



ASX and Media Release

First gold poured by the CJV

WPG Resources Ltd (ASX: WPG, WPGO) in its capacity as Manager of the Challenger Joint Venture (CJV) is pleased to advise that the Challenger gold mine has resumed production.

Site operations recommenced early last week with crushing and milling of low grade stockpiled ore. Underground mining activities commenced on Thursday last week, and the first gold bar produced under the mine's new ownership was poured today.



The photo shows WPG's Chairman, Bob Duffin and Chairman of WPG's Joint Venture partner Diversified Minerals Pty Ltd Paul Rouse examining the first gold bar produced by the CJV

Activities at Challenger were temporarily suspended by the mine's former owner in mid March 2016. Since then a new management team has been recruited for the project and the new mining contractor, Pybar Mining Services Pty Ltd, has mobilised its personnel, plant and equipment to site. A number of new contracts have been let for a diverse range of services including FIFO air charter operations, power supply, catering and fuel supply.

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Total site manning is now 175 persons, comprised as to 75 CJV personnel and 100 contractors, 25 less than previously.

WPG's Executive Chairman, Bob Duffin, said "The transition from the old regime to the new has been effected in a smooth and seamless manner. It's a credit to the commitment and professionalism shown by the restart team led by Marcus Doyle (Challenger's General Manager), Andrew White, Robyn Greening and Anthony Evers together with Martin Jacobsen, WPG's Managing Director, and Wayne Rossiter, Chairman of the CJV Committee, that the mine is back in production on schedule and under budget.

"With a strong management team in place, a highly competent mining contractor, and the increase in the mineral resource estimate we announced on 19 May 2016, I am confident that the project has a good future ahead of it."

Further Information

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