



# **Snowy River Project Update**

Federation Mining is pleased to provide an update on our progress at the Snowy River Gold Mine near Reefton on the South Island in New Zealand.

## **Diamond Drilling**

The second Alton Drilling Boart Longyear LM110 drill rig that was mobilised last month began drilling underground. Currently one rig is operating on double shift and the other on a single shift. Both rigs will be ramped up to double shifting next month.

Drilling progressed steadily with a total of 854m of core drilling completed during the month, bringing total project to date drilling to 1,750m. Three diamond holes were completed during the month.

SRD003, testing 55m below the historic workings, intersected a fault zone at the Birthday Reef position, with the reef pinching out.

SRD004 and SRD005 both returned highly encouraging results, intersecting the Birthday Reef 150m below the old workings.

SRD004 returned 0.8m (0.7m true width) of quartz with visible gold.

SRD005 drilled 50m south of SRD004 intersected 1.2m (0.9m true width) of reef quartz, also with visible gold.



Federation intends to provide exploration updates consistent with JORC guidelines as our drilling program progresses and assay results become available.

## **Decline Development**

Development in our declines continued underground with 240 metres safely developed.

New mobile equipment has arrived on site ready to be commissioned as we move towards the planned trial mining later this year.

Plans remain in place to commence drilling the first dewatering hole during June.



## Environment

All environmental monitoring was completed, and results were compliant.

Our water treatment system was completed in May and inspected by the district and regional councils. This water treatment system will be used during the dewatering of the Blackwater Mine.

150 native plants were planted in May, including flaxes, beech and manuka varieties.



## Health & Safety

Emergency exercises were undertaken in May to ensure crews are familiar with the procedures to be undertaken in the event of an underground emergency.

Our rescue chambers were relocated this month further along the decline as progress continues.



### Recruitment

We welcomed three new Geologists to the team this month to assist the geology team through the drilling program.

We continue with the recruitment program as we grow the team on site. Applications for the below roles remain open:

 Underground Diesel Fitters & Trade Qualified Electricians

Our Sydney office is also recruiting for a Financial Controller to work within the management team.

To apply for positions vacant or register your interest for future work, send us an email to recruitment@federationmining.com.au

### Stakeholders

During the month, our team had various stakeholder meetings in Reefton, Greymouth and Westport.

### **Our People**

This month, one of our operators was promoted to Shift Supervisor following the successful completion of the Tunnel Managers Qualification – Congratulations Simon!

Members of the team attended the West Coast Minerals Forum held in Westport in May, with some of the Snowy River crew presenting about the project.

#### Infrastructure

During the month, we finalised the commissioning water treatment ponds (pictured below) and took delivery of our water treatment ponds from Prime Pumps.

#### **Resource Consent**

Federation met our obligations under our Regional and District Resource consents.





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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.

The Snowy River Mine has a Mining Permit (60473) in place from New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals.