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MINE PORTAL COMPLETE – DEVELOPMENT STARTS

- Mine development has commenced on the Hawkins Hill – Reward project at Hill End with the completion of the Amalgamated adit portal and mobilisation of the mining contractor to site. Initial development includes stripping out the adit tunnel for diesel loader access and straightening the adit to improve haulage efficiency.
- The original corrugated steel exploration portal has been replaced with a wider, taller portal constructed from steel frames clad with steel plate.
- In addition to stripping out the adit roof and walls where necessary, the floor will be cleaned up and re-laid with ballast and rail for approximately 500 metres up to the new development position. An electric loco and ore cars will be installed to haul waste and plant feed to the processing plant.
- During this stage, suitable quantities of stope fill will be identified in the Hawkins Hill area to provide feed to the processing plant which is expected to be complete in March 2004.
- The next stage of mine development will include extending the Amalgamated drive approximately 400 metres to the Reward area.
- Gold production will be sourced from stope fill, development and delineation of the Reward deposit where our previous drill results indicated a geological repeat of the Hawkins Hill deposits.

The Hill End Project

Hill End is located approximately 60 kilometres north-west of Bathurst, New South Wales.

The original Hawkins Hill operations mined a multiple-lode high-grade gold deposit of about 400 metres in strike and 200 metres in dip length. The lodes are very continuous with strong wall rock and no water problems.

The Company discovered a new high-grade gold zone in the Reward area located 400 metres north of the Hawkins Hill deposit. The new Reward zone is interpreted to be a geological repeat of the Hawkins Hill deposit.

Cashflow from gold production is planned to commence early in 2004, with the re-opening of the Hawkins Hill deposit, then from development along the line of lode towards the Reward area

Yours faithfully
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