



Resource estimates soar for Hill End Gold

Hill End Gold continues to enhance its resource growth potential through the discovery of new mineralised structures and extensions to existing resources at its gold projects at Hill End and Hargraves in New South Wales.

At their Reward, Red Hill and Big Nugget Hill deposits, which are located only 35 kilometres apart, the company already has a combined resource of 3.2mt at 5.6g/t containing 570,000 ounces. These resources have been drilled to about 300 metres depth and are still open along strike and at depth. Alongside these resources there are also many strong drill targets identified by some excellent fieldwork and drill hole interpretation and these are being lined up for drilling.

The Managing Director, Mr Philip Bruce, said 'we have concentrated our work on a couple of areas to start with so we could delineate the resources with confidence. Now that we understand the geology we are continuing to upgrade the estimates and drilling to increase those resources significantly.'

All of the deposits with existing resources are going through resource review and upgrades are anticipated based on the current understanding of the geology.

The company believes there is a good chance of adding another half-a-million ounces over the next six to 12 months.

The company is currently conducting two scoping studies into the development of the Reward and the Big Nugget Hill deposits, which is perfect timing coinciding with a record gold price that is up 15 per cent over the past year and still rising.

The plant and infrastructure costs for the development of the projects are expected to be on the low side since the deposits have excellent gold recovery by gravity processing alone. Up to 98 per cent recovery was recorded from the 35,000 tonne Reward bulk sampling exercise and at a coarse grind size of one millimetre. An additional benefit found in test work is the ability to discard up to 60 per cent of the waste material using optical sorting techniques, after the material has been lightly crushed and

screened. These characteristics will not only reduce capital costs up-front, but will increase productivity and reduce the tailings dam requirements, and given that little or no cyanide will be used, the projects will have a small environmental footprint.

The Hargraves and Hill End tenements cover 860 square kilometres over three historic goldfields, located between Bathurst and Mudgee. The company holds a minimum of 85 per cent of the core Hill End tenements and 100 per cent of the remaining tenements, which together produced in excess of two million ounces during the nineteenth century.

Hill End Gold's board and management has extensive exploration, project development and operating experience and in addition to its New South Wales projects the company has an active acquisition program underway in Australia and overseas. [Hill End Gold](#)