and utilise newer recovery technologies in conjunction with its 100 tph DMS plant, such as the CommodasUltrasort ROM XRT and GEM series sorting machines, for both primary sorting and final recovery.

The processing of the oxidised kimberlite dump by Dry Harts is expected to provide Monastery Mine with sufficient cash flow to enable it to test and introduce these technologies to compile a bankable feasibility study on the project.

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