

Snowy River Project Update

Federation Mining (Federation) is pleased to provide an update on our progress with the development of the Snowy River Mine (the Project) near Reefton on the South Island in New Zealand.

Our People

Federation Mining is pleased to announce the appointment of Steven Wilson as the new General Manager of the Snowy River mine project. Steven is a mining engineer and brings over 20 years of experience in the mining industry working internationally in both open cut and underground operations including operational, technical and management roles. Nigel Slonker will continue to provide support to the project on a part time basis.

We currently have 26 employees on the project with our operations onsite now 24 hours per day and 7 days per week effective the 11th of February. We presently have a number of positions vacant including tunnel operators and a project engineer.

This month our people have participated in training on the Epiroc jumbo drill and ST18 loader.

Site Works Progress

The early works program is complete with our team now based onsite and the workshop completed and in use.

The site now has an administration building, change rooms, store and lay down, lunchrooms, security gate, wash down pad, water treatment ponds, sewerage system, communications, electrical & water infrastructure, drainage, roads and all-weather access with the bridge over the Snowy River.

The site was connected to mains power on the 18th of February with final switching and switch over from generator power to occur prior to the end of the month.

Tunnel Development

Development in the Main decline (tunnel) continued with the team advancing 103 metres and 11 metres in North decline (as of the 22/02/2021).

During the month, we welcomed the arrival of a brand new Epiroc ST18 loader which has now been commissioned and put to work in the declines.

We are expecting the arrival of our 2nd interchangeable tool carrier from Trans Diesel towards the end of the month and a new Jumbo drill from Epiroc and shotcrete machine in late March.

Community & Environment

Our team continues to contribute to the regional New Zealand economy with over 70 local businesses providing goods or services to the Snowy River mine project.

We have recently been pleased to provide support to the following important local community groups - Reefton Search & Rescue, Reefton Rugby and the Reefton Fire Brigade.

We have a strong focus on the protection of the environment with inspection protocols in place supported by a comprehensive environmental monitoring program.

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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.

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Site Photos



Photo 1 – Aerial photo of North (left) and Main (right) portals.



Photo 2 – Our first night shift crew on the 11th of February 2021.



Photo 3 – Mining Engineer Steve Wilson was recently appointed as General Manager of the Snowy River mine commencing in March 2021.



Photo 4 – Our new Epiroc ST18 loader arrived in early February onsite.



Photo 5 – Picture taken inside the Main decline on the 19th of February 2021