



MOUNT WILLS GOLD MINE

Proposed Program of Works

Stage 1: Geological Review

Compilation and interpretation of historical geological and surface geochemistry data, literature and results into a Baseline Geological Assessment Report. This report will also include the interpretation of new aerial geophysical data and updated geological mapping. The information in this Report will be used for drill-hole/ exploration planning (refer Stage 2).

Stage 2: Approvals Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement

Continued development of Mt Wills' Approvals Strategy with government consultation. Environmental and social assessments will commence including the Social and Economic Impact Assessment, baseline environmental (e.g. water quality, air, noise etc.), heritage, historical contamination (i.e. tailings) and more.

In line with the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (CSES), community engagement will be undertaken throughout all stages of exploration as part of the Mt Wills Community Engagement Plan (CEP). A Community Reference Group (CRG) will be established with representatives of the application area.

Stage 3: Exploration Program and Mine Safety

Submission of Exploration Work Plan to Earth Resources Regulation (ERR) for review and approval including:

- Mine safety and other stability works within underground areas (i.e. Snake Adit) including geotechnical and stability assessments to make-safe and plan for future underground exploration works
- Underground and surface drilling program including assessment of historical tailings and mullock).
- Development of a revised Mineral Resource Estimate in accordance with the JORC Code 2012.

Permits/ approvals, flora/ fauna assessments, landholder agreements etc. will be completed and approved prior to commencement of this Stage of works (as required).



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Management of Potential Impacts on Community and Environment

Mt Wills employs appropriate practices and reporting systems in the area of environmental management that conform with both the principles of sustainability and regulatory requirements. Mt Wills has an established Environmental Management Plan that ensures any potential impacts on the environment will be managed in a responsible manner in accordance with relevant statutory and operating requirements.

The Mt Wills Environmental Management Plan is an overarching framework which includes the identification, mitigation and management measures of environmental aspects such as (but not limited to):

- Vegetation removal (including impact to flora and fauna, land);
- Disturbance of archaeological or heritage sites and relics;
- Surface water and groundwater;
- Noise;
- Hazardous materials and dangerous goods;
- Airborne particles/ dust;
- Landscape development, slope stability and erosion (including rehabilitation);
and
- Waste.

Mt Wills has a strong commitment to the communities in which we operate. As mentioned above Mt Wills are developing a CSES which will include the implementation of the Mt Wills CEP and the establishment of the CRG.

These documents will be reviewed and amended as required (on a regular basis or as deemed necessary) to ensure they reflect best practice and are consistent with statutory requirements and current operations.

Obligation to Consult with Community (Including Landowners and Occupiers) Section 39A, *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*

Mt Wills recognises the importance of responsible community engagement as an integral and essential part of our success. Continual consultation and close



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co-operation will allow us to build economic and social involvement with the community and landowners.

As identified above, community engagement will be undertaken through all stages of exploration under the Mt Wills CEP. This includes the establishment of the CRG with representatives of the application area. Other consultation methods to be undertaken by Mt Wills will include:

- Direct contact (either in person, via phone, email or mail as appropriate)
- Local newspaper publications
- Community newsletter
- Open days and information sessions
- Presence at local events
- Website and social media updates
- Community Town Hall presentations

To get in touch, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page.

Objections

Any person may object to a licence being granted. (*Section 24, Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*).

A person who objects or comments must:

- a. put the objection or comments in writing; and
- b. include the grounds on which it is made.

All objections or comments must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised and can be lodged [online](#) or posted to:

The Minister for Resources
c/ - Manager Licensing
Earth Resources Regulation
GPO Box 2392
Melbourne Victoria 3000



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It is recommended that comments or objections are lodged online to ensure timely consideration.

Other Information

Subject to other statutory requirements being satisfied, an exploration license, if granted, entitles the holder of the license to explore and search for minerals in the relevant land, but does not entitle the holder to undertake mining.

Further information regarding the statutory requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken on a license, including landowner and occupier consent requirements, is available at <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>

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