

## SISHEN IRON ORE

# Rights dispute goes to high court

A high court would on Friday hear an appeal by the Department of Mineral Resources and Imperial Crown Trading 289 (ICT) regarding a court decision to annul a prospecting right awarded to ICT, Kumba Iron Ore chairman Allen Morgan said last week. The court last year ruled that Sishen Iron Ore, owned by Anglo American unit Kumba and Exxaro Resources, held the rights over the Sishen complex, the country's largest iron ore mine, overturning the award of rights to ICT. "With a bit of luck" legal issues could be resolved by the end of the third quarter, Morgan said. Kumba would "in due course" meet with ArcelorMittal South Africa to discuss an interim supply agreement that expired at the end of July, he said. Meanwhile, Kumba was "working on a number of opportunities" to grow in west Africa together with Anglo, chief executive Peter Griffiths said. – Bloomberg