

Snowy River Project Update

Federation Mining is pleased to provide an update on our progress with the development of the Snowy River Gold Mine (the Project) near Reefton on the South Island in New Zealand.

Managing Directors Update – 12 months in review

In January 2021, the team on site was developing through weak rock conditions which continued for some months. In April, our new fleet was up and running, and in May the two decline headings were open and in better ground. In the middle of the year the New Zealand team numbers were up and the experience developed through the first half showed through. The result - the Snowy River project had safely completed 2,800m of twin decline by year end. The managers, supervisors, miners, and support staff worked well as a team and continued to refine their art as the year went on.



The year 2021 was a **Success**, our **Standards** improved consistently, and the **Teamwork** that was established is a credit to everyone on site in our first year of operation.

The end game – this time next year the decline will reach the Birthday Reef and diamond drilling will start. By April 2023 8,000 metres of development will put Federation Mining in the position to confirm the high-grade resource and plan for production in 2024. Alongside the operational team another group is working to submit a Resource Consent application to our local and regional councils in June. We are in effect applying to our community both locally and nationally for support to operate a gold mine for ten years. In late 2021 we engaged and informed our stakeholders regarding our plans and intentions. We can only build that support and trust by delivering on commitments and acting with **Integrity**. Federation Mining will build on the foundation established last year.

Our People

Federation currently employs 46 staff (employees and contractors) at the Snowy River mine site. During the month we rolled out our updated Code of Conduct to the workforce following a recent corporate governance policy review undertaken by the Board.

In January, crews participated in their quarterly self-rescuer training as part of our safety and training program. We have continued to focus on undertaking training assessments of our team to operate our range of mobile equipment including Jumbos, Loaders, shotcrete machine, interchangeable tool carriers, shotcrete agitator and haul trucks.

We are increasing our crew sizes in the new year and will be taking on some short-term Tunnel Operator roles. For more information on these roles or any other employment at Snowy River, please send your updated resume to recruitment@federationmining.com.au

Safety & COVID-19 Management

Changes to the COVID-19 alert levels took place in early January and moved the whole of NZ to RED. Our crews continued to work within the guidelines for the current alert levels, including the use of masks and daily health monitoring.

Decline Development

Development for both Declines continued through some good rock conditions. We developed a total of 313.9 metres for the month of January. Development was broken down as below:

- Main Decline – 135.3 metres
- North Decline – 136.7 metres
- Ancillary – 41.9 metres

Project to date our team have developed a total of 3137.9 metres of tunnels across our two declines which is made up by:

- Main Decline – 1416.8 metres
- North Decline – 1435.5 metres
- Ancillary – 285.6 metres

Community & Environment

Our community notice board in Reefton is nearing completion with assistance from the local community businesses. The board will display some information on our project and be available for community use.

We continued to undertake our environmental monitoring program and provide the results to the West Coast Regional Council.

Plans are currently being made for the next community meetings in Reefton & Ikamatua. We will advise the community of these meetings on LinkedIn, through the local community publications, on our website, or via this newsletter.

We continue to support the Trees That Count project with another 100 trees sponsored to be planted on the West Coast. This will increase our total sponsorship of this program to 200 trees which will contribute to the overall project target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Project Development

We continue to plan beyond the development of our twin declines with our team working closely with environmental and technical consultants to prepare a resource consent amendment which would allow for onsite processing at Snowy River.

The draft technical reports for the Resource Consent are being prepared and we will present an application to the council in the coming months.

The suite of technical reports prepared include:

<i>Waste Rock Stack design</i>	<i>Long term water management strategy</i>
<i>Noise and potential vibration effects</i>	<i>Aquatic ecology effects</i>
<i>Ground disturbance and containment treatment</i>	<i>Assessment of air discharges</i>
<i>Archaeology and historic heritage</i>	<i>Transport and traffic assessment</i>
<i>Landscape and visual effects</i>	<i>Terrestrial ecology effects</i>

If you would like to review the information shared at the recent community meeting related to this Resource Application, please visit our website under the [Our News](#) tab.

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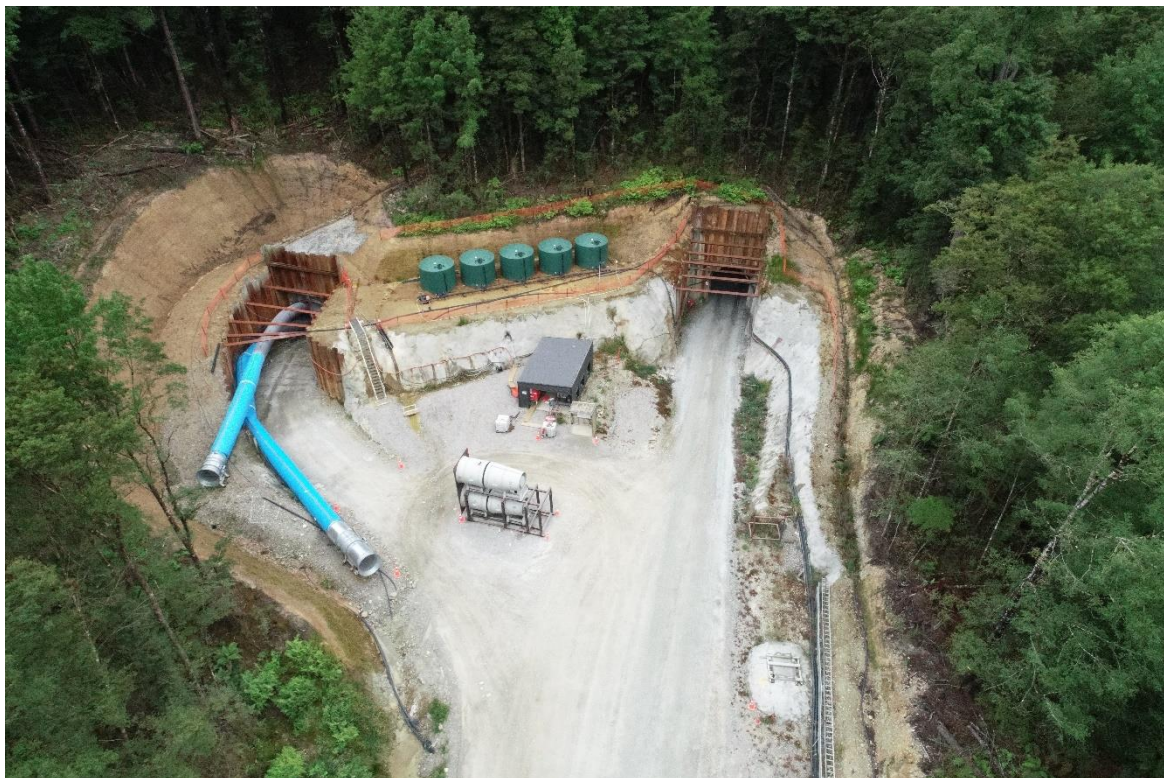
About Federation Mining

Federation Mining is an Australian incorporated company established by Mark Le Messurier and Jim Askew to build a new gold mining company. Federation will pursue opportunities where it is able to apply its expertise and experience in the development and management of mining projects across a range of regions with a strong focus on Sustainability.

Site Photos and additional information



Drone view of Snowy River Mine site



Portal Entry



Jumbo drill bolting in cross-cut 7