



## Avontuur grows for Aquila

Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Colin Jacoby

**AQUILA Resources says drilling at its Avontuur manganese project in South Africa has resulted in a 96% jump in the project's high-grade resource.**

The Avontuur resource now stands at 66.7 million tonnes grading at 39.2% manganese with 26% or 17.3Mt of the resource now in the measured and indicated category.

The manganese resources were identified in two mineralised prospects – Gravenhage and Eersbegint – within the project, northwest of Kuruman in the Northern Cape province.

The Gravenhage deposit is planned to initially be mined as an open pit at a rate of 1 million tonnes per annum with subsequent underground mining by decline from the open pit.

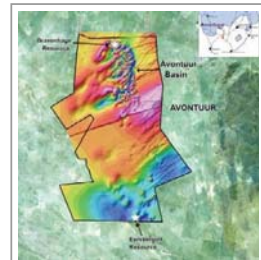
The Gravenhage resource has been delineated in two exploration campaigns from 60 vertical diamond and 64 openhole percussion and pre-collar drillholes for a total of 20,698m.

CGA said there was significant scope to increase the size of the Gravenhage resource by further exploration down dip of the current resource area.

Diamond drilling is continuing with five diamond drill rigs in the central area of the deposit.

Aquila holds a 74% stake in the project.

Shares in Aquila remain unchanged at \$9.68 in morning trade.



Aquila Resources's Avontuur manganese project in South Africa

© Aspermont Limited

**Aspermont Limited**

Street Address 613-619 Wellington Street, Perth WA Australia 6000

Postal Address PO Box 78, Leederville, WA Australia 6902

Head Office Tel +61 8 6263 9100 Head Office Fax +61 8 6263 9148

e-mail contact@aspermont.com website www.aspermont.com ABN 66 000 375 048