



MOVING TO PRODUCTION

MINISTER ADVISES THAT A SUPPLEMENTARY EES IS REQUIRED

Bendigo Mining has been advised by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) that the Minister for Planning requires the Company to prepare a Supplementary Report to the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) for the Deborah Reef Project.

This process will take approximately 12 months and is convened by the DSE. All relevant documents relating to the expansion of the Carshalton site and new activities can be found on the Company web page and will be updated regularly with the latest information or minutes of meetings.

The first stage of the process has begun and DSE have convened a Technical Reference Group consisting of representatives from relevant government authorities. This group met on June 6th and are currently reviewing the Assessment Guidelines for the Supplementary EES. When this document is finalized DSE will put it on public exhibition. This document defines the scope of the Supplementary EES. Community input will be sought by the Company and government agencies throughout the process and anyone wishing to make comments should contact either Philipa Varris or Sandra Burns at Bendigo Mining or David Johnston at the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Bendigo Mining and DSE will arrange a number of information/workshop sessions for members of the community and these will be widely advertised. Representatives of government agencies may also be available at some of these sessions.

The four areas being considered under the SEES are:

- Expansion of the current site for a mine life of approx 25 years
- Final stages of ore processing using a contained cyanide leaching vessel with built in detoxification circuit.
- Treatment on site for beneficial re-use
- Co-disposal of tailings with mullock.

Fact Sheets outlining these changes can be found on the company web page www.bmdl.com.au



Len Linham demonstrates the Core Tray Mate

EMPLOYEES WIN SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD

Len Linham and Andrew Eastaugh, two field assistants in the geology team at Bendigo Mining, recently received the prestigious Victorian Minerals Industry Safety and Health Innovation Award for 2003.

The two field assistants conceived, designed and developed the "Core Tray Mate" to improve safety in their work area. Thousands of kilometres of rock core samples are collected and analysed each year in the mining industry and these rock samples are then stored in metal trays for easy access. Such trays are heavy and awkward to move and Len and Andrew's innovation makes the use of such trays much safer for employees. The device has been in use at Bendigo Mining for over a year.

The Victorian Minerals Industry Safety and Health Innovation Awards aim to recognise the positive Occupational Health and Safety initiatives of companies, encourage the sharing of information and contribute to the development of a strong safety culture within the industry. The Core Tray Mate innovation shows that simple, cost effective ideas can make a huge impact in creating a safe work environment and that the people who work with the equipment are most likely to come up with effective solutions.

The entry was judged on innovation and originality, information exchange (potential for it to be used in other settings), impact on OH&S and cost effectiveness.

The Core Tray Mate innovation will automatically go into the running for the 2003 National Safety Innovation Awards.

Len and Andrew received their award at the Annual Victorian Minerals and Energy Council dinner held at the Melbourne Town Hall.

**First
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
SATURDAY 12th July 2003
at Bendigo Mining. 1-4pm**

All community members, interested people and members of environmental or residents groups are invited to view Bendigo Mining's future plans which are subject of the Supplementary Environmental Effects Statement. It is important that community members who have concerns or issues make these known to company personnel or representatives from government agencies. Issues raised will then be considered for the consultants investigations as well as forming an important part of the final SEES document.

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Who's Who at Bendigo Mining): Rossmore Fox - Jumbo Operator

Rossmore has been a member of the team at Bendigo Mining for 4 years and works underground in charge of the jumbo drill. This huge machine, worth over \$1 million, cuts the diamond drill holes for the explosives as well as fitting the tunnel support, consisting of rock bolts and mesh.

Rossmore is originally from New Zealand where he served 10 years in the New Zealand Army. He is very proud of his Maori heritage and is an active member of the Bendigo Maori Cultural Club.

Since moving to Australia he has become involved in the mining industry where he has worked for 13 years. Rossmore's family live in Spring Gully where his children attend the local schools. Playing guitar and singing are two of his passions but he also loves to play sport, spend time with his kids and is a fitness fanatic! He currently plays touch footy for Queen's Jokers.

Rossmore enjoys living in Bendigo because it has a big country town feel and he loves the country atmosphere here.



DID YOU KNOW???????

- **Philipa Varris, Environment Manager, received a Centenary Medal for her work on community consultation 20 year strategic plan for the State of Tasmania.**
- **That the main Swan Decline tunnel is now 5.3km long and 815m below the surface.**
- **Work has commenced underground on the target gold bearing ore zones.**
- **22 people are employed at the New Moon Trial Processing Plant in Eaglehawk North.**

ADVISORY BOARD

The Bendigo Mining Community Affairs Advisory Board meets regularly throughout the year.

Board Members are:

Cr. Daryl McClure, Cr. Willi Carney, Cr Rod Fyffe, Ms Ann Jones, Mrs Fay Buerger, Mr Bill Lucas, Mr Peter Galvin, Mr Leighton Rawlings, Mr Bryan Lewis, Mr Dennis Demeo, Ms Marika McMahan and Mr Maurie Sharkey.

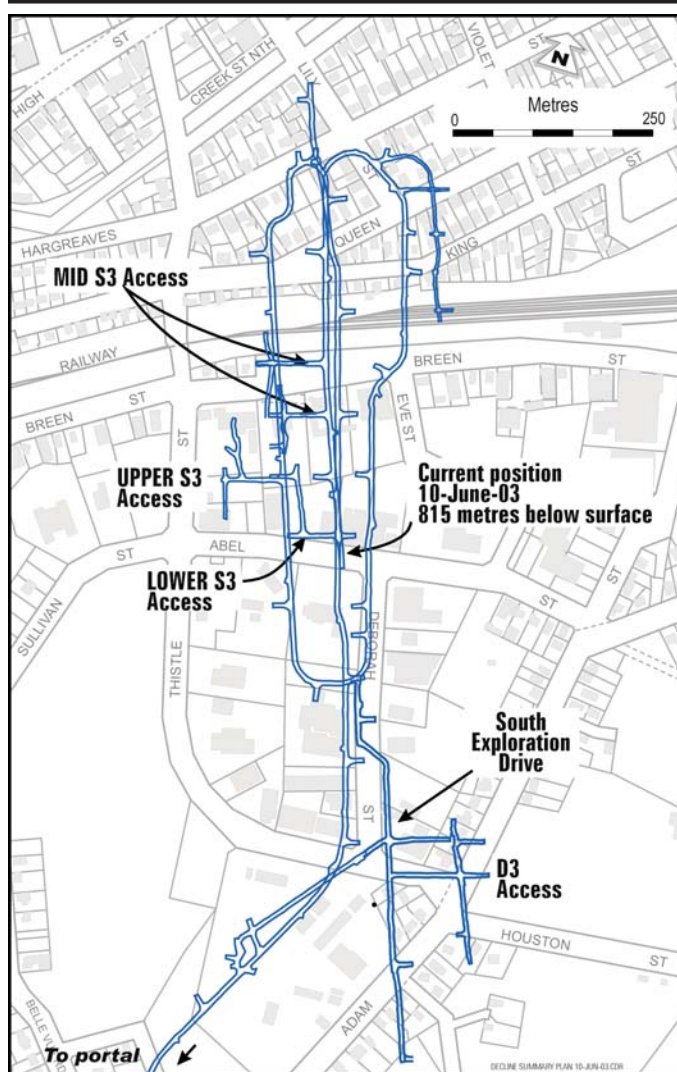
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Your community representatives are:

Mr Bernie Cusack, Mr Ken Draper, Mr Maurie Lewis, Mrs Mary Markey. Mr Ray Leerson has been invited to attend ERC meetings on behalf of the Eaglehawk community.

Next Meeting: September 3rd 2003

DECLINE DEVELOPMENT



D3 and S3 access refers to areas being targeted and tested for future gold production.

This newsletter is published in the interests of keeping the public of Bendigo informed of the activities at the

New Bendigo Gold Project

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