



**Discovery**  
DRILLING CONTRACTORS

# COMPANY PROFILE





## ABOUT US

Discovery Drilling (Pty) Ltd was founded in 1999 as an exploration drilling company. Since establishment, the company has grown into an efficient and effective business unit, maintaining the highest standards with regards to personnel, equipment, health and safety and delivery of quality service to its clients. Discovery Drilling Contractors Africa is the major player in the diamond drilling and water drilling market, with a machinery compliment that is the envy of our competitors.

## COMPANY VISION

To create the most compelling sustainable drilling company that goes beyond drill bits, reshaping the industry's landscape, while safeguarding the planet and its people.

## COMPANY MISSION

To realise value for all our stakeholders and staff through our commitment to local and environmental sustainability.

## COMPANY VALUES

Our foundation of honesty, integrity, ethics, passion and safety is the core of our business success.

## BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Discovery Drilling (Pty) Ltd has successfully concluded a process to sell 51% of its South African operations to its BBBEE partner. This is a black female-owned and controlled South African company with an established presence in various sectors and complimentary services for more than a decade. This is part of the company's strategic transformation and growth plan.

## DRILLING OFFERINGS

We specialise in Diamond Drilling which include wireline and conventional drilling methods across all standard sizes. We also offer Percussion drilling, RC drilling, Open-hole hammer and Fluid RC drilling.

## QUALITY and STANDARDS

Our engineering depot registered as Equal Chance Trading 50, is internationally certified under ISO 9001 quality management principles. This means we have the capability to design, build and maintain our own exploration and support equipment, as required by the industry and contracted clients.

Discovery Drilling has the capacity to send dedicated teams of engineering and red seal maintenance staff throughout South Africa and neighbouring countries, who can deliver spares, provide services and do maintenance on all our equipment at any drill site.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

Discovery Drilling's track record indicates excellent client services with exemplary safety performance. This is a result of our extensive drilling experience, quality management, and field personnel, as well as our rugged, safe and reliable drilling equipment. We proudly present you with a complete exploration and drilling solution that includes full capacity and availability of all types of drilling and support equipment as may be required on a large-scale exploration drill site.

## LARGE PROJECT REFERENCES INCLUDE -

Prieska Zinc and Copper Mine exploration program, run by Orion Minerals:

- where up to 20 diamond drill rigs were managed on site.
- Teams worked double shifts with a complement of up to 186 employees.

Waterberg project under (PTM) Platinum Group Metals:

- had a maximum of 25 diamond drill rigs
- with a compliment of >200 employees also drilling day and night shifts.



STAFF QUARTERS AT OUR STEELPOORT SITE

## ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Discovery Drilling has recorded thousands of safe metres drilled within varying environmental conditions and diverse terrains, with an exceptional safety record as indicated in the table below. Safety and Health statistics include the Discovery Drilling Headquarters, which includes a fully functional engineering and construction yard and Discovery Drilling Mining Contractors.

Discover Drilling - SHE stats	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Work-related loss of life	0	0	0	0	0
LTIFR	0	0	0	0	0
Lost time injuries (LTI)	3	0	0	1	0
Medical treatment cases (MTC)	0	1	1	2	0
First aid cases (FAC)	0	0	1	2	1
Total recordable cases	3	1	1	4	1
Total injuries	3	1	1	2	2
Total employees	2148	1417	689	1 141	1 948
Total hours worked	510 599	342 327	148 596	213 947	707 179

## PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

We have achieved impressive throughput figures with a monthly metre drilled record of >1,500m per rig. The best monthly production per drill rig stands at 2,536m, completed in 22 days on a day shift cycle. Production results measured over the past 5 years total 190 803 on target meters with QAQC compliant sampling. (quality assured quality controlled).

Discovery Drilling	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total meters drilled	66 320	41 536	32 641	37 252	13 054

The performance results at all our drill sites are proof that we strive to be the industry's first choice for our clients. At Discovery Drilling we believe that our production records are superior in the industry as we base our performance on preventative maintenance with critical spares and back-up equipment, ready and available. We further manage constraints through buffering principles where resource discipline, safety and environmental aspects are incorporated into throughput driven product delivery.

## EQUIPMENT CAPACITY

Discovery Drilling has >25 years of experience in the African exploration drilling environment enabling a capacity aligned fleet for maximum project delivery. As a result, Discovery Drilling is completely able to supply the necessary staff and equipment to fulfil large scale drilling project requirements.

We pride ourselves in that our drill rig fleet consists of >80 Diamond-, RC- and Percussion rigs where our larger diamond drill rigs have the capacity to do incline drilling in BQ size up to depths of 2,500m.

As a drilling contractor we also understand the necessity to customise our drill rigs and ancillary equipment, if required thus being able to meet and sustain client specifications. Our headquarters situated near Rustenburg, a 12ha. property, which has a fully functional engineering depot and construction yard. From this construction and maintenance base, our mobile engineering and maintenance teams are deployed to ensure timeous breakdown and maintenance services. Our focus as a contractor, is to meet all your equipment safety and performance standards.

Discovery Drilling transport department comprises of all the necessary low bed trucks to mobilise equipment to and on drill sites. We have our own fleet of trucks for on-site water and diesel supply and the support equipment. (tractors, TLB / excavators), used to build access roads, enable compliant site establishment, and dig drilling sumps.

## EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND LOCALISATION

We strive to maintain best practices in labour relations. Our drill crews are provided with first rate facilities, dietary balance meals and their own mobile sleeping quarters. We manage fatigue and mental health through leading industry principles. The result is a happy workforce which drives safe and productive behaviour.

As a top priority, management strive to ensure disciplined and amicable community interaction, building long lasting relationships with our clients / landowners, farmers and the local communities where we provide services. We are focused on the importance of harmonious relationships with all stakeholders and the commitment necessary in our country's current socio-economic climate.

## CLIENT REFERENCES

Discovery Drilling have undertaken drilling operations throughout Africa for many major mining houses, junior mining companies and other recognised exploration and private projects. Amongst others, our clients include:



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