

# New mobile rescue winder tested for deep underground operations

The [recent mining accident and rescue efforts in China](#) have highlighted the need for innovations in rescue equipment. In South Africa, a new mobile rescue winder is being tested at Gold Fields' South Deep's Twin Shaft.

The equipment was developed by the non-profit Mines Rescue Services (MRS) in collaboration with the Minerals Council South Africa, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) and labour.

It will allow proto teams to access shafts and carry out rescue operations at depths of 3,000 metres if required. It can carry up to six people at a time, as well as equipment and medical supplies. Previously, rescue winders could reach depths of 1,200 metres.

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