

Obituary: P.A. von Wielligh

Mr Phillipus Albertus von Wielligh, a former President of the Chamber of Mines and Executive Director of Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, died in Johannesburg on Thursday, 28th December, 1989. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, and two grandchildren. Mr Von Wielligh served the mining industry for 45 years. The P.A. von Wielligh Park in Hillshaven on the West Rand is named after him.



Born in Pretoria on 26th June, 1917, he was educated at the Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool, Pretoria, the Witwatersrand Technical College, and the South African College of Mining.

He joined the JCI Group in July 1936 as a sampler at New State Areas. Subsequently he was employed in various capacities on that mine, and on Government G.M. Areas (1948 to 1954) and Freddie's Consolidated Mines (1954 to 1955). He was an Underground Manager at the Rustenburg Platinum Mine from 1955 to 1958, Section Manager at Randfontein Estates from 1958 to 1960, and Manager of the SA Minerals Manganese Mine in South West Africa from 1960 to 1961.

Mr Von Wielligh was appointed JCI's Assistant Consulting Engineer (Coal) in 1961, Consulting Engineer in 1966, and Chief Consulting Engineer in 1973. In 1974 he was appointed to the Board of JCI and became Head of its Gold Division and Chairman of Elsburg Gold Mining Company, Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Company, and Western Areas Gold Mining Company, besides being a director of several other companies. He was appointed Executive Director of JCI in 1976.

Mr Von Wielligh was a member of the Collieries Technical Committee of the Chamber from 1966 to 1968, and of the Technical Advisory Committee from 1970 to 1975.

He was appointed to the Council of the Chamber, the Executive Committee, and the Gold Producers' Committee in 1975. He was a Vice-President of the Chamber in 1976-1977 and 1977-1978, and President for the year 1978-1979.

Mr Von Wielligh was an Honorary Life Fellow of The South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, having been a member of Council since 1970 and President for the year 1977-1978.

He will be sadly missed by his relative and friends, and by the Institute for his lively interest in all its affairs and his sound advice.

Electrometallurgical plant practice

The International Symposium on Electrometallurgical Plant Practice will be held at the Hotel des Gouverneurs (Le Grand), Montreal, Canada, from 21st to 24th October, 1990. The proceedings of the meeting will be issued in book form.

A high-quality technical programme has been planned to examine the aqueous electrometallurgy of copper, zinc, nickel, cobalt, manganese, and precious metals. The programme emphasizes the technical and operational challenges currently facing the metallurgical industry.

The Symposium will be preceded by an 'Electrometallurgy Short Course' featuring four internationally recognized electrometallurgists. A post-symposium technical

tour to a copper refinery and a zinc plant is scheduled.

Further information on the Symposium is available from

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