

Buffelsfontein safety stoppages cost Village 53 production days

According to *Mining Review*, the Buffelsfontein mine was the main contributor to Village Main Reef missing out on its output guidance for a third quarter in a row.

Village has posted production figures for the June-quarter, showing that, excluding production from Blyvooruitzicht, the mine it recently acquired from DRDGold, the group's output was 0.73% lower than that of the first quarter; which itself showed a 15% decrease on the December period, says *Mining Review*.

Village says that although Buffelsfontein managed to improve gold grades mined, this did not translate to higher gold production. Safety stoppages, the group says, resulted in a loss of 53 production days - the equivalent of 107kg of gold production and 86t of antimony production, *Mining Review* reports.

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