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DEGRUSSA PROJECT PICTORIAL UPDATE

Sandfire Resources NL is pleased to provide a pictorial update on the ongoing progress of construction, infrastructure development and mining at DeGrussa.

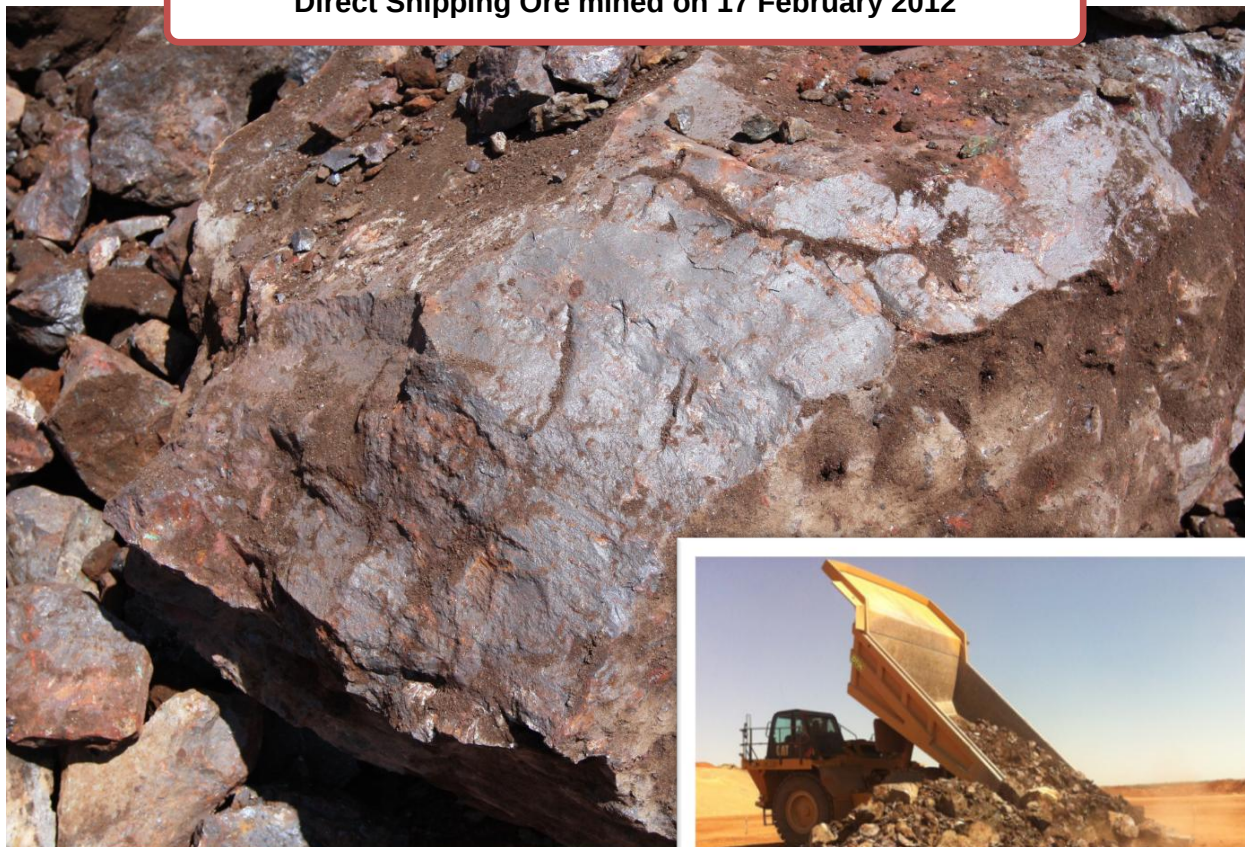
- Underground mine development is progressing on schedule with the “Evans Decline” currently advanced 1,100 metres from the portal, with approximately 200 metres of decline development remaining before the first ore is accessed.
- The first of the DeGrussa Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) was mined on 17 February 2012.
- Open pit mining is progressing on schedule with a total 5.5 million bank cubic metres (bcm) of material mined to date from the Stage 1 open pit, which is over 70 per cent complete. The open pit is currently at a depth of 55 metres below surface with over 1.25 million tonnes of copper oxide mineralisation at 1.05% Cu mined and stockpiled.
- Completion of major infrastructure is progressing well with workshop and warehouse facilities being handed over.
- The power station is currently being commissioned with an interim capacity of 4MW.
- Construction of the 1.5Mtpa DeGrussa concentrator has progressed with over half of the concrete now poured and large quantities of equipment arriving each day.
- The DeGrussa Aerodrome is almost complete with the first landing next week.



First Direct Shipping Ore mined on 17 February 2012

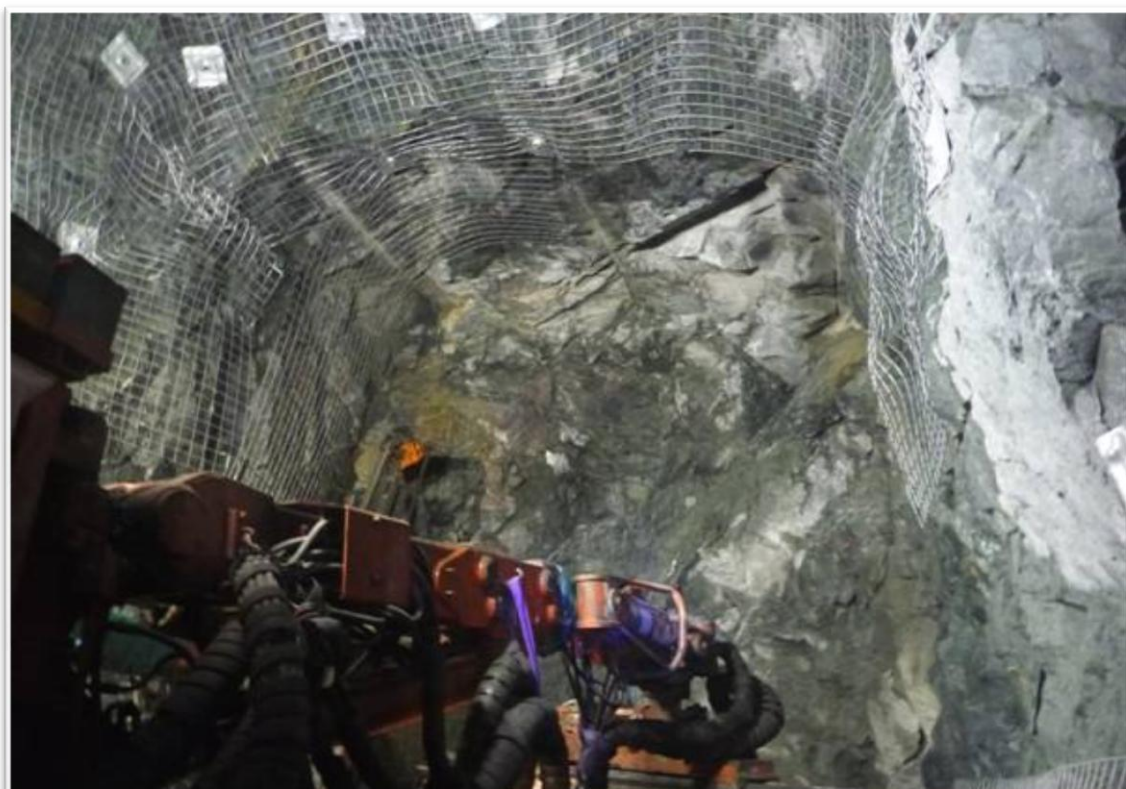
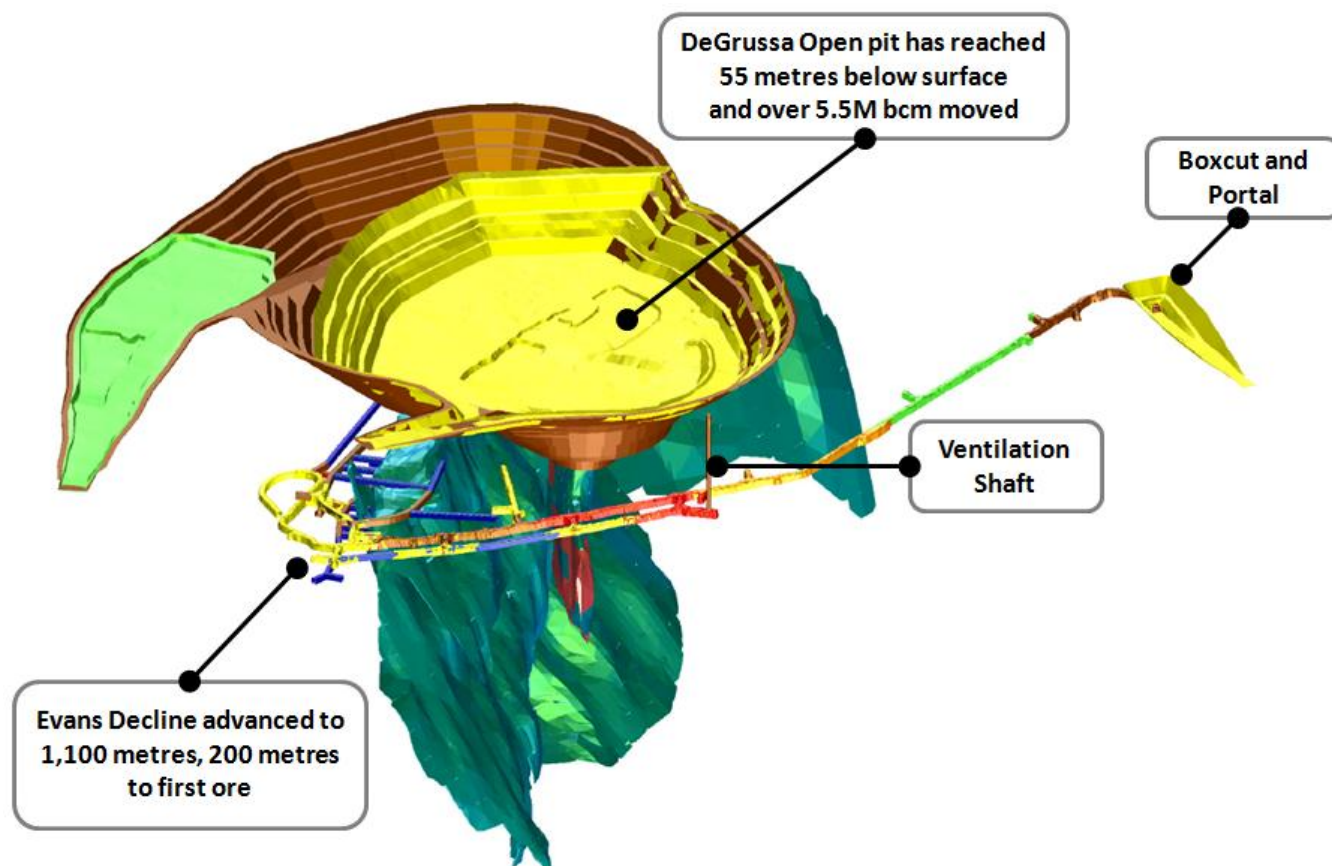


Direct Shipping Ore mined on 17 February 2012



**5.5 million bank cubic metres (bcm) of material mined to date
Open pit 55 m below surface**



Evans decline advanced 1,100 metres

Process plant equipment on site

Apron Feeder



Filter



Regrind Mill



Arrival of third thickener



Ball mill head



Sag mill shell



Regrind thickener centre column

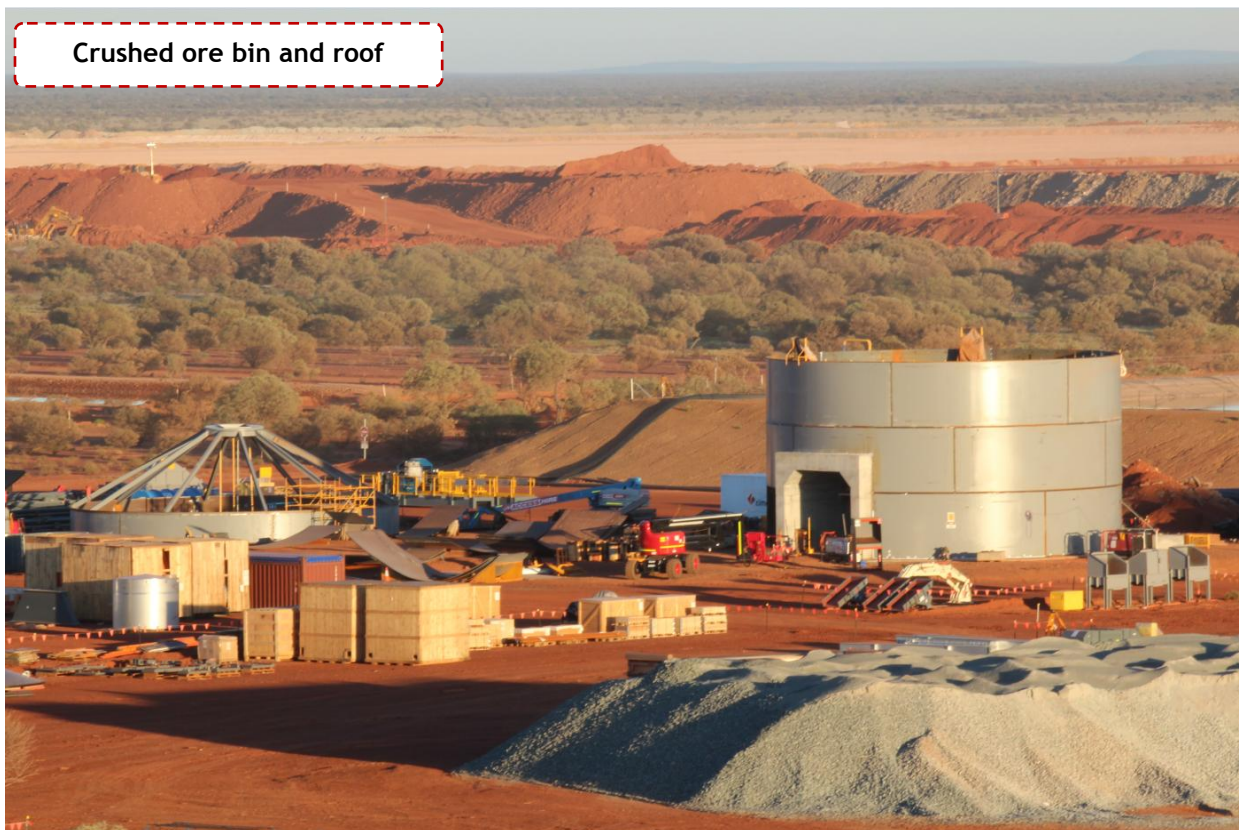


Process plant construction

Crusher



Crushed ore bin and roof



Regrind area footings



Plant Area



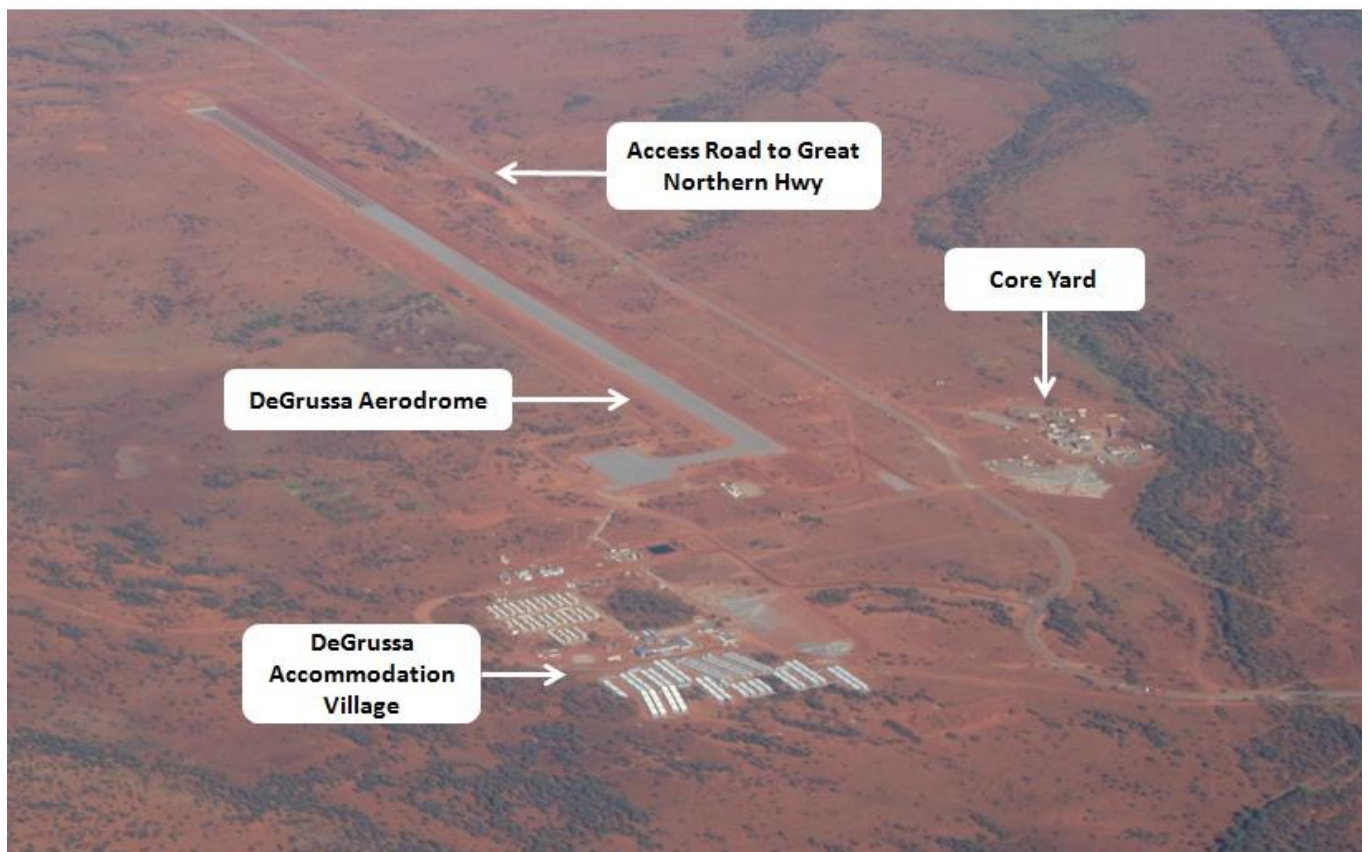
Fuel storage commissioned



On site laboratory operational



DeGrussa airstrip nearing completion



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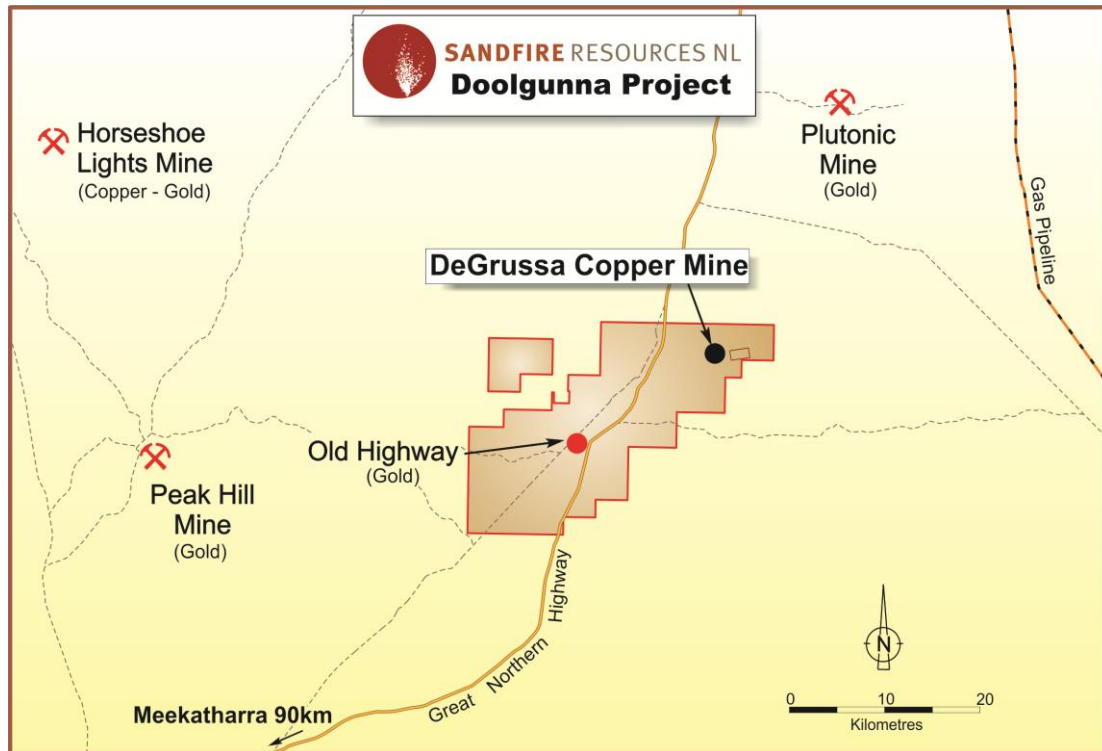
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**Figure 1 – DeGrussa Copper-Gold Project location****Forward-Looking Statements**

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