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**Mine Gold. Create Value.**

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**Syama  
Gold Mine**

**Bibiani  
Gold Mine**

**Ravenswood  
Gold Mine**



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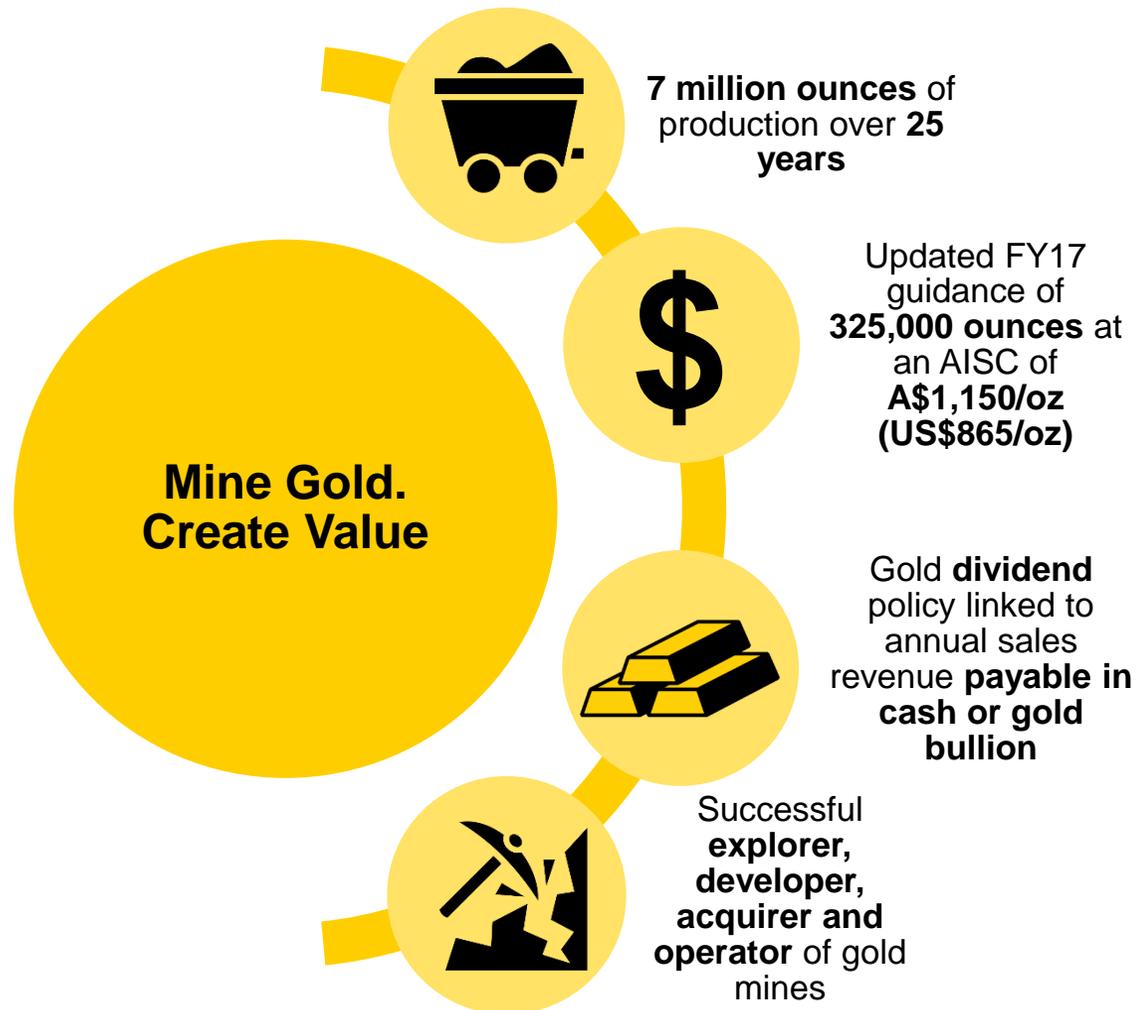
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# Value creation through Innovation

Mining gold to create enduring value



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## Value creation through innovation:

- Syama Underground Mine – 12 years producing up to **250,000ozpa @ AISC of US\$881/oz**
- Ravenswood Expansion Project – 13 years producing up to **140,000ozpa @ AISC of US\$880/oz**
- Bibiani Gold Mine – aiming for 10+ years mine life producing more than **100,000ozpa @ AISC of US\$858/oz**

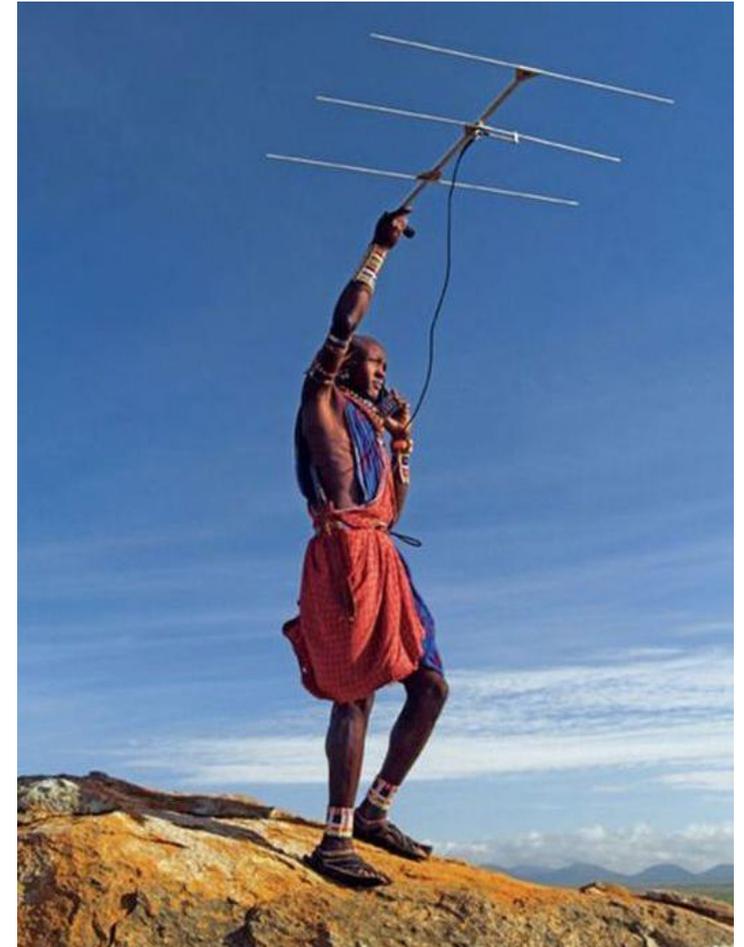
# Innovation – A novelty?



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## **Definition:**

1. A new idea, device or method;
2. the adoption, assimilation, and exploitation of a value-added **novelty**; development of new methods of production; establishment of new systems that increase production, provide better safety, and lower costs. It is both a process and an outcome.



# Mine Gold. Create Value.



## Developing >10 year gold mines

Syama Underground and Ravenswood Expansion Project



## Exploration Success

Nafolo discovery at Syama  
Bibiani drilling success



## Reducing

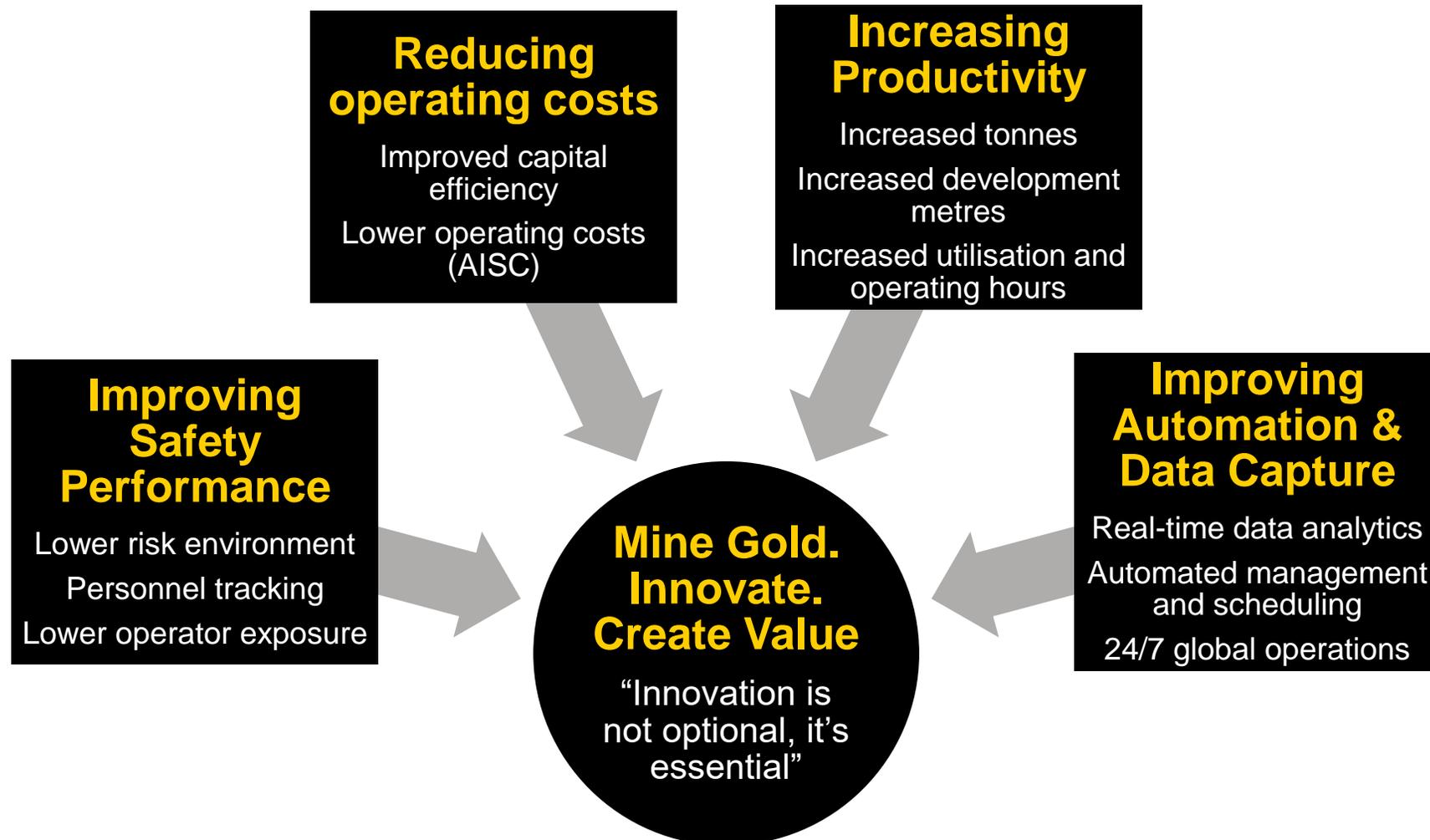
All-In Sustaining Costs (AISC) through **innovation**



## Robust Cash, Bullion & Listed Investments

**A\$291M (US\$218M)**

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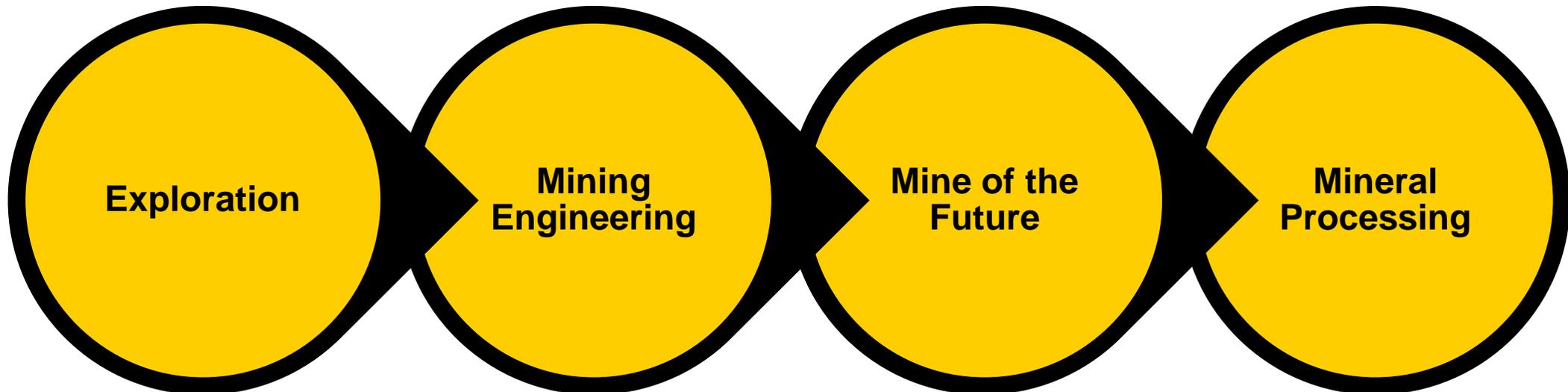


# Resolute value chain

Innovation is essential across the entire business



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- Nafolo discovery
- Syama deeper drilling extensions
- Bibiani resource expansion

- Resolute pioneered the Sublevel Shrinkage mining method at Mt Wright
- Large-Scale Sublevel Caving at Syama
- Taking the learnings from Mt Wright to Africa

- Increased productivity, lower operating costs
- Improved safety
- 24/7 global operations
- Improved automation and data analytics

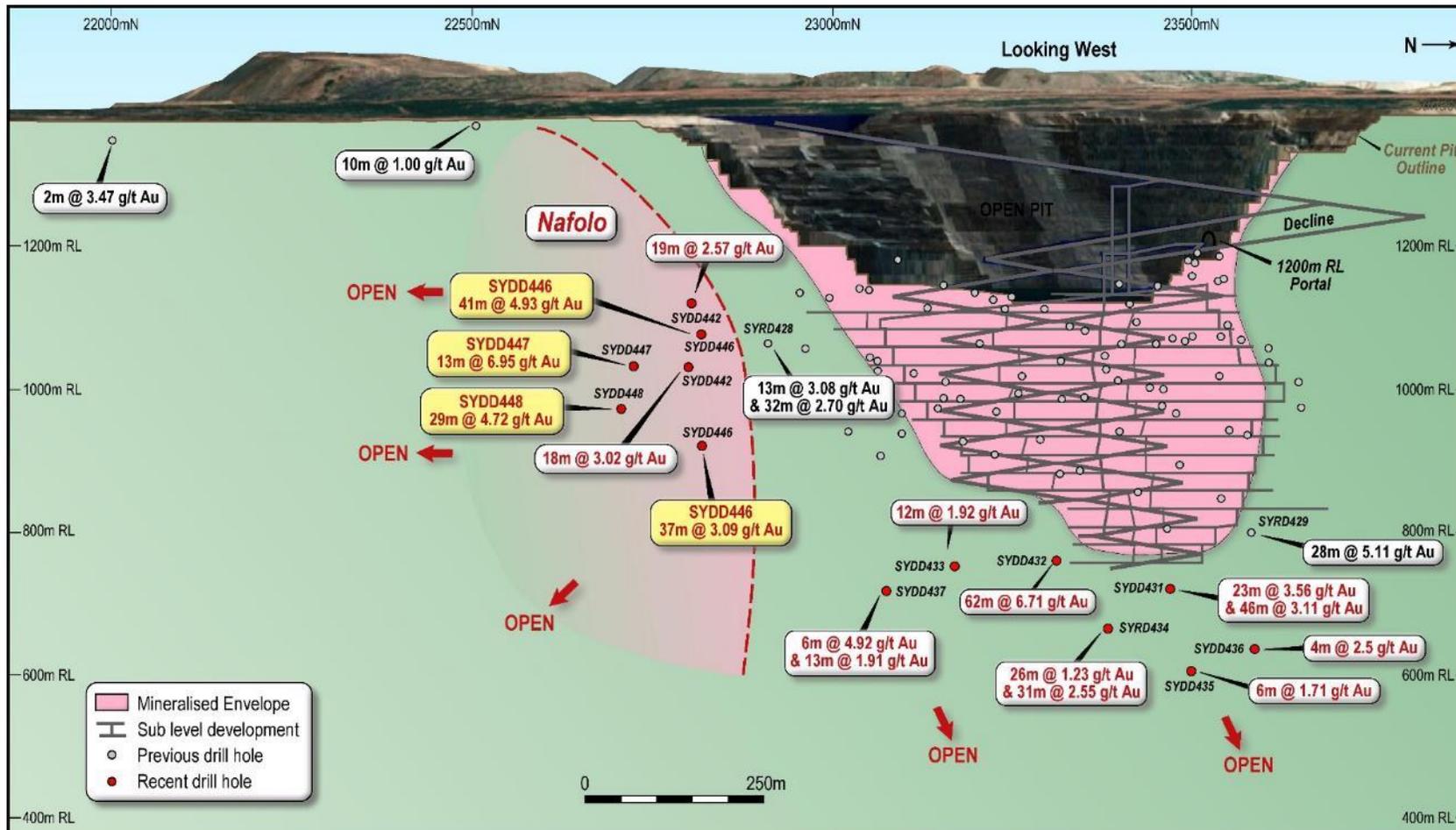
- Double refractory sulphide processing success
- Project 85
- Low Carbon Roast (LCR) technology

# Exploration and innovation



# Exploration is innovation

## Nafolo...a game changing new discovery



- Adjacent to 8Moz Syama Deposit
- Untested along strike and at depth
- Potential to transform Syama operation

# **Mining** and innovation



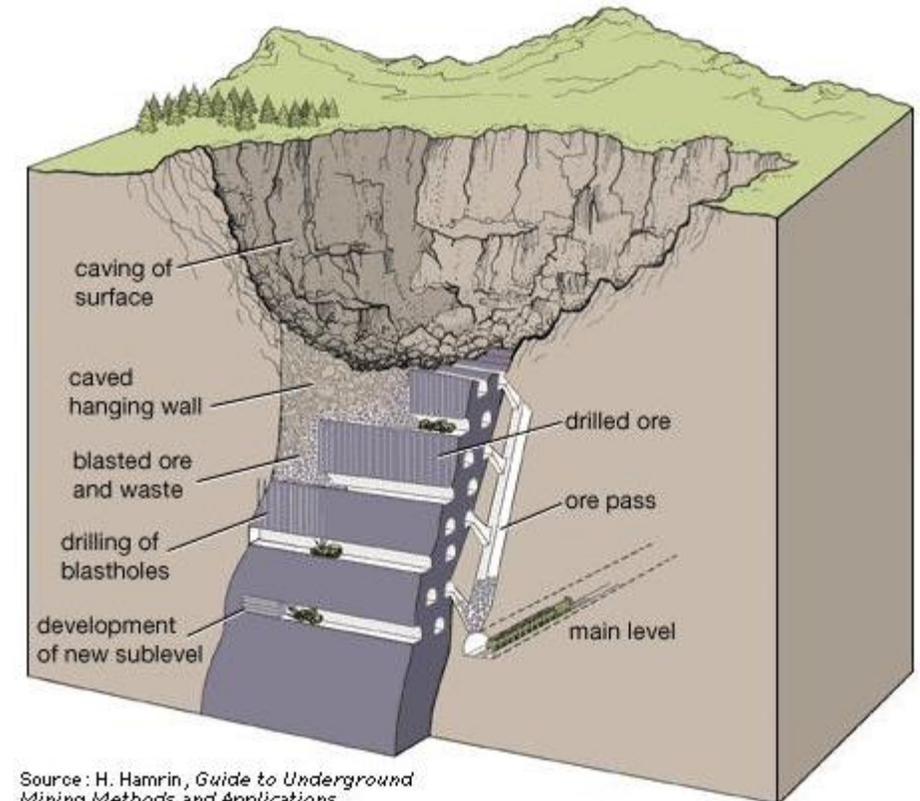
# Sublevel Cave Mining

A highly efficient, top-down, bulk mining method



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- Controlled, high-productivity ore delivery
- Highly mechanised / amenable to automation
- Low up-front capex
- Early access to ore without leaving a crown pillar below the open pit
- A flexible method with ability to adapt cut-off grades depending on economic inputs
- Minimal production and scheduling requirements



Source: H. Hamrin, *Guide to Underground Mining Methods and Applications* (Stockholm: Atlas Copco, 1980)

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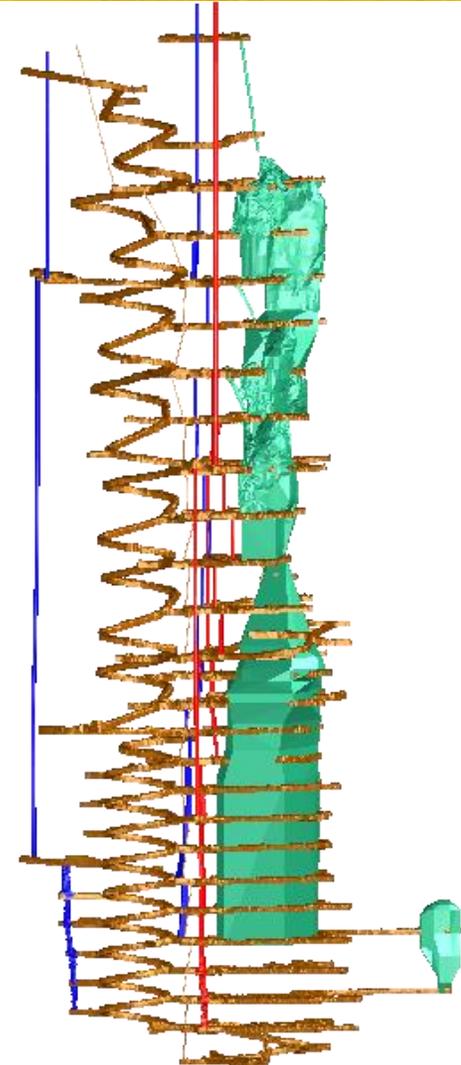
# Mt Wright Sublevel Shrinkage Mining

Innovation in bulk underground mining engineering



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- Sublevel Shrinkage with Fill is mined like Sublevel Caving but fill is continuously introduced to protect infrastructure and minimise dilution
- Sublevel shrinkage is an innovative mining method pioneered at Mt Wright to:
  - maximise productivity
  - protect infrastructure due to original design based on open stoping with post fill
  - improve safety and lower operating costs

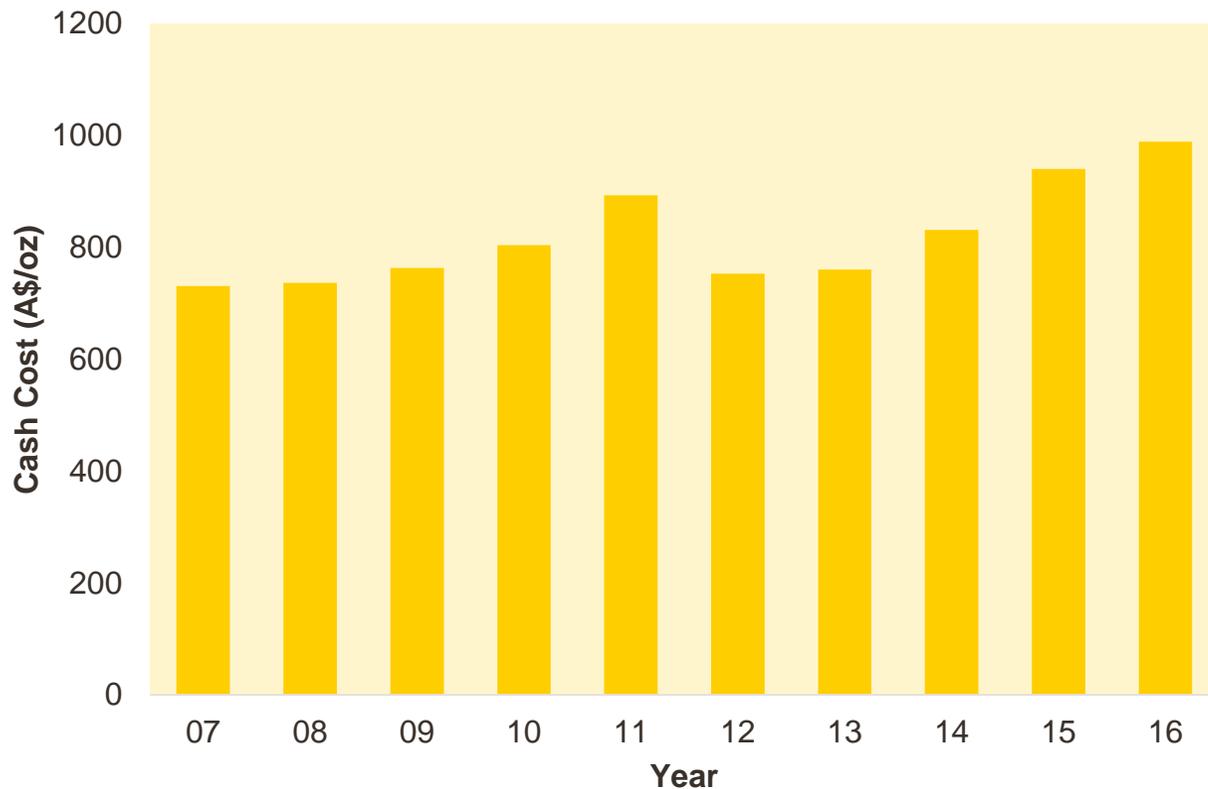


# Mt Wright Mining Innovation

A low cash cost bulk underground mining method



Ravenswood Cash Cost (A\$/oz)



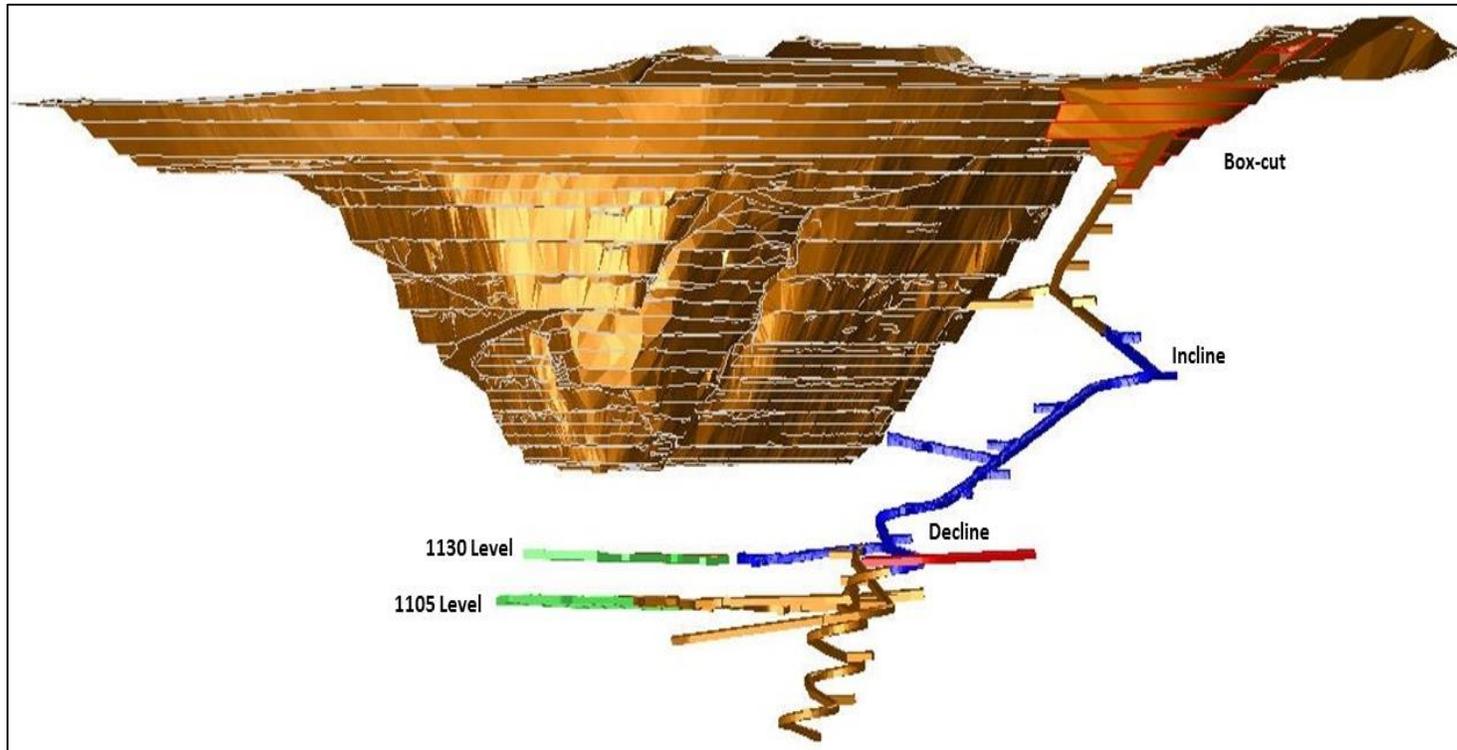
- The Sub Level Shrinkage (SLS) method has maximised production and minimised up front capital
- Sublevel shrinkage has proven to be very cost efficient in mining a ~2.5g/t orebody at an average cash cost of A\$850/oz over the last 5 years, down to a depth of ~900m below surface
- Innovation in underground mining engineering has transformed Mt Wright into one of Australia's most successful underground mines

# Syama Underground

Heavily automated, highly mechanised mine of the future



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**Syama Underground SLC development progress (blue) to plan**

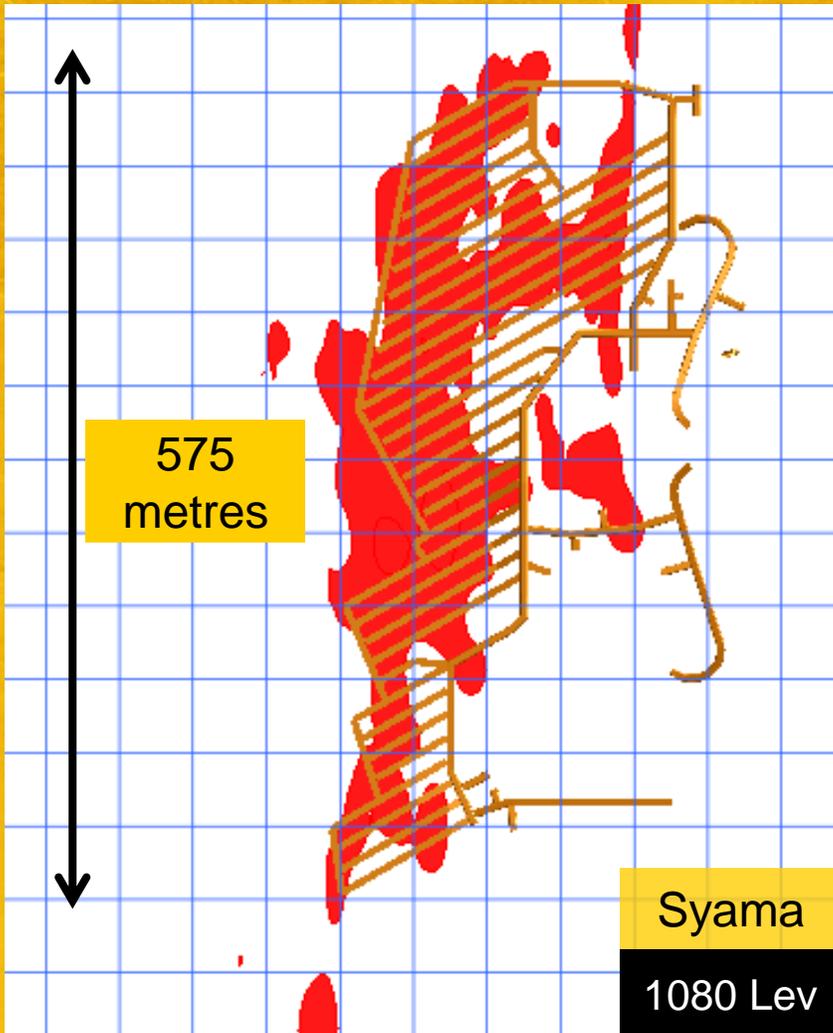
- Excavation of the surface boxcut has commenced (on track for completion in late CY17)
- Mine development has commenced on the first production level (1130 Level)
- First ore from development ore drives has commenced
- Initial SLC production ore on track for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of CY18

# Syama v Mt Wright

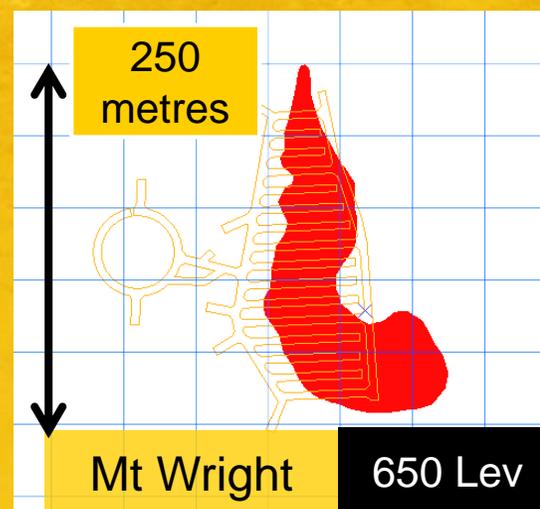
## Key criteria comparison



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	Mt Wright achieved	Syama expected
Oz/vertical metre	2,400 oz/m	6,300 oz/m
Tonne of stope ore/metre of development	318t/metre of development	343t/metre of total development
Vertical advance per year	51m/yr LoM average	39m/yr LoM average
Grade	2.73g/t	2.81g/t
Steady state production rate	1.5Mtpa	2.4Mtpa
Mine life	11yrs from start, 7.5yrs as SLS	12yrs from start, 10yrs as SLC
Design depth	850m below surface	600m below surface



***“The success of the Mt Wright underground mine demonstrates our ability to operate a world class sublevel cave at Syama”***

Grid spacing – 50 metres

# What is a mine of the future?

An underground mine of the future is a (rock) factory



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## What is an underground mine of the future?

- Bright, clean & dry
- Fresh air (no diesel fumes, fully electric)
- Minimal operators (critical maintenance personnel only)
- Real-time communication and management
- A pleasant and safe working environment
- A (rock) factory is a low cost underground mine of the future with automated mining



# Automation and innovation



# Automated Underground Mining

## Syama Mine of the Future

- Syama has potential for fully automated loading and hauling offering **increased productivity** and **lower operating costs**
- Allows **upskilling of local workforce** using latest technologies in underground mining
- **Improved safety** with fewer operators and personnel underground
- **Automated** fleet and production **management and scheduling**



# Automated Underground Mining

## Syama Mine of the Future



- **Real-time tracking, monitoring and data analytics** of equipment and personnel
- Availability of equipment data and production performance **anywhere in the world**
- Automation allows for **high performance draw control** critical to a successful Sublevel Cave
- Automation allows for **production over shift change** and during blasting clearance
- **Less damage to equipment** with less operator error and lower maintenance costs

# Syama and Optimine®

## Optimising the mine plan in real-time



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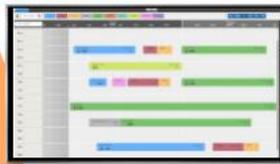
Monitoring



Location Tracking



Scheduler



Task Management

Data exchange with  
mining IT systems



- Improved monitoring and real-time scheduling allows **increased production efficiency**
- Production and equipment monitoring drives improved **real-time management** and supervision
- Predictive modelling for **preventative maintenance** and more effective production scheduling in real-time

# Syama and AutoMine®

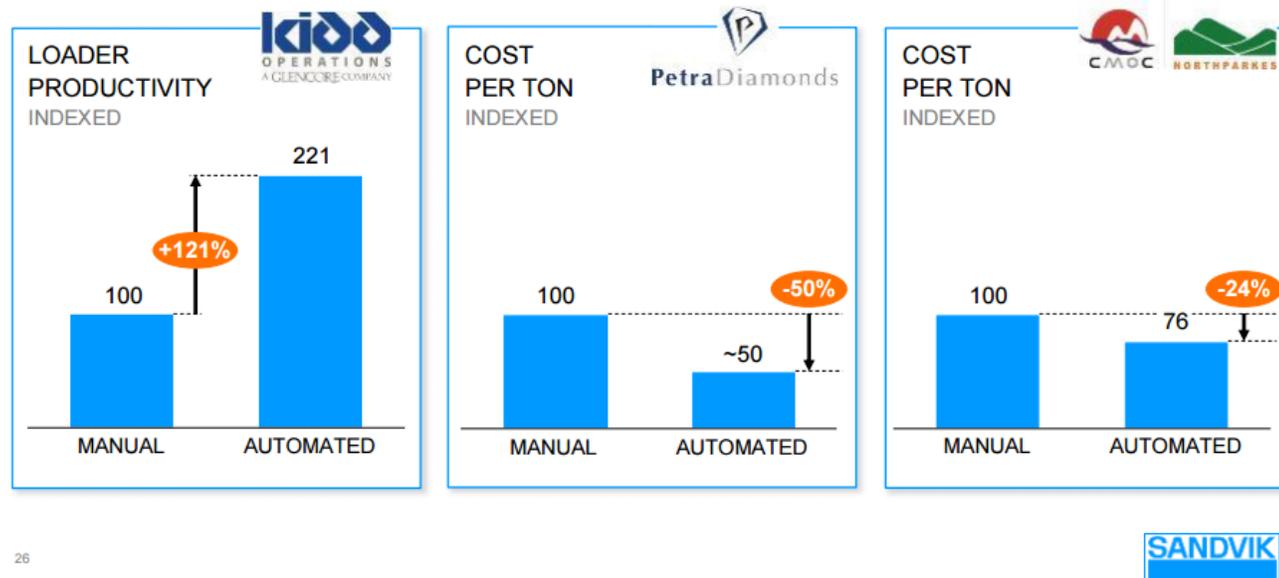
Increased productivity and lower operating costs



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## AUTOMINE® PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS



- Greater utilisation of equipment with **24/7 continuous production**
- Longer operating hours = more tonnes = **lower unit costs**
- Production execution from **remote locations** = lower unit costs
- **Less damage** to equipment = **less maintenance** = increased utilisation of equipment

# Processing and innovation

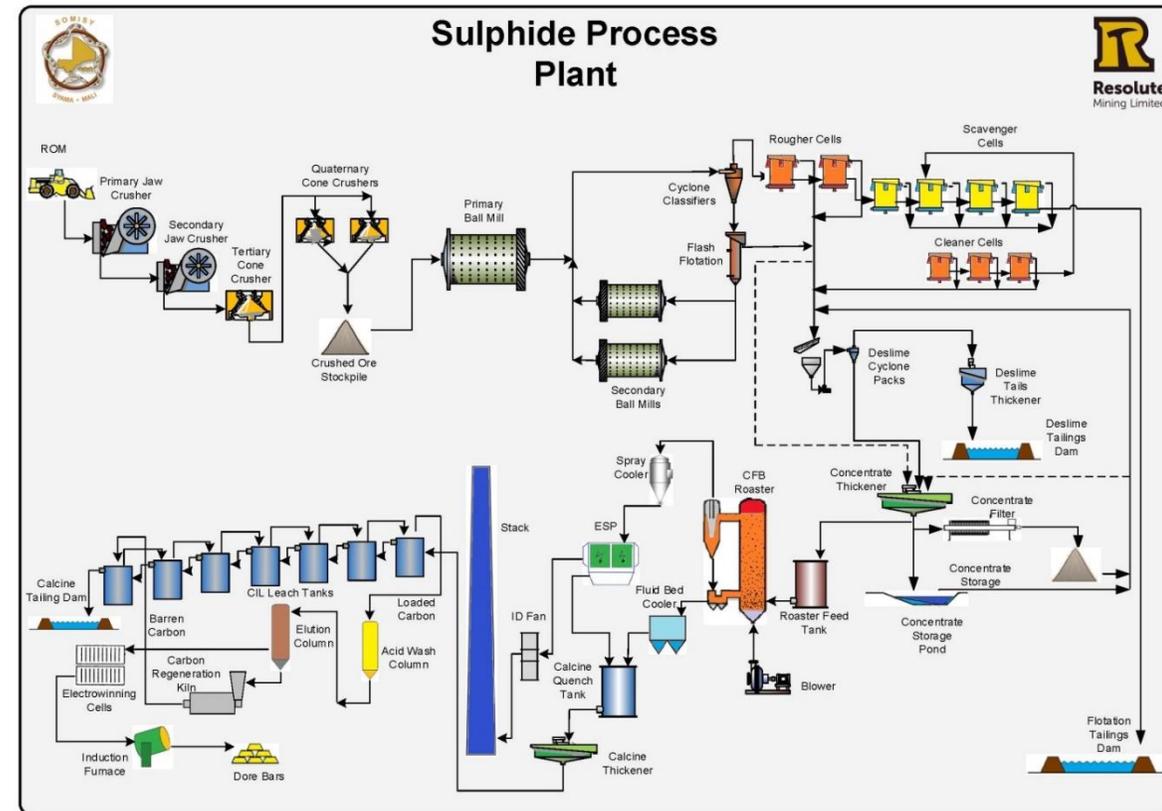


# Refractory sulphide ore processing

A competitive advantage in refractory ore processing



- The Syama ore is double refractory: pyrite occluding fine grained gold and high levels of organic carbon
- The combination of preg-robbing carbon and refractory sulphides was a problem encountered by previous owners
- Previous owners used 'whole-of-ore' roasting
- Resolute has successfully improved overall recoveries with concentrate roasting
- Processing innovation has generated significant value gains at Syama with potential to benefit other orebodies globally



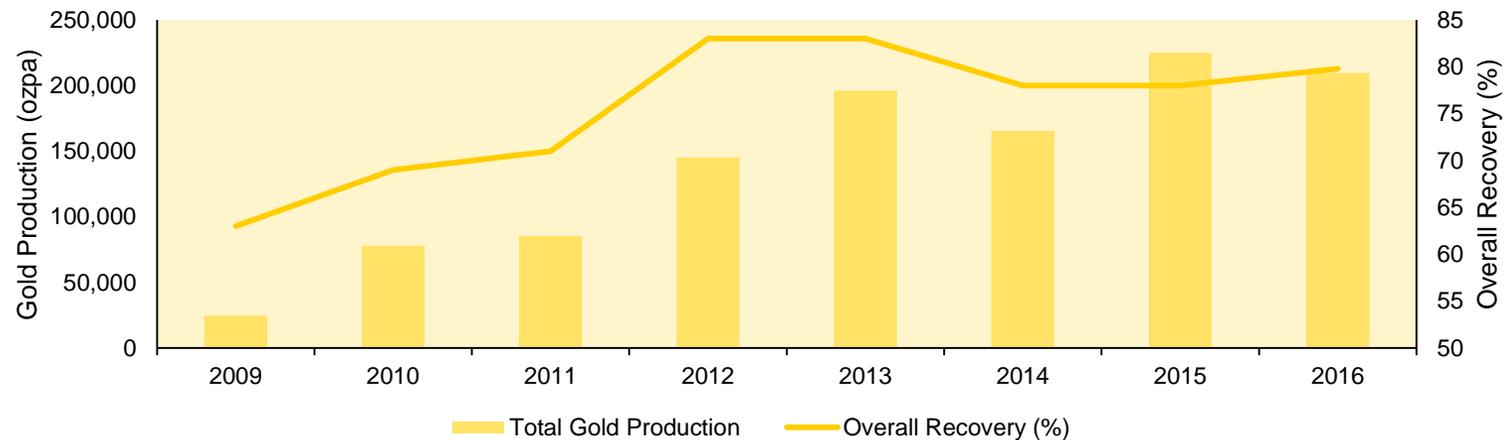
# Syama gold processing innovation

## Double refractory sulphide processing success

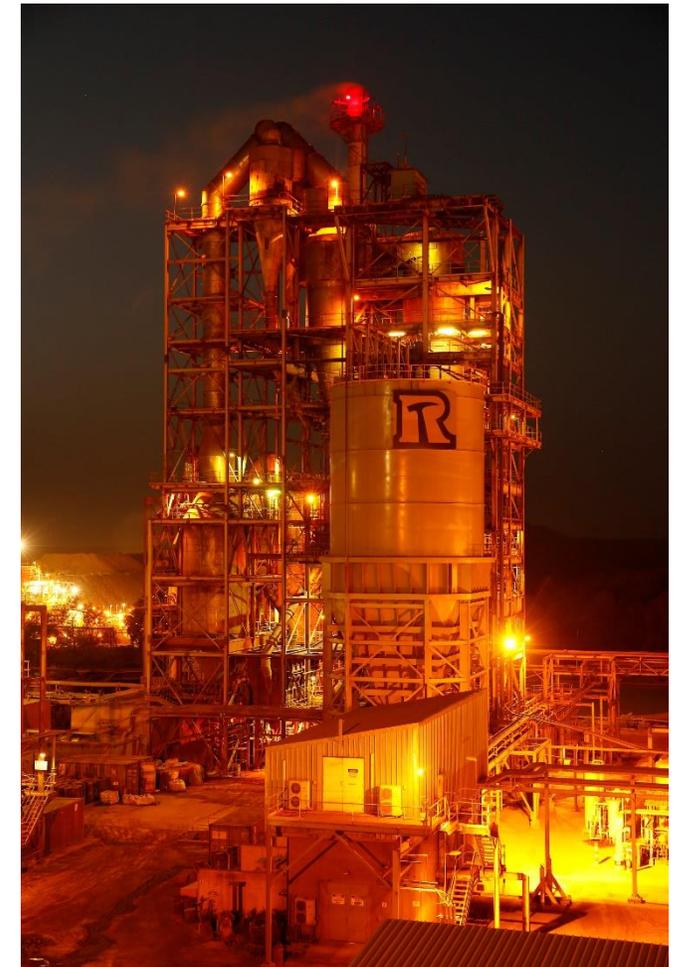


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Syama Production History



- A successful history of improving sulphide recoveries
- Developing a Low Carbon Roast (LCR) technology in partnership with Outotec®
- LCR will deliver a significant reduction in preg-robbing organic carbon and increased CIL recoveries



# Syama Project 85

Targeting overall gold recovery of above 85%



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**Calcine CIL tanks**



**Flotation tails thickener**

- Overall project is 44% complete (as at mid-May 2017)
- Staged commissioning of Project 85 remains on track for the end of March 2018



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**Innovation is not optional... it's essential.**

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