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SOUTH African developer Resource Generation has negotiated a new \$US65 **million** (\$72.9m) loan with **Hong Kong** trader Noble Group to fund its **coal** development.

The Australian-listed **company** said yesterday that together with existing cash resources the loan facility would be used for constructing buildings and infrastructure at its Boikarabelo mine. "Completing these loan arrangements removes the remaining major gap in our funding plans," managing director Paul Jury said.

TD "Funding discussions for the **purchase** or lease of mobile equipment are at an advanced stage with three parties."

The loan is in addition to a previously announced \$US55.3m loan from Noble for constructing a rail link from the Boikarabelo mine to the existing transnet freight rail network. A \$US123m loan facility with Noble, reduced to \$US67.7m because of the rail link loan, expired on December 31 without any drawdowns having occurred.

Resource Generation said the change with the loan facilities enabled greater flexibility in finalising remaining funding discussions.

Mr Jury said yesterday that discussions were continuing for obtaining project finance for the **coal** handling and preparation plant.

"Once these remaining discussions are complete, the main funding for the construction of Boikarabelo will be in place," he said.

The \$US480m project is targeting an initial annual output of six **million** tonnes and is slated to start producing next year.

The **company** also announced yesterday that it had received a payment of \$2.5m from investor Blumont Group, which was meant to pay the junior \$22.5m by December 4.

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