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All mining activities at the mine have been suspended since 17 November 2020 following a geotechnical failure, which trapped 10 employees.

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Energy granted permission to commence stockpile feed and mining at the East pit in the last portion of December, followed by permission to commence mining at the West Pit in the first week of January.

"No ore mining production occurred in December, with a gradual ramp-up expected in January."

The mine is located about 30km from Black Mountain Mining in the Northern Cape province of South Africa.

VZI own 69.6% of the Gamsberg mine with 24.4% owned by Exxaro Resources. The remaining 6% is owned by the Employee Share Ownership Plan.

The closure of the Gamsberg mine raised supply concerns, resulting in increased prices for zinc, according to Reuters.

In March last year, Vedanta Zinc opened the \$400m first phase of the Gamsberg mine.

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