

## Black climber to tackle Everest again

SIBUSISO Vilane, the first black man to reach the summit of Mount Everest, intends to make history again this year by climbing the world's highest mountain from the more difficult north side.

The South African game ranger's ascent in May 2003 was from the south side of Everest in Nepal.

British explorer Ranulph Fiennes — widely regarded as the world's greatest living explorer — and seasoned South African climber Alex Harris, 33,

will be in the same team as Vilane, 34.

Vilane said on Friday: "The challenge for me is to be the first black African to climb Everest from both sides."

If they are successful, Harris will become the second South African to climb the "seven summits" — the highest peak on every continent.

Harris and Vilane leave for the Himalayas in March and hope to climb the 8848m peak in May after acclimatising. — *Claire Keeton*