



BARBERTON GOLD MINES

OPERATIONS AT SA'S OLDEST GOLD MINE



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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Overview and history of Barberton Mines
- Current mining methods
- Further exploration potential





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OVERVIEW OF
BARBERTON GOLD MINES

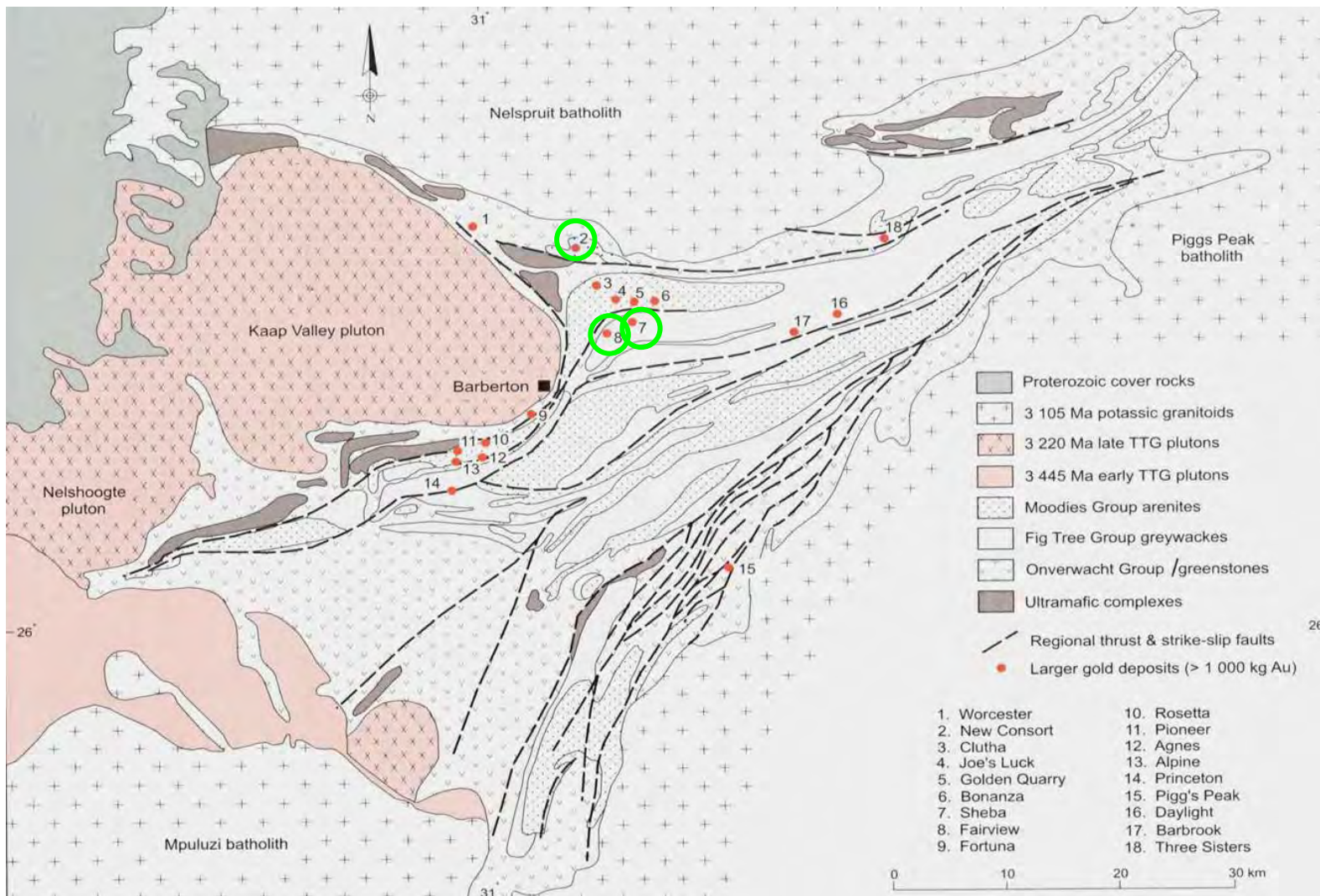


OVERVIEW OF BARBERTON MINES ('BML')

- Mining started in 1886 at Sheba Mines – oldest operating mine
- Currently BML have three operations i.e. Sheba, New Consort and Fairview
- BML treat about 24 000 ore tons per month at about 1 g/t
- BML also have a Tailings Retreatment Plant (90,000t/m)
- Combined gold production per month is 290kg
- Each operation have a treatment plant with a centralised BIOX[®] plant
- BML is the biggest employer in the Barberton area



LOCALITY OF BARBERTON MINES





START OF THE GOLDEN QUARRY - SHEBA



This is where it all started. After this discovery a company was floated and the first shares were sold at £1 and it increased to £120



EDWIN BRAY ADIT AT SHEBA MINE



Edwin Bray Adit when it started – Oldest photo of this adit available



EDWIN BRAY ADIT IN PROGRESS





EDWIN BRAY ADIT IN PRODUCTION





EDWIN BRAY ADIT STILL IN USE





EDWIN BRAY ADIT STILL IN USE



Edwin Bray Adit still in use – 127 years later



SHEBA MINE - ZK VERTICAL SHAFT



Sheba Mine – SK vertical shaft – Today (110 years old)



FAIRVIEW MINE STAMP MILL



Very early days of Fairview, on top of the mountain



FAIRVIEW – MAIN ADIT



Fairview Main Adit being used today



NEW CONSORT – I LEVEL



Early days at New Consort No I level entrance



NEW CONSORT - MAIN ADIT



New Consort Main Adit today \pm 60 years old



BIOX[®] PLANT



BIOX[®] Plant



BARBERTON TAILINGS RETREATMENT PLANT – ‘BTRP’



BTRP



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CURRENT MINING
METHODS



CURRENT MINING METHODS

- **Mechanised Mining** – Cut and fill (90%)
 - ❖ Breast & Updip
- **Open Stopping** – Conventional Mining (10%)
- **Shrinkage Mining** (0%)

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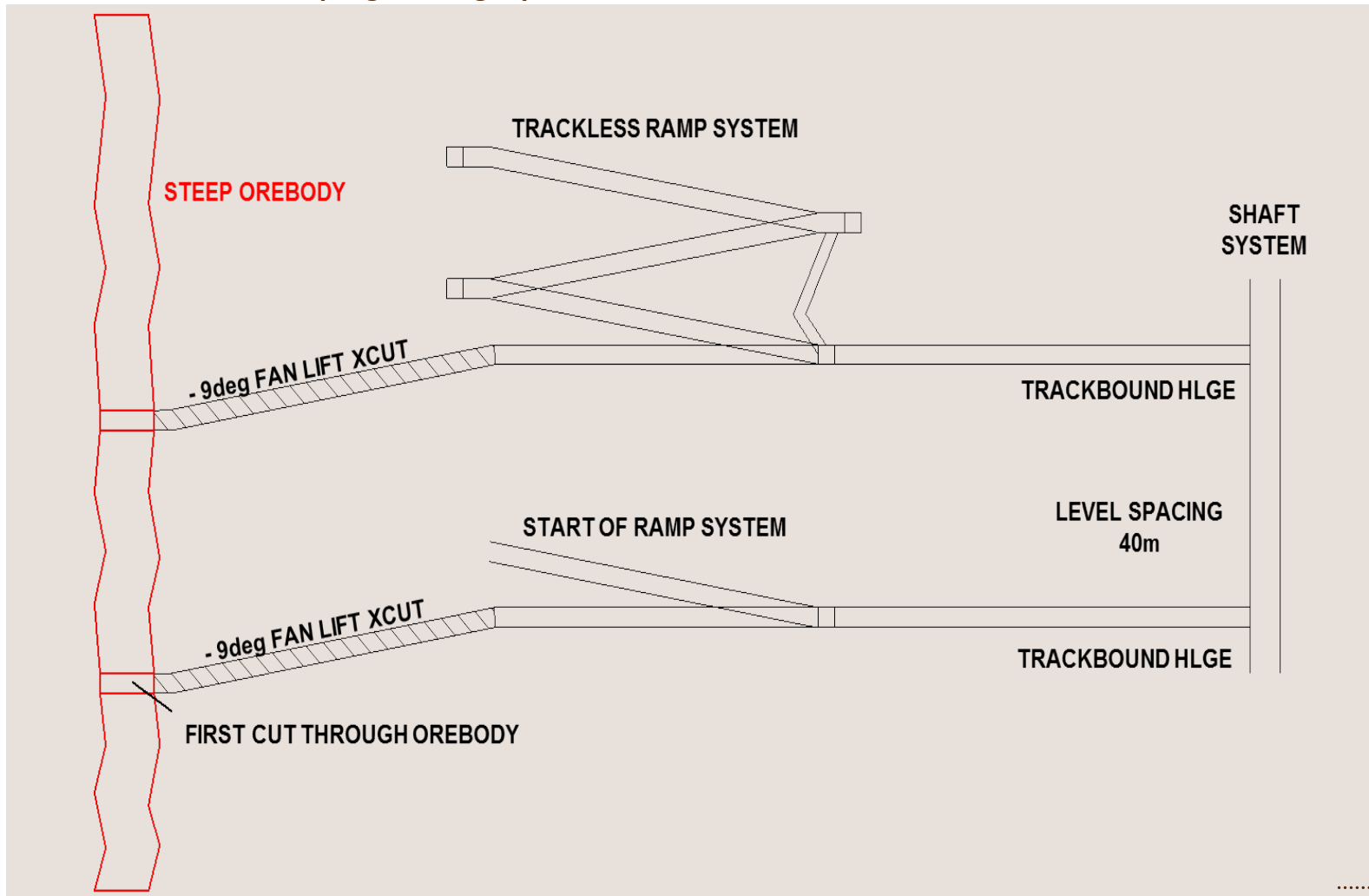
- **Mechanised Mining – Cut and fill (90%)**

- ❖ Waste from your infrastructure development is hauled back into stope for fill (Ramp system and Access cross cut which is then fan lifted)
- ❖ 55% of reef tons removed equates to waste tonnage requirement for waste fill (Development meters required)
- ❖ Mining sequence
 - Blasting stope face and support
 - Loading reef
 - Waste filling
 - Compacting
 - Cement capping



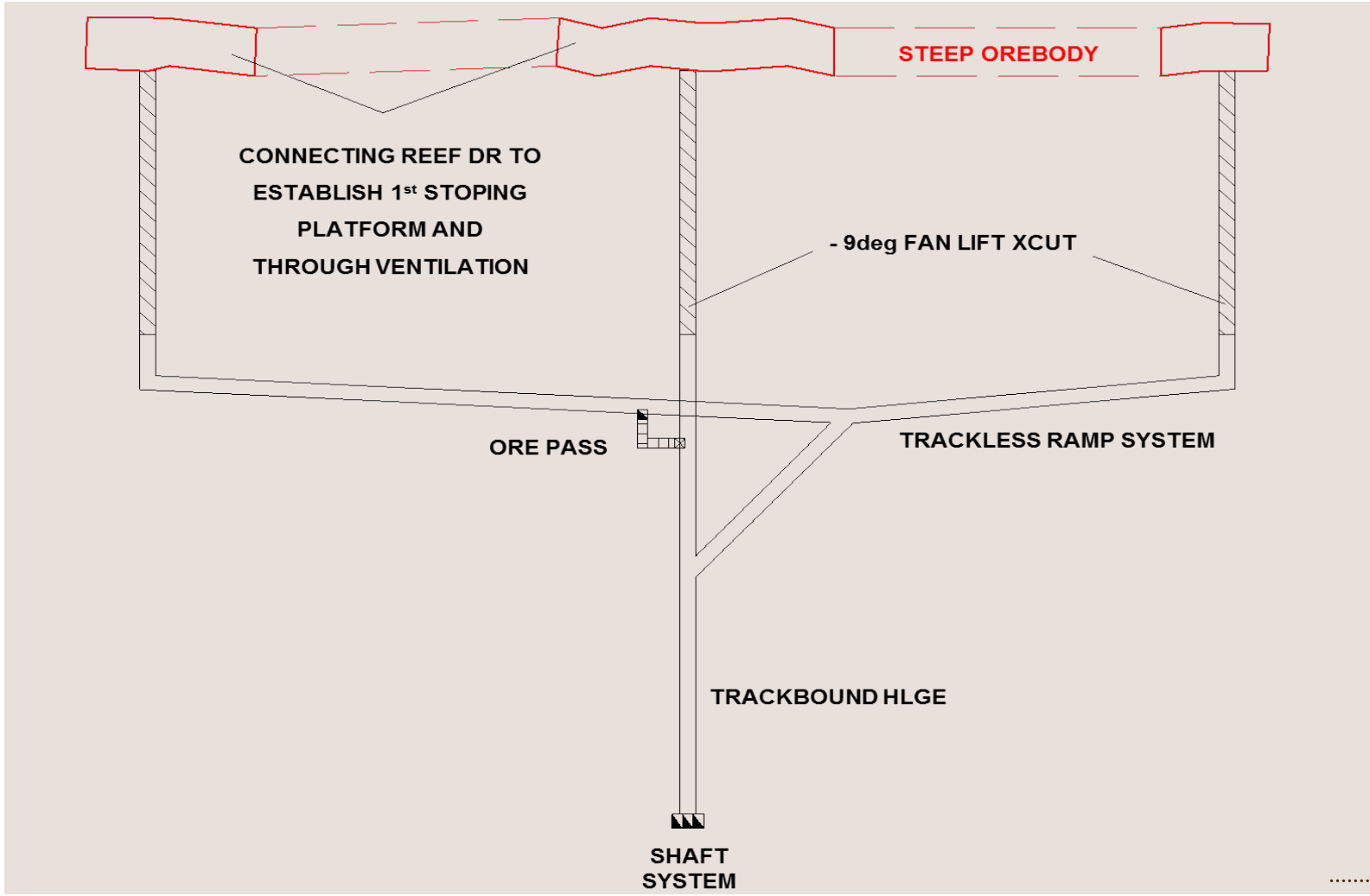
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Simplified section view of stoping/mining layout



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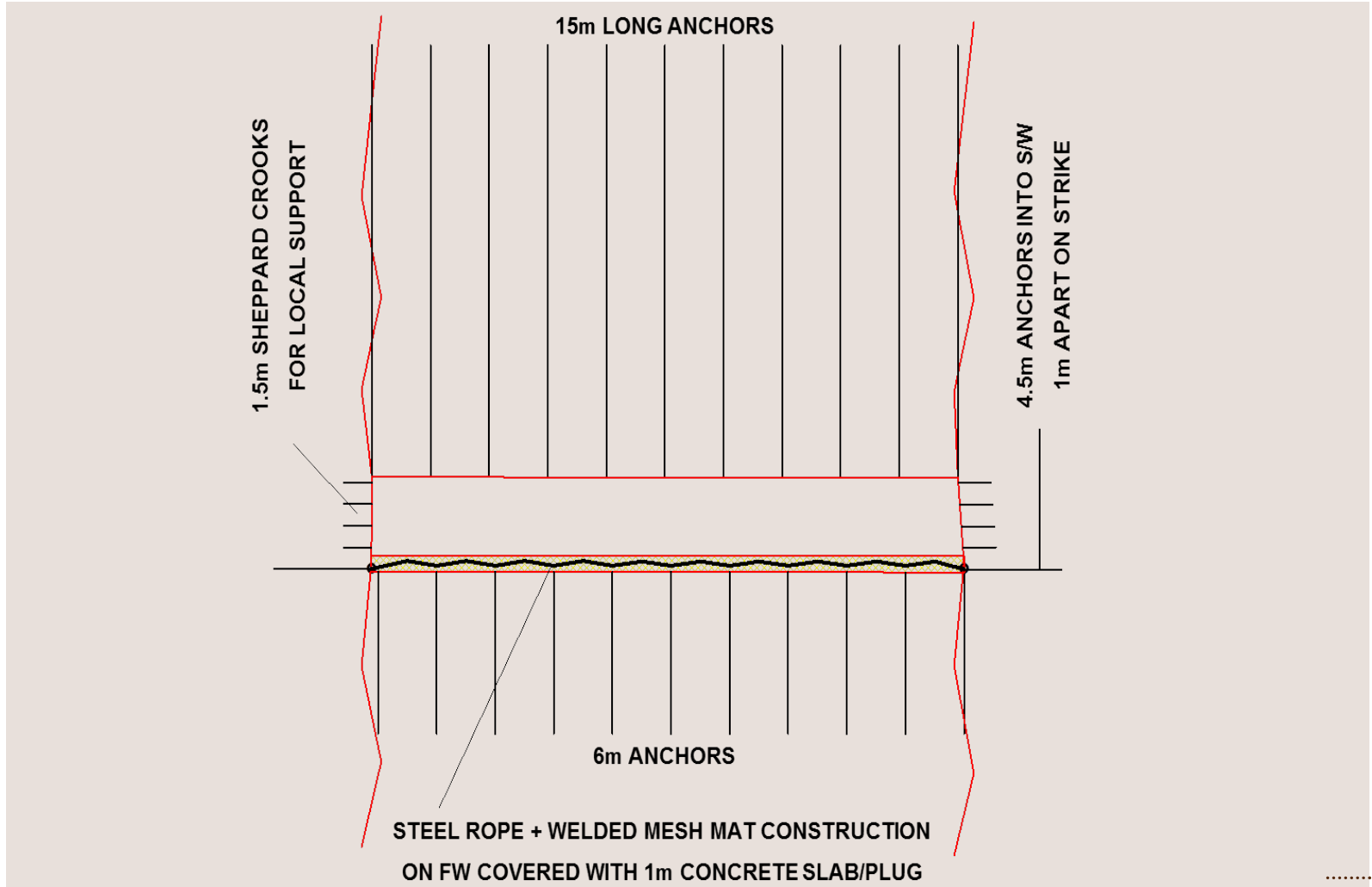
Simplified plan view of stoping/mining layout





CURRENT MINING METHOD

Close up section of floor support in 1st cut





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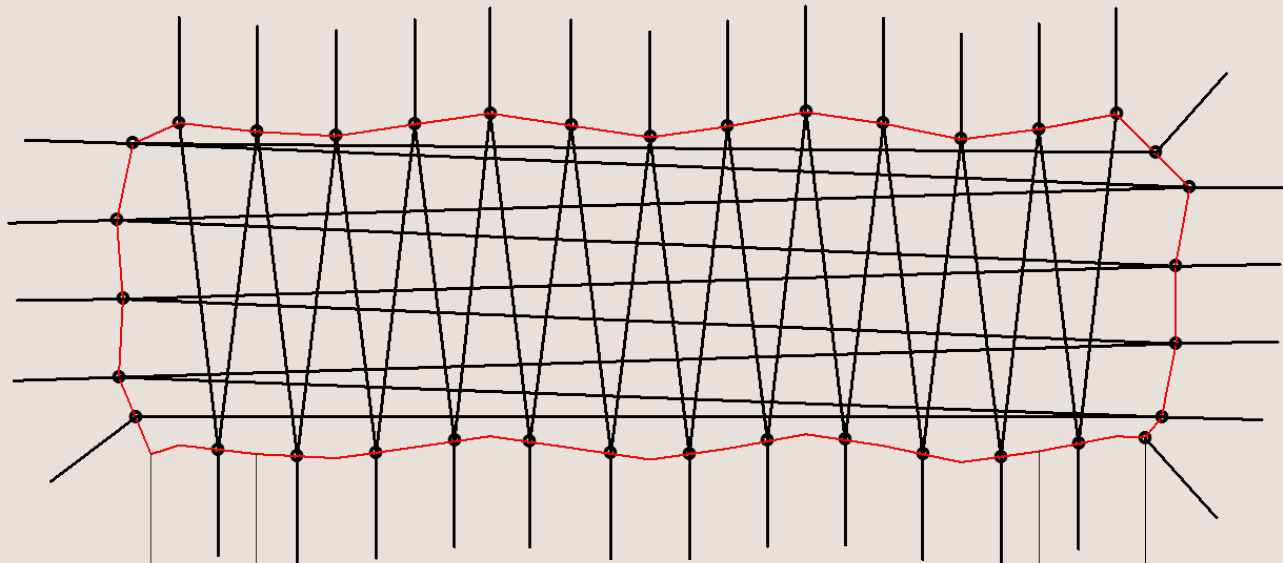
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Close up plan view of floor support in 1st cut

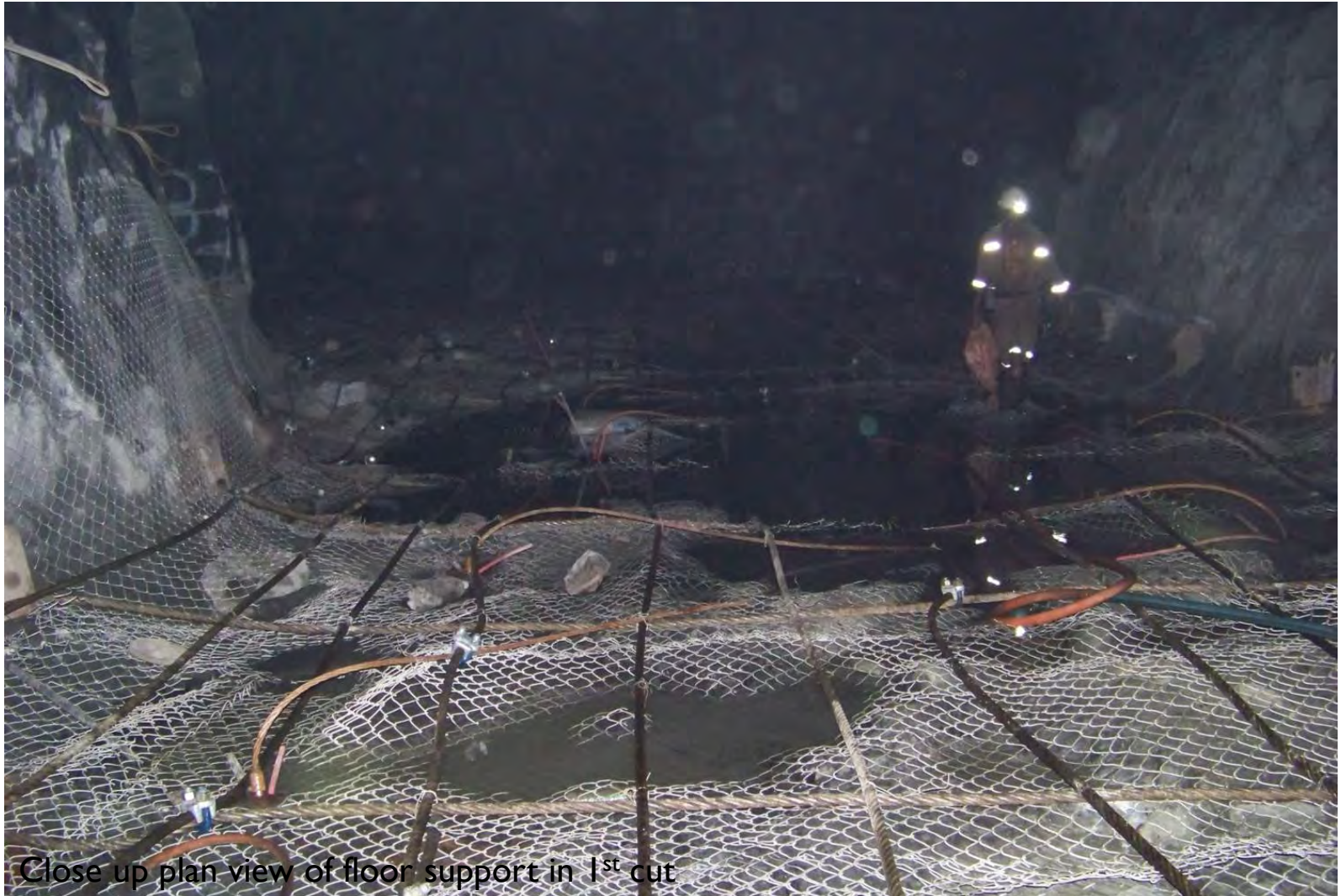
4.5m ANCHORS INTO S/WALL OF THE STOPE WITH STEEL
LOOPS OR BRACKETS THROUGH WHICH ROPE IS THREADED



16 – 20mm STEEL ROPE WEAVED THROUGH ALL THE
“LOOPS” AND THEN COVERED WITH WELDED
DIAMOND MESH AND A 1m CONCRETE SLAB ON TOP
OF THIS



CURRENT MINING METHOD



Close up plan view of floor support in 1st cut



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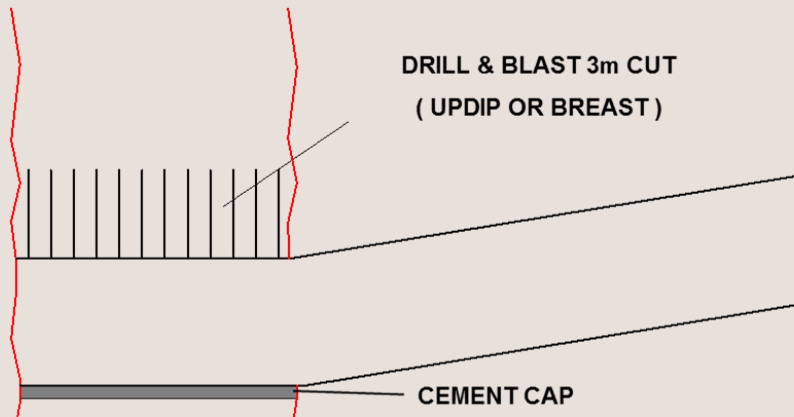
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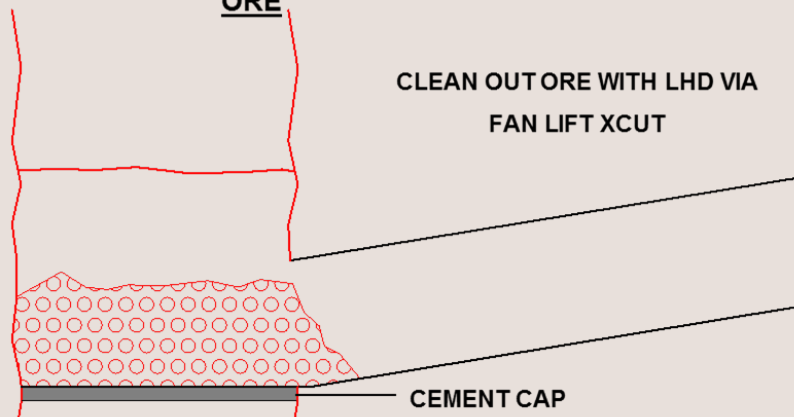
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Stoping cycles

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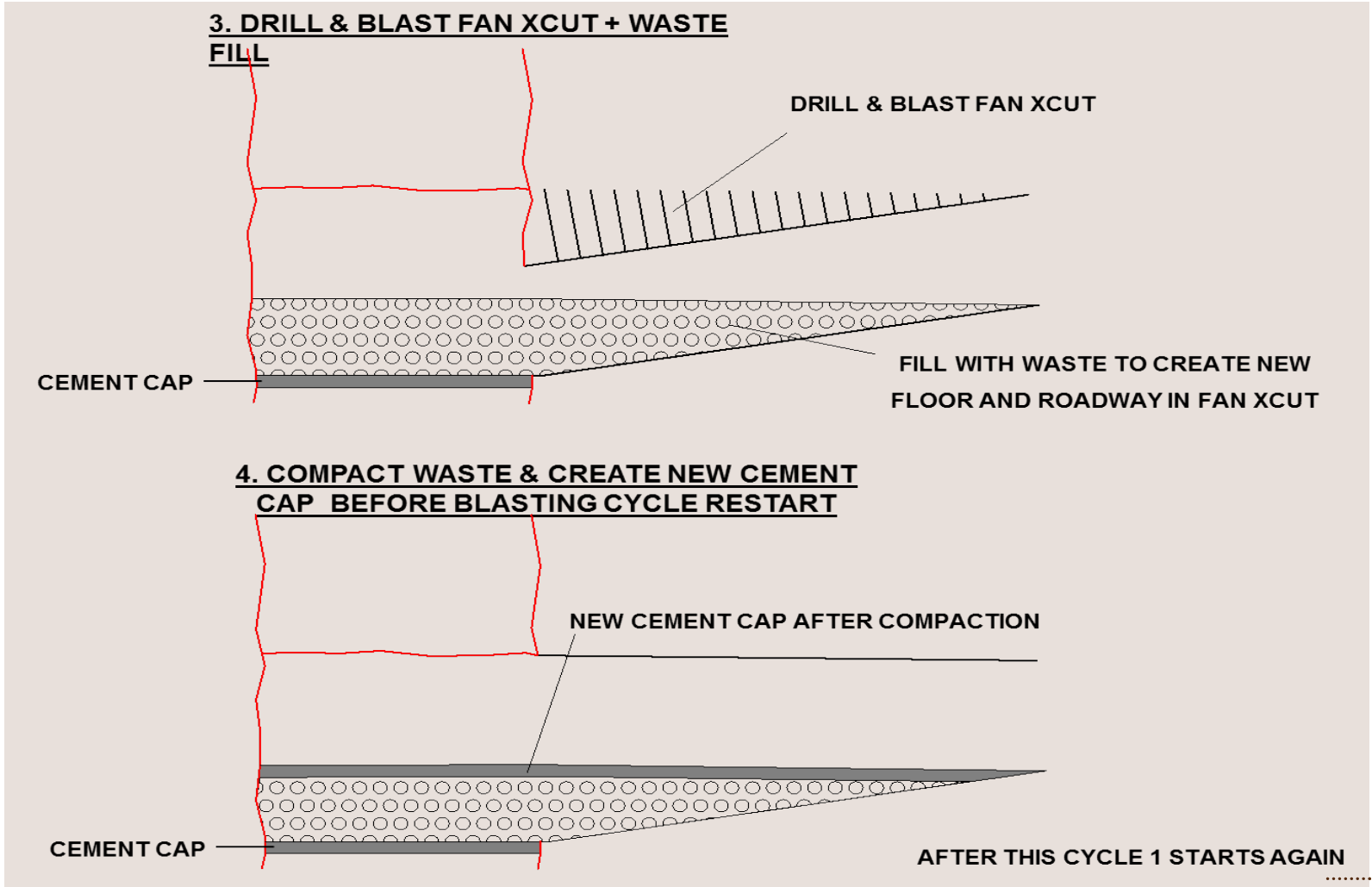
2. CLEANING – REMOVE BROKEN ORE





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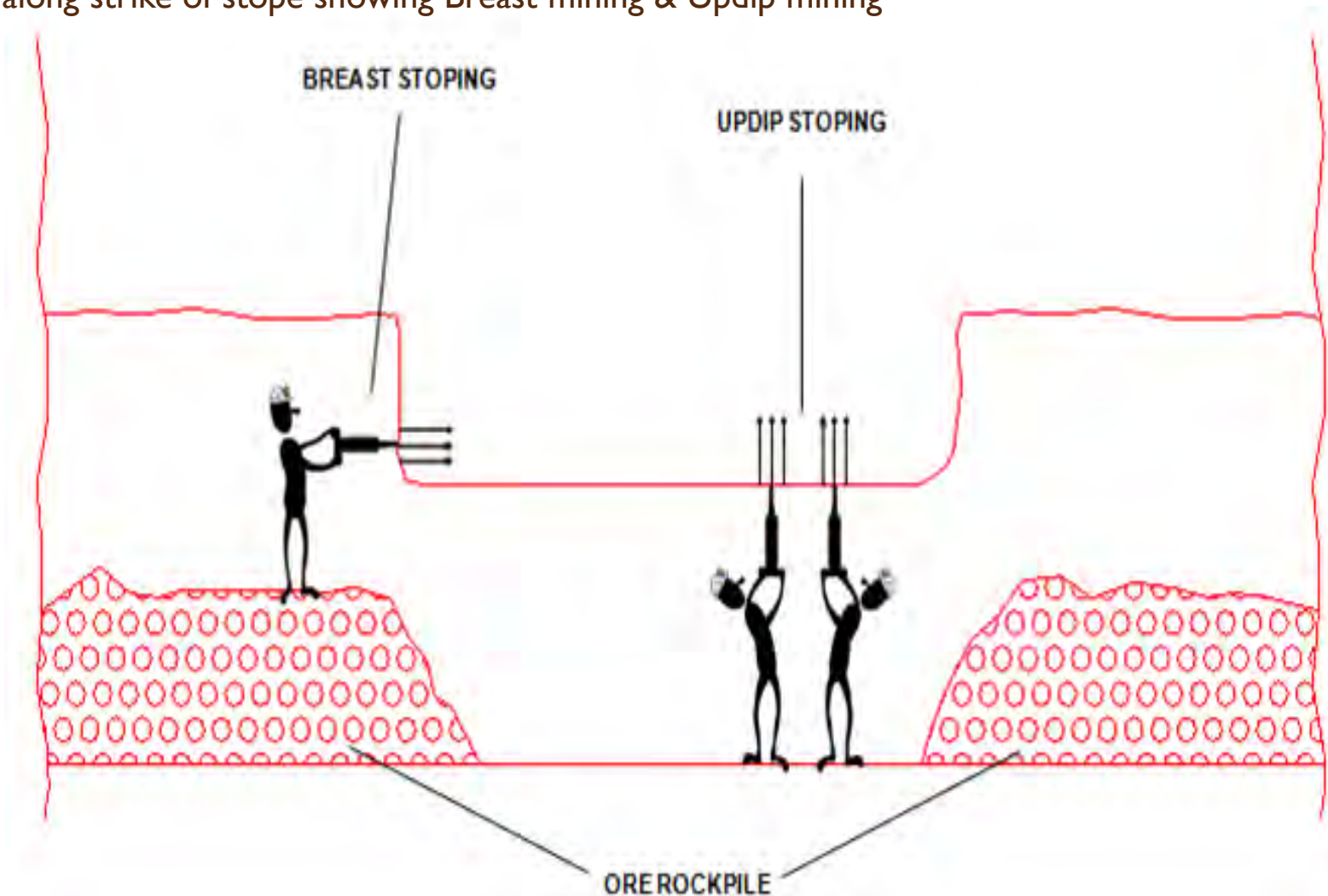
Stoping cycles





CURRENT MINING METHOD

Section along strike of stope showing Breast mining & Updip mining



FALL OF GROUND MEASURES

- **Mechanised Mining – Cut and fill (90%)**

- ❖ Because the back areas are filled with waste the overall stability of the stopes are good
- ❖ At Fairview we are mining at about 1800m below surface and have not seen any seismic related activities
- ❖ Only the current stope face area is exposed – reducing FOG risk
- ❖ No back areas. This also helps with ventilation conditions and reduces fire risk
- ❖ Both sidewalls are supported with sheppard crook roofbolts
- ❖ In stopes wider than 4m, the stope face (hanging wall) are supported with the 40t, 15m long pre-stressed anchors



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MRC ORE BODY AND
EXPLORATION
POTENTIAL



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- The MRC is the second richest orebody in the world
- Current life of orebody is 26 years, which greatly exceeds the BML life of mine
- There is a realistic potential for MRC to continue at depth

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The top 10 highest grade underground gold operations

Mine	Country	Major Owner	Au grade, g/t	Ore Reserves, 000' tonnes*	Contained Au, 000' ozt
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*Ore reserves are Proven + Probable, except Kedrovka, where A + B categories calculated.
Data retrieved from the IntelligenceMine database - Published in MINING.COM on 16 July 2015



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The top 10 highest grade underground gold operations (What the table should look like in reality)

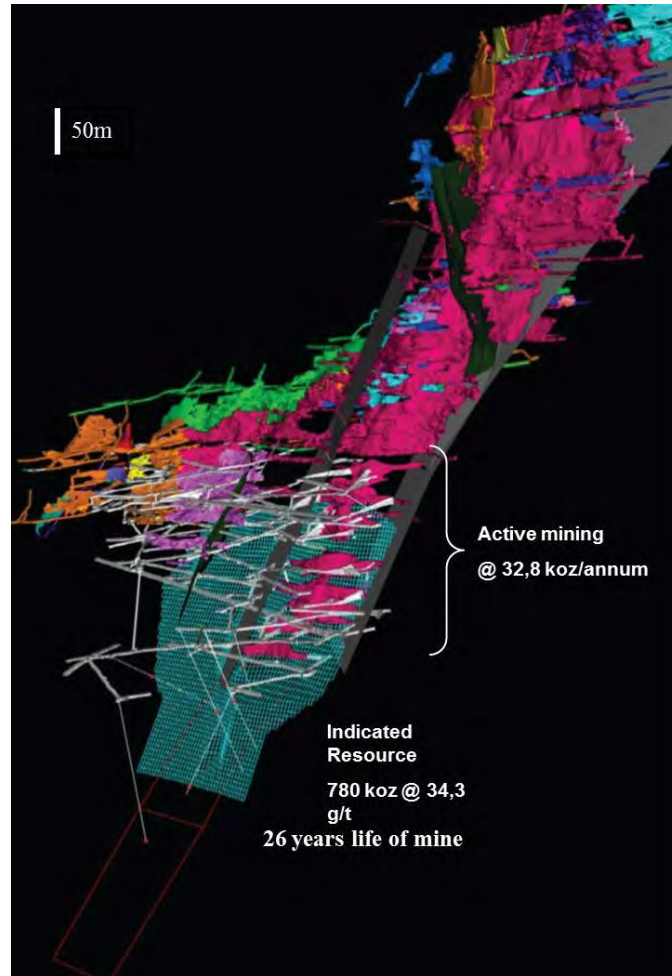
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MRC Orebody





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Exploration Potential at BML

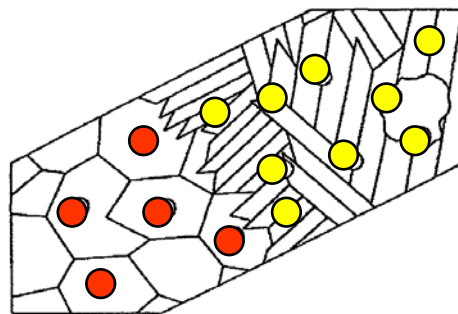
- ❖ Unique geology
- ❖ Amira Project Study by University of Western Australia
- ❖ Current UJ study



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Metamorphic devolatilisation

- ❖ Transition from greenschist to amphibolite facies triggers process of devolatilisation
- ❖ $H_2O-CO_2-H_2S$ fluids are released from mineral crystal structures and these fluids can transport gold to favourable depositional sites
- ❖ Adequate amounts of gold can be dissolved if enough cubic kilometres of appropriate rocks undergo metamorphism



- Non-leachable site
- Leachable site

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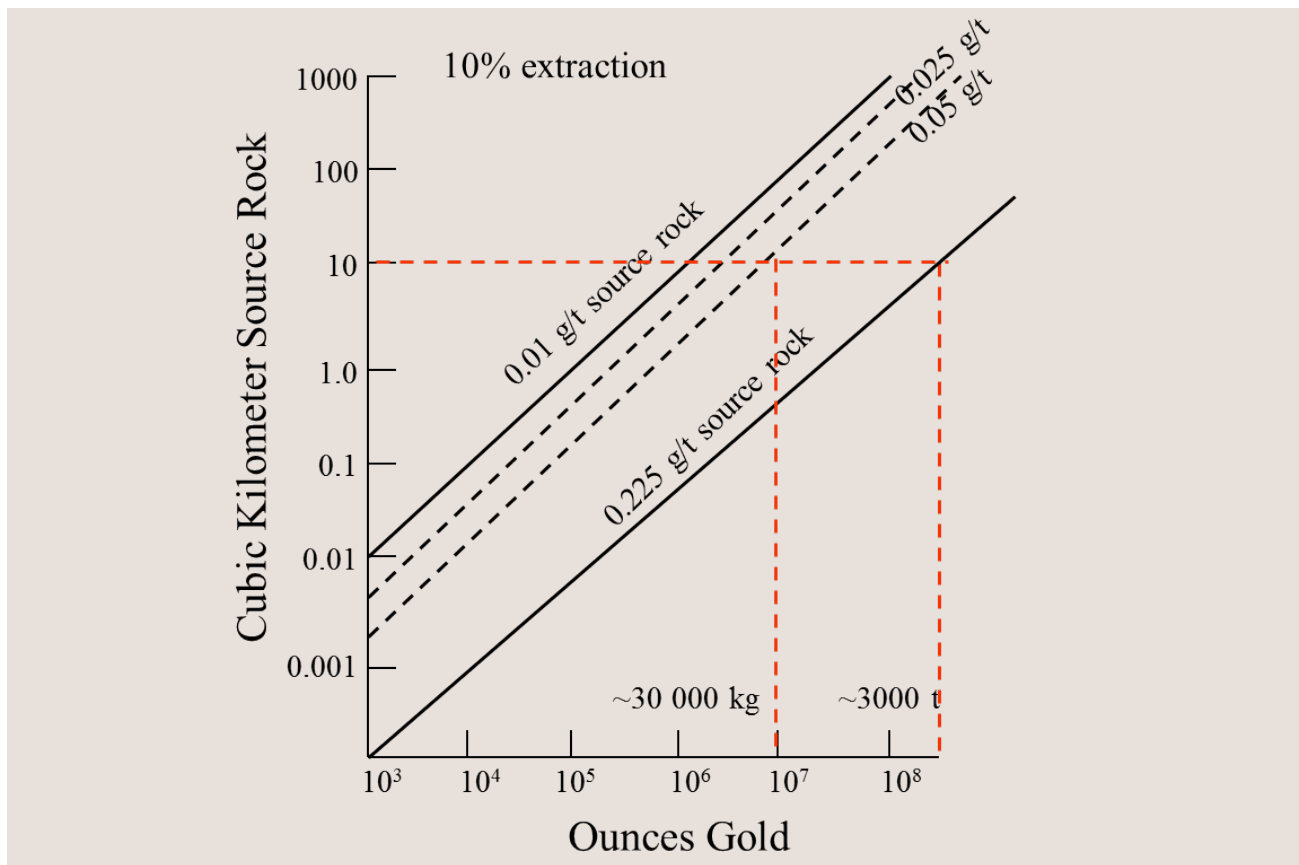
Metamorphic devolatilisation

- ❖ At higher pressure (and T) gold solubility is higher
- ❖ When pressure is released, H_2S (the ligand that makes gold soluble) is driven off, resulting in gold precipitation
- ❖ Pressure shadows, which can form during faulting and folding, create spaces effectively sucking the fluid into these spaces and releasing pressure, resulting in gold precipitation



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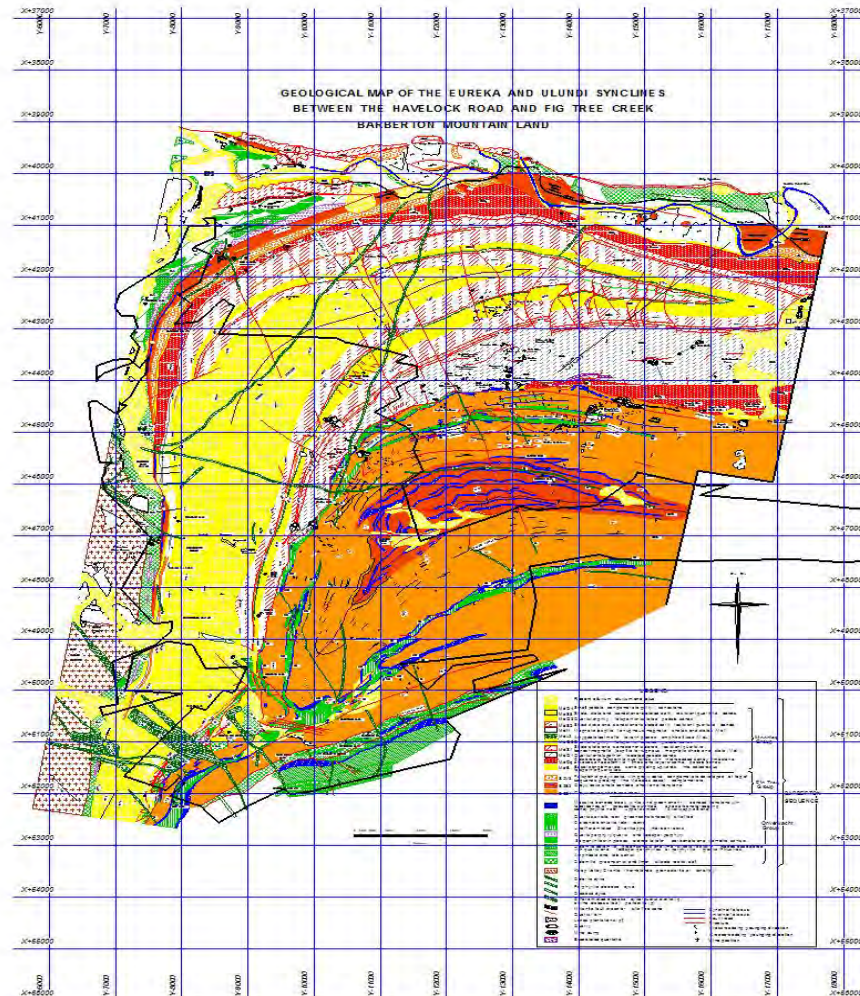
Calculated volume of source rock required to form a deposit containing a given amount of gold
Barberton Greenstone Belt contains 1600 cubic km source rock





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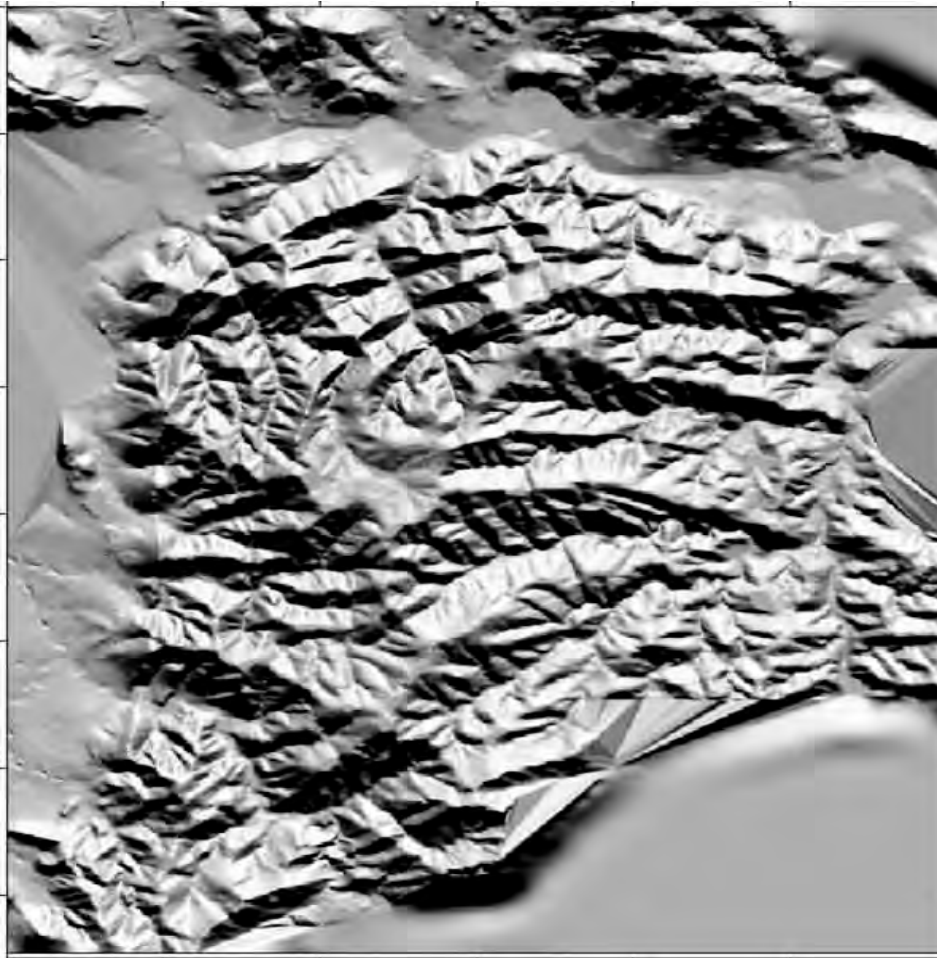
Geological map





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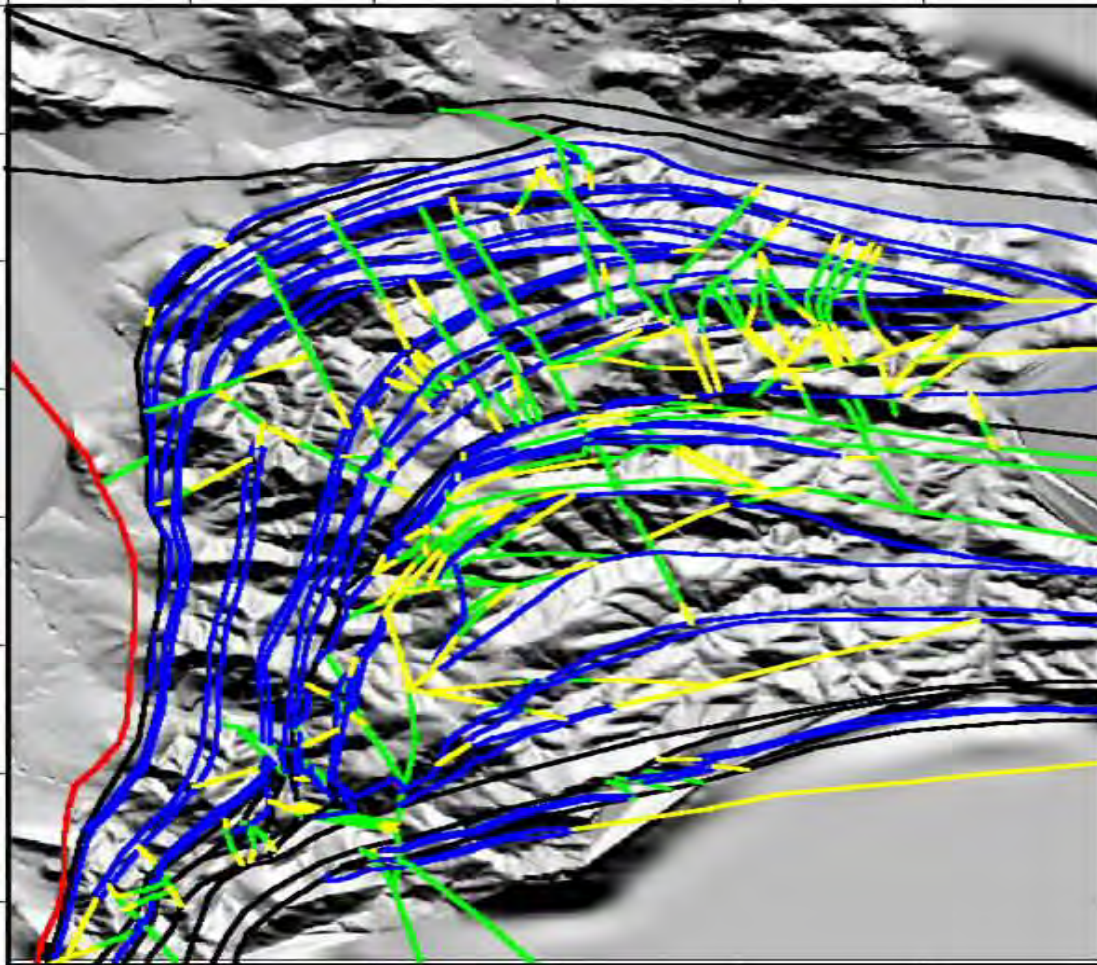
Amira Project – 3D model





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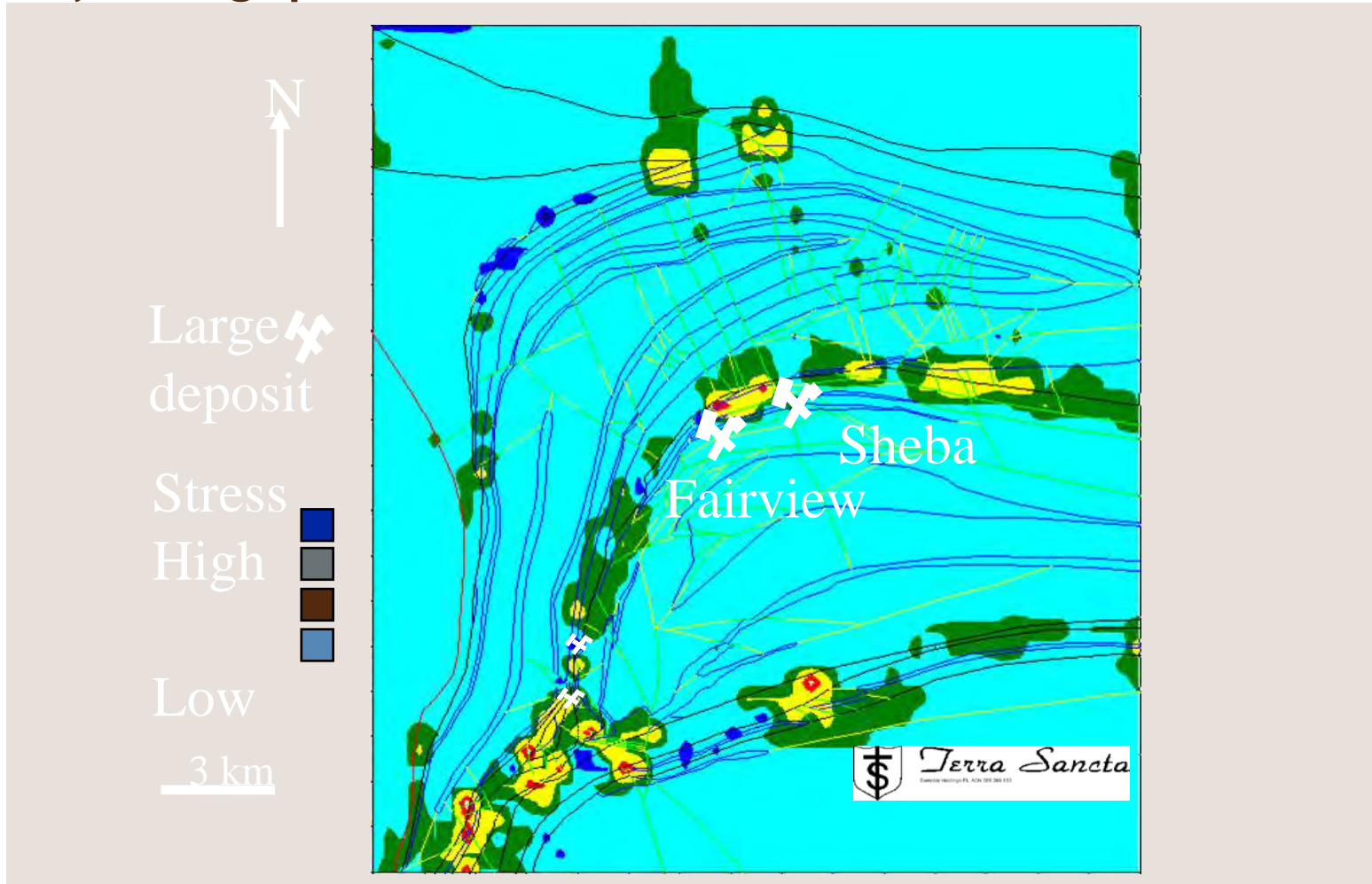
Amira Project – including geological features





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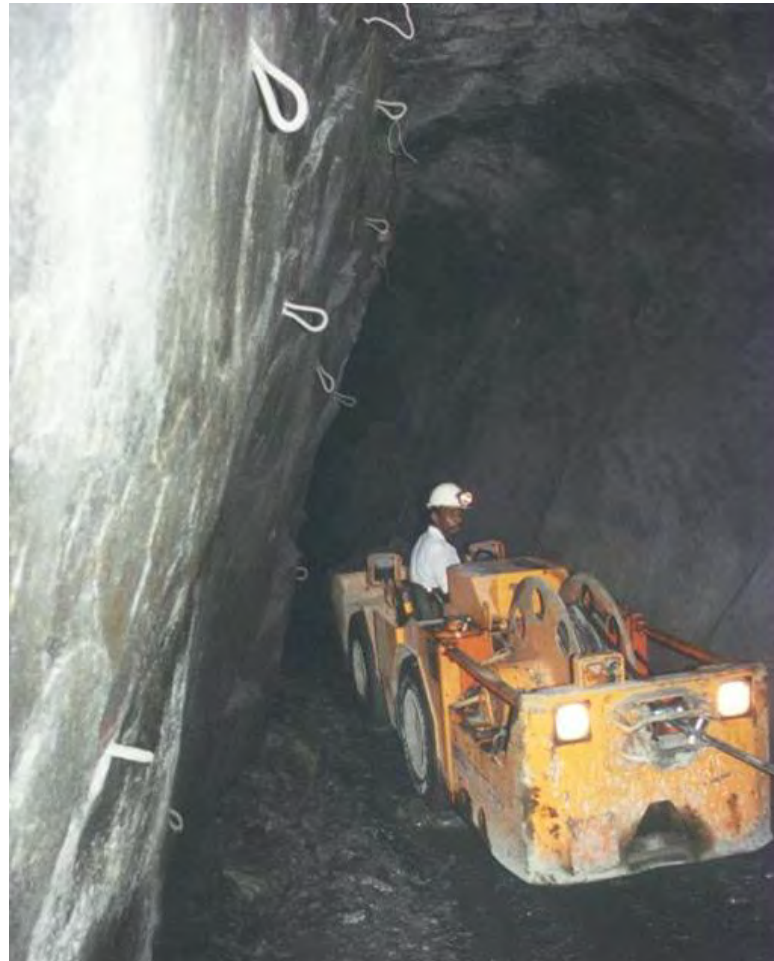
Amira Project – high potential areas





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Semi-mechanised Stopping





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Waste Filling





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Up-dip drilling





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Up-dip drilling





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Breast Mining – Waste Fill





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Breast – Face Drilling





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Compacting – prior to cement cap





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Sweeping – Between Reef and Waste Pile





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