



# Women in mining

*As more women join the workforce in the mining industry, Redpath SA is seeing just how tough - and productive - the "fairer sex" can be.*

*One of the Redpath gems is Perm Lourie. What she lacks in physical size, she makes up for in stamina and determination. It's this combination that makes her male colleagues listen when she speaks.*

*It's a long way from the small Mpumalanga town of Bethal to being the first female shift boss ever at Redpath - and she plans on moving up.*

*"I'm in my eighth year in the industry. It's difficult for women now - but you can imagine that back in 2000, men in the mining industry did not welcome women. My previous studies helped me to keep working on my dream," says Perm.*