

## **Evolution Mining: Edna May Operation**

Evolution Mining (“Evolution”) owns the Edna May Operation situated two kilometres from the Westonia township and 45 kilometres north-east of Merredin. The Company is currently Australia’s fourth largest ASX-listed gold producer with forecast production of between 370,000 – 410,000 gold equivalent ounces in FY2013 from its five operations (Edna May, Cracow, Pajingo, Mt Rawdon and Mt Carlton).

Evolution was formed through the merger of Catalpa Resources Limited and Conquest Mining Limited, and the concurrent purchase of Newcrest Mining Limited’s interests in the Cracow and Mt Rawdon gold mines in Queensland.

Edna May has a history of mining which spans over 100 years with high-grade underground mining first commencing in 1910 before being suspended in 1922 and again in 1948. Open pit mining commenced in 1985 by ACM who later developed a decline and completed limited underground stoping.

Evolution celebrated its first gold pour at Edna May in April 2010 and plans to produce around 75,000 - 80,000 ounces in FY2013. Near-mine and regional exploration and consolidation programs together with the potential development of an underground operation are focused on extending the current nine year mine life, providing higher grade mill-feed and discovering new regional deposits.

Currently, the Company is undertaking crushing trials aiming to increase the plant’s throughput to over 3Mtpa (currently 2.6Mtpa). Mining activities are focused on accelerating the widening of the open pit via staged cutbacks for long-term access to ore. Current regional exploration activities include target generation and the preparation of drilling programs at the Holleton Gold Project, 70 kilometres south of Edna May. More locally, and in close proximity to the existing Edna May open pit, geologists are working on the provision of a resource update at Greenfinch and are also exploring for high-grade oxide resources.

Safety is a high priority and Evolution is committed to building a strong safety culture with a major focus on improving workplace safety. Evolution is strongly committed to supporting the communities in which it operates and seeks to recruit locally and within the region.

Edna May currently employs around 180 people including contractors and encourages local applications for employment and the provision of services via the Company webpage:

Careers page: [www.evolutionmining.com.au/yourevolution.html](http://www.evolutionmining.com.au/yourevolution.html)

Suppliers page: [www.evolutionmining.com.au/suppliers.html](http://www.evolutionmining.com.au/suppliers.html)

Evolution is proud to be associated with Westonia and the broader Eastern Wheatbelt, and aims to ensure a high level of positive and proactive relationships are formed and upheld across the business and its entire stakeholder community.

For further information please visit Evolution’s website: [evolutionmining.com.au](http://evolutionmining.com.au)