

ProMet Attracts Foreign Investment To Become A Significant Challenger In The African And Asian Mining And Mineral Process Engineering Service Industry

A respected large Chinese Engineering group, Dadi Engineering Development Group, has bought a stake in a local project engineering firm, ProMet Engineers Africa (Pty) Ltd.

The transaction has led to a merger of capabilities of ProMet Engineers Africa and Dadi Engineering of China, bringing large scale Lump Sum Turn Key (LSTK) capability, global efficiencies, world class project engineering and management systems.

The company, to be known as **ProMet Dadi Africa (Pty) Ltd**, has shortly after inception, won a contract for the Engineering and Procurement portions of a major gold mine in Kyrgystan.

Prior to the transaction, ProMet Engineers Africa, headquartered in Cape Town with offices in Johannesburg and Australia, and representation in Botswana, Nigeria and Sudan, had concluded projects for Anglo Coal, Xstrata, Kumba Iron Ore, Eskom, BHP, China Minmetals, among others.

The new capability of ProMet Dadi Africa brings over 2000 Project Managers, Master and Professional Engineers to bear on mining projects within the African marketplace. ProMet Dadi Africa now has the ability to undertake Lump Sum Turn Key contracts of up to US\$ 300 million directly on its combined balance sheet. In an EPCM environment, the western management processes will allow utilization of the full engineering capability across disciplines for Global clients. Coupled with this is the speed of execution, group procurement, highly efficient design capabilities and familiar Western Project Procedures and management techniques.

Commenting on this development, ProMet Dadi Africa's Managing Director Mr Rob Bennett said: "With an increasing Chinese investment level in African-based resource projects, familiarity with a significant Chinese capability and marketplace is becoming ever more necessary. Africa has long been a leader in Project Execution, Management and Engineering, and this development allows ProMet Dadi Africa to truly bring global efficiencies to projects in a well managed and structured manner."

Mr Bennett went on to describe, "We have already seen projects that are struggling to pass the hurdle in higher cost environments become re-invigorated by this approach, bringing significant savings on Capital as well as in Project Execution times. We are also pleased that this transaction provides a portal for South African capabilities into markets historically closed to us."

“Interestingly, our first project post the merger was a study for an American Coal company looking to invest in China. ProMet offered certain Project Management skills from South Africa”

“The Dadi Engineering Development Group has been specifically involved in the design, engineering, commissioning and in certain cases the operation of over 400 MTPA of China’s coal processing capability over the last eight years, accounting for in excess of 21% of the installed capacity in China. Dadi brings all this experience and capability to our company, allowing us to deliver projects quicker and more cost effectively than ever before.”

Dadi’s ISO 9001 and 14001 systems approach means that quality is maintained complimentary with ProMet’s project management systems approach.”

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ABOUT ProMet

ProMet provides project management, process plant design and consultancy services to the metallurgical and process industries. It is committed to providing state-of-the-art technology engineering and solutions to its clients, incorporating the principles of sustainable development to resource processing.

ProMet has over 80 employees and as a minerals processing orientated design house, all of our employees come from a metallurgical and engineering design, materials handling and project execution background.

The core expertise of ProMet lies in providing process oriented solutions to the minerals processing industry at large. We utilise a broad range of process design tools. All our work is overlaid by our employees’ experiential base who collectively has had many years of experience in the operation and design of plants and processes covering the full range of process options for diamonds, coal, gold, base metals, uranium, iron ore and manganese.

ProMet’s engineers possess impressive project expertise from exposure and in certain cases, full control of various projects around the globe in such diverse locations including South Africa, Botswana, Russia, Australia, Canada, Venezuela, Brazil, New Caledonia, India, Guinea, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Angola, Tanzania, Malaysia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ProMet possesses significant expertise in plant design allowing for the development of an optimised flowsheet via the integration of unit processes. Our in-house expertise in the application, design, installation and operation of process plant covers all aspects of both specialised and standard materials handling facilities, milling and comminution, scrubbing and screening, hydrometallurgy, flotation, filtration, dense medium and non-dense medium concentration, novel optical and waste sorting techniques, slimes treatment including thickening and tailings disposal, dosing plants, process simulation and control, pumping solutions and general materials handling.

ProMet has established credentials in the minerals processing industry and have, via certain strategic alignments, developed an impressive international track record as purveyor of both pre-assembled and bespoke modular processing plant.

ProMet have a proud record as being able to offer the usual range of EPCM services from scoping studies, due diligence and bankable feasibility documents through to detailed design and subsequent total project execution and on to plant production ramp up.

Other project services such as operations and maintenance assistance contracts, value in use modelling, operations and maintenance services, ongoing plant optimisation and general on-mine and off-mine project services can be facilitated on behalf of our clients.

In addition, ProMet has designed and installed pyrometallurgical projects, specifically in the production of steel products, including agglomeration, indurating, direct reduction, blast furnace iron making, direct smelting and steel making. ProMet also possesses experience gained in the design, management and operation of marine diamond vessels operating along the west coast of Southern Africa.

Outside of its core competencies, ProMet provides a range of other non-ferrous metallurgical capabilities through a number of associates who provide experience and consultancy services in most minerals and unit processes.

We have developed excellent relationships with a number of local and international engineering and fabrication companies and are in a position to develop alliances or joint ventures with strategic companies as necessary to meet the needs of our clients and the markets we serve.

ABOUT DADI ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT GROUP

DADI ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT GROUP was established in October, 2008 in Beijing, China, with 10 member companies. The lead company, Dadi Engineering Development (Group) Co. Ltd., is a Sino-foreign Joint Venture approved by MOFTEC and registered in 1995. In 2002, the company was restructuring and has become one of the most renowned private Companies of its type in the Coal industry.

DADI Group has an extensive network of sub-branches and offices in many locations throughout China, including, Tianjin, Jiangsu, Inner Mongolia, Shanxi, Shaanxi, An'hui, Liaoning, and others. The main centers for manufacturing, R&D, and after sales service are located in Tianjin, with facilities totaling 65000m² under roof.

Dadi Group has the necessary expertise and resources to offer Turn-Key solutions to the Coal industry, including more than 2000 employees, 2 of whom have been awarded Design Master qualifications in China, 50 are Professor's of Engineering, and a further 80 are Senior Engineer's. In addition 60 personnel have extensive experience within large scale enterprises including many foreign companies.

Dadi Group has all necessary Chinese business certificates, including, engineering consultancy, engineering research, engineering design Class A, High-tech Co. license, ISO9000 certification, etc. Our Business scope includes: mining operational planning; mining consultancy, feasibility and investigations, design, project EPC, equipment fabrication, system integration, plant operation and maintenance for open cut mining, coal preparation plant design and construction, water slurry treatment systems, coal-chemical projects, coal drying projects, oil shale mining, and design and supply of civil and other mine site infrastructure.

Dadi Group has successfully completed many significant mining industry projects since its inception, including: completion of more than 30 open cut and underground mining projects, design and supply of over 70 Coal Processing Plants (CPP's), 3 water slurry treatment plant projects. Over 30 of the CPP projects were Turn-Key, and over 10 of these CPP's are operated and maintained by the Dadi Group. In addition Group Companies have supplied a large number of high quality coal processing equipment items, including banana screens, horizontal screens, high frequency screens, dewatering centrifuges, and many more. The Group also designs and supplies centralized control systems, high/low voltage distribution cabinets, industrial valves, wear resist pipework, steel structure and platework, and spare parts. Dadi Group annual Turn-Key project sales exceed RMB 2 Billion (USD \$ 295 Million), making the Dadi Group the leader in its field in China.

Service, continual improvement and development, and quality management are core values of the Dadi Group.

Dadi Group companies benefit from vertical integration of the Group, and in addition they derive benefits from being independently managed and operated entities. The Group can provide a wide variety of products and solutions to the mining industry, including: project consultation, investigation and design, EPC, equipment design, manufacture and integration, spare parts and service, up to final plant operation. Constant technical improvement and innovation, coupled with optimisation of group resources, increases the Group's ability to provide the best economic outcome for our clients worldwide.