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Mining Journal and TheBullionDesk.com link-up on metals information distribution.

Two leading providers of information covering different aspects of the metals markets have agreed to co-operate in the distribution of market prices, research and editorial content. **Mining Journal** - a leading provider of global mining news and **TheBullionDesk.com** - a leading provider of real-time online precious metals markets news, prices and research have agreed to supply each other with information to provide a greater coverage of the entire sector.

"We see an increasing need for a broader informational base with producers, consumers and traders alike wishing to be kept better briefed on developments in all other parts of the supply chain - to that extent, this initiative is a move in the right direction" said Chris Innis, Managing Director of Mining Journal (??).

Under the arrangement TheBullionDesk.com will be providing both the Mining Journal weekly newspaper and indeed its website (www.Mining-Journal.com) with precious metal market prices, charts and market commentaries, while the Mining Journal will be providing TheBullionDesk.com with editorial content to be made available online exclusively for the benefit of its "Premium Service" users.

"The exchange of information both quickly and simply exploits the synergies embedded between our respective businesses" said Ross Norman, a Director of TheBullionDesk Ltd.

Although not yet formally agreed, it is envisaged that TheBullionDesk.com will also extend the same arrangement with Mining Journal from its forthcoming new website called BaseMetals.com which is to follow a similar format in the non-ferrous metals markets.

About Us

Mining Journal is a weekly newspaper produced by Mining Communications Ltd, the world's leading publisher of global mining and construction information. Mining Journal specialises in providing international news and information for the mining, tunnelling and drilling industries. Effectively Mining Journal covers all aspects of the global mining industry, from grass-roots exploration, through financing and development, to production and marketing. Every Friday the Mining Journal is the single definitive source of international mining intelligence. It packs news, in-depth analysis, viewpoints from senior players in the industry, market trend data, financial information and news of business development opportunities into one easy-to-read journal. The combination is an unrivalled one that makes the Mining Journal an indispensable information asset.

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TheBullionDesk.com was formed by three former members of the London Bullion Market in October 1999 with the express aim of being the “definitive online resource for live precious metals information and services”. The business remains the leading precious metals website and boasts the world’s largest single source of market news, real-time spot and futures market prices, state-of-the-art charting tools and research both from the leading bullion banks plus in-house market analysis created by its own researchers.

The research function has been greatly enhanced by the signing up of former World Gold Council analyst Rhona O’Connell who joined the team to provide Weekly Market Analysis.

TheBullionDesk.com has a staff of six and in addition to the website provides risk management / trade capture software for the commodities sector plus independent research in the platinum group metals and gold refining sectors.

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