

# Four-month operation to free trapped Chilean miners

Engineers are preparing to install a big drilling machine to rescue 33 miners trapped since August 5 inside the San Jose mine. Rescue teams are sending supplies through narrow boreholes to keep the miners alive but the main challenge is likely to be how to keep the men sane during an operation expected to last until Christmas

## SAN JOSE MINE

- Main access route to mine
- - - Ventilation duct and emergency escape route
- Mined areas

Metres below surface

