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## **Ausenco continues South American growth with new contract wins**

Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) has continued its strong growth in South America, winning three new Innovate and Create phase projects totalling \$21 million.

### **Mantos Blancos Copper Project**

Ausenco's Minerals & Metals business line has been awarded a Create phase contract to engineer and manage the delivery of Anglo American's US\$68 million ROM Mercedes heap leach expansion at its Chilean Mantos Blancos copper project. The project involves processing low grade copper waste currently stockpiled at the Mercedes dump and is expected to start operations in 2012.

### **Cerro Negro Norte Iron Ore Project**

Ausenco's Process Infrastructure business line has won an Innovate and Create phase contract to provide detailed engineering, procurement and construction support for the Cerro Negro Norte iron ore project owned by CAP Minería in Chile. The project involves concentrate, water recovery and tailings pipelines. This new work builds on Ausenco's earlier completion of the basic engineering phase for the project.

### **Viga Iron Ore Project**

Ausenco's Process Infrastructure business line has also won an Innovate phase contract to deliver the detailed engineering and design review for a 400 kilometre iron ore concentrate pipeline for Ferrous Recursos do Brasil. The pipeline will transport iron ore concentrate from the Viga mine region in Minas Gerais state of Brazil to the port at Presidente Kennedy, in Espírito Santo state.

Ausenco CEO Zimi Meka said South America continued to provide enormous growth opportunities for the company, with these latest projects further building on its strong strategic footprint in the region.

"We're very pleased about these project wins, which further strengthen our backlog for this year and into 2012" he said.

"We're well positioned to continue to grow our South American project portfolio into 2012 and 2013."

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### **About Ausenco**

Ausenco is a global, diversified engineering and project management group servicing the, Minerals and Metals, Process Infrastructure, Energy and Environment and Sustainability markets. Our growth strategy

is focused on sector, solution and geographic expansion. We are known for our ability to innovate as demonstrated by our achievements on some of the world's most challenging projects. We operate from 32 offices in 20 countries, listed on the ASX in 2006 and have more than trebled in size over the past five years.