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Johns-Manville Corp. To Develop Asbestos Mine In Southern Rhodesia

Officials of the Johns-Manville Corporation, which operates two asbestos mines in Canada, one of them rated the world's largest, have announced plans for the immediate development in Africa of a third asbestos mine.

The new asbestos ore properties are located at Mashaba in the Victoria District of Southern Rhodesia, about 200 miles south of Salisbury and 120 miles east of Bulawayo. The project is part of Johns-Manville's long-range program to maintain adequate supplies of asbestos ore for many years to come, according to A. R. Fisher, president.

Plans call for development of the asbestos ore properties of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited and construction of a small central mill to process asbestos-bearing ore extracted from the mine. Rhodesian Asbestos Limited was formed in December, 1951, and is under the direction of Canadian Johns-Manville Company, Ltd., a subsidiary of the American corporation, in association with British Metals Corporation, Ltd., Anglo-Huronian Ltd., Southern Minerals & Marketing Corp., (Pty) Ltd., and the Simon I. Patino interests.

James Robert Ewing, a widely experienced mining engineer formerly with Southern Minerals & Marketing Corporation of Southern Rhodesia, has been appointed mine manager, according to Mr. Fisher. Mr. Ewing holds a master's degree in geology from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Other asbestos mines operated by Johns-Manville include the one at Asbestos, Quebec, and another at Munro Township, near Matheson, in northern Ontario.

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