



## CARBINE TUNGSTEN

### UPDATE ON MOUNT CARBINE OPERATIONS

- After a further detailed review, the Board of Directors would like to inform the market that despite its best efforts, commissioning of the tailings retreatment plant will now commence in mid February 2012.
- The refurbishment of the Kelsey Jigs is on schedule and they will arrive on site on 16 December 2011 and will be installed into the modular plant immediately.
- The Motor Control Centre (MCC) for the Tailings Retreatment Plant is on schedule to be delivered to site before Christmas 2011.
- The concrete pads have been poured and are ready to accept the equipment when it arrives on site.
- Discussions with “off takers” are proceeding well, with detailed discussions continuing to take place.



*Carbine Tungsten Board of Directors Inspecting the Tailings Retreatment Construction Site*

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## **Mount Carbine Operations**

As previously announced, Carbine Tungsten is constructing a plant to re-treat the tailings at the Mt Carbine tungsten mine in North Queensland as the first stage in a three-stage project to recommence tungsten concentrate production from the mine. The Board of Directors wishes to inform the market that despite its best efforts, the commissioning of the plant to retreat tailings at Mt Carbine is now not likely to commence until mid-February 2012, whereas in previous statements it had been announced that commissioning would commence by the end of 2011.

The Board underestimated the impact of the current mining boom on the availability of people and suppliers of services and equipment. Delays were encountered in provision of design and final plant flowsheet, and delays to transport due to the forthcoming Christmas holiday period are anticipated. After reviewing progress and future schedules last week, the Board confirms that the start-up of the tailings re-treatment is now scheduled for mid February 2012.

Apart from these delays the project is progressing well and the Board is pleased to report that orders for all capital items have now been placed, their manufacture is anticipated to be completed before the end of December, and the bulk of the major items will be shipped next week to arrive on site before the end of the year. The refurbishment of the Kelsey jigs is on schedule and the jigs are planned to arrive on site from Kalgoorlie by the 16 December 2011, when they will be installed in the waiting jig modules.

The motor control centre (MCC) is also on schedule for delivery before Christmas, equipment rentals have been negotiated and supply dates confirmed for all rented items, and all services providers for project completion have been contracted and dates for provision of services confirmed.



*Construction Team Reconditioning Pumps, Valves and Kelsey Jig Plant*

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