

# RED BACK MINING NL

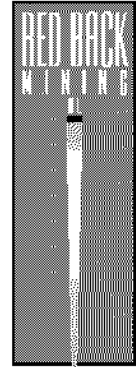
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The directors of Red Back Mining NL ("Red Back") are pleased to announce the contract for the construction of the Water Storage Facility for the Chirano Gold Project has been awarded to engineering company P.W. Ghana Limited. P.W. Ghana Limited has considerable experience in Ghana both as a mine contractor and civil engineer. Early commencement of the construction of this facility, ahead of the wet season, will ensure an adequate supply of process water for the development of mine and processing facilities.

The award is subject to the grant of a Mining Lease for Chirano which is expected in early April 2004.

Red Back directors are also pleased to announce the appointment of key line managers for the Chirano Gold Project which follows from the appointments of Mr Bill Plyley as General Manager in September 2003 and Mr Robin White as Manager Environment and Community Relations in December 2003. The new appointments are:

- **Manager Processing Mr Peter Johnston:** Mr. Johnston is a metallurgist with 20 years experience in the gold and base metal mining industry including the position of General Manager at the Bronzewing and Big Bell gold mines in Western Australia. Most recently Mr Johnston was Manager Processing at the St. Ives gold mine in Western Australia
- **Manager Mining, Mr Terry Smith:** Mr. Smith is a mining engineer with 24 years experience in the mining industry including the position of General Manager at the Bow River diamond mine in Western Australia and the Tennant Creek and The Granites gold mines in the Northern Territory. Most recently Mr. Smith was General Manager New Projects for Xstrata Copper Australia Limited
- **Manager Human Resources, Mr Roland Ewool.** Mr. Ewool is a Human Resource professional with over 20 years experience. Most recently Mr Ewool was Manager Human Resources for the Ghanaian alluvial gold miner Bonte Gold Mines Limited.

The appointment of Finance Manager for Chirano is expected before the end of April 2004.  
At that time all line managers required for project development will be in place.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Ashton', written over a horizontal line.

ROSS ASHTON  
**Managing Director**