



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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General Update Wiluna

Apex Minerals (**ASX:AXM**) is pleased to provide a general update with regard to its Wiluna operations.

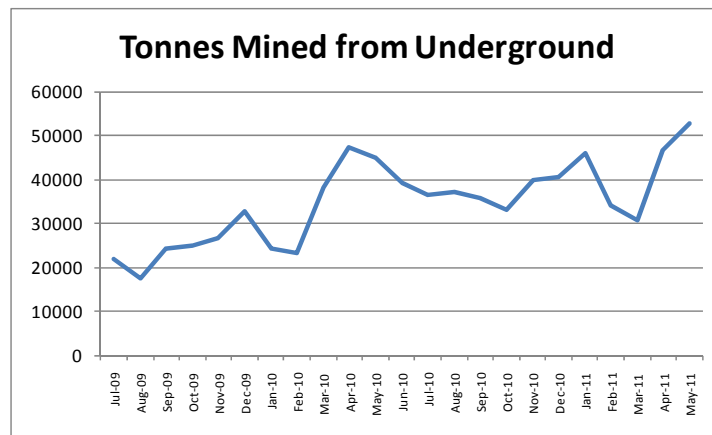
In the March quarterly report, Apex reported production of 15,000 ounces of gold. Apex also reported that it was undertaking a review to assess the possibility of excess and unidentified gold being caught up in the circuit which would have a negative impact on calculated production. Focus over the past two months has already identified in excess of 2,000 ounces of additional gold that had in fact been caught up in the circuit (mainly in the BIOX reactors).

A detailed review and analysis of the operating conditions was undertaken with the assistance of external consultants in April. During April/May, Apex has systematically emptied each BIOX reactor one at a time for general inspection. As a result changes to the operating practices and procedures has been implemented which is expected to significantly reduce unidentified gold locked up in the circuit in the future.

The final results of this program and the amount of gold locked up won't be known for another couple of weeks, but Apex now believes that production for the March quarter was understated as a result.

Plant throughput during April and May, had been reduced to enable this program to be completed in a systematic manner. By the end of May, the clean-up and review of the BIOX reactors was largely complete and the throughput rate has steadily increased over the past week, with current daily production of gold coming out of the BIOX circuit into CIL at around 250 ounces per day. This rate is expected to steadily increase over the next two weeks to enable the BIOX activity to be brought up to its maximum capacity, together with increasing the number of BIOX reactors from 5 currently in use to 8 over the next few weeks.

Mining during May exceeded expectations, recording the highest tonnage mined by Apex to date with 52,700 tonnes at 4.92 g/t for 8,300 ounces contained gold being hauled from the various underground deposits at Wiluna during the month (see graph below).



By the end of May, the total ore stockpiled on the surface awaiting treatment, stood at 35,000 tonnes containing around 5,000 ounces of gold. With such a large stockpile of ore, Apex expects that the processing plant will be stepped up to 100% capacity for most of the second half of June providing a substantial increase in gold production.

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