



# Gold mine plan outlined

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A gold mine plan for Hargraves is looking to be submitted to government by the end of this year.

Hill End Gold managing director Philip Bruce said in his address to the Mudgee Mining conference on Tuesday that an immediate plan was to increase resources inventory and develop commercial production.

Currently the company has a total Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) resource of 220,000 ounces at the Hargraves site and an optimisation study indicates the potential for moderate size open pit.

Within exploration licence (EL) 6996 the company's planned exploration activity includes continued drilling of Big Nugget Hill along with mapping and soil surveys on the Homeward Bound Trend and Great Western and Meroo sites.

Previous to Hill End Gold beginning a drilling program in 2008 only 39 holes

had been drilled at Big Nugget Hill. Currently about 150 holes have been drilled with a further 60 proposed for 2012.

Mr Bruce showcased numerous examples of rehabilitation already carried out by the company along access roads and drill hole sites.

He said there was also a focus on increasing resources at Reward and Red Hill deposits at the Hill End Project.

Currently there is a combined mineral resource of 336,000 ounces of gold at the Hill End Project.

Mr Bruce also spoke about the Willandra exploration licence application 40 kilometres east of Hill End where two significant gold anomalies are present. Previous explorer Gold Fields returned 6.2 grams per tonne and 20.6g/t assays in soil.



**GOING FOR GOLD:** Hill End Gold managing director Philip Bruce presents at the Mudgee Mining conference.