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MASHABA, Southern Rhodesia, November 25.—(Special)—Johns-Manville formerly put two more asbestos mines into commercial production today (Nov. 25) with the official opening here of a new central mill that has initial capacity of 20,000 tons of fibre annually.

Mining and milling of the ore is carried on by Rhodesian Asbestos Limited under the direction of Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Limited, in association with British Metals Corporation, Ltd., Anglo-Huronian Ltd., and the Simon I. Patino interests, according to A. R. Fisher, President of both Johns-Manville Corporation, New York, and Rhodesian Asbestos Limited. Mr. Fisher came here from New York to get the company's new enterprise into commercial operation.

The two mines under development include the Temeraire Mine at Mashaba and the Shamala Mine, four miles away. Both are highly mechanized. Each has sunk a mine shaft about 550 feet. The new central mill, serving both, is located adjacent to the Temeraire Mine. Ore from the Shamala Mine is trucked in by 15-ton diesel trucks. The processed fibre is trucked out from Mashaba to the railroad at Fort Victoria whence it is shipped to Beira, Mozambique, for water transport to Europe and the United States.

The J-M Mashaba operations comprise the most modern plant in Southern Rhodesia for mining and milling of high quality asbestos fibre, according to James R. Ewing, General Manager of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited. In addition to the two mines and the new mill, which has a capacity of 125 tons of ore per hour, there is a modern drying and crushing plant and an 8,000-ton dry rock storage facility.

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The fibre produced is the chrysotile type suitable for manufacture of asbestos-cement building materials and industrial products, including Transite asbestos-cement pipe which is widely used for water and sewage disposal systems. The processed fibre will be exported to Johns-Manville plants and customers throughout the world.

Prime Minister R. S. Garfield of Southern Rhodesia participated in the opening ceremonies today along with the Hon. G. A. Davenport, Minister of Mines; Mr. Fisher; Karl V. Lindell, Vice President of Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Limited, and Managing Director of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited, as well as representatives of press, business and industry from Fort Victoria, Bulawayo and Salisbury.

In addition to these two mines in the Victoria District of South Africa, Johns-Manville operates two other mines in Canada. These are the famous Jeffrey Mine at Asbestos, Quebec, largest asbestos mine in the world, and the Munro Mine, near Matheson, Ontario. Johns-Manville mills more than one third of the free world's supply of asbestos fibre at the Jeffrey Mine in Quebec. The other three mines add to this production.

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