

**CORPORATE SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
AND THE
ROCK CREEK CONSERVANCY LLC**

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INTRODUCING GREAT BASIN GOLD



- an advanced exploration company transitioning to a mid-tier gold producer
- two advanced projects being developed as underground mines
 - Burnstone Mine: Witwatersrand, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa
 - Hollister Mine: Carlin Trend, Nevada, USA
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a key component of our development and operational business practice
 - initiated CSR projects during project development – prior to having profitable mines
- goal is to align and integrate our operations with the needs of the communities that host our operations
- make meaningful investments in the communities where we operate



COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE DELIVERY

- impact of our operations on the environment
- influence we can have on improving the living conditions of the communities where we operate
- balancing the interests of all stakeholders, and ensuring that shareholders' returns are optimised

Rock Creek, Nevada, USA



Amukelani Primary School



Refurbishment of Ntoroane Multipurpose Centre



Siyathemba Waste Management Project

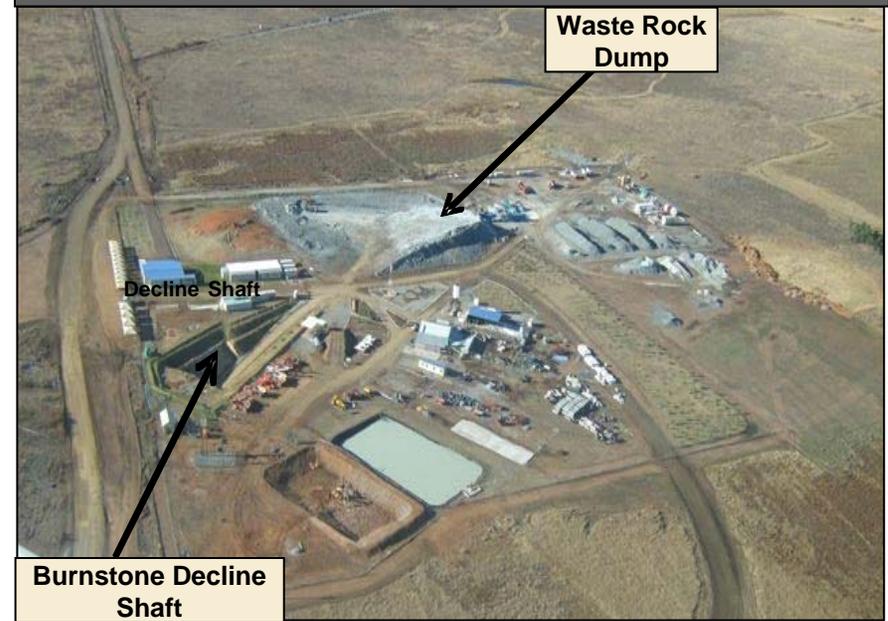


BURNSTONE MINE – SOUTH AFRICA

Vertical Shaft and Settling Dams



Decline Shaft and Waste Dump



A 19-year underground operation being developed in South Africa

BURNSTONE MANAGEMENT TEAM



A Management Team from the Community, working for the Community

CSR AT THE BURNSTONE MINE

Focused on:

- **improving relationships between all affected parties**
- **community development, i.e. community readiness focusing on schooling for employment**
- **supplier development program**
- **infrastructure development**



An integrated program focusing on balancing the needs of communities with the cash resources of the Company and its partners

Making a meaningful change in the communities in which we operate

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY READINESS

- **Thuthuka supplementary classes**
 - 15 learners received best achievers awards
 - selected 287 learners and commenced with Saturday classes
 - 37 educators refresher and leadership development course
- **career expo**
 - 1000 learners attended and the local graduates associations made presentations on various career options
 - Eskom, SAICA, government departments and tertiary institutions participated
- **community outreach**
 - Tuberculosis awareness day
 - “Youth against substance and drug abuse”
 - completed and handed over the two renovated care centres during the Child Protection Week
 - ongoing road shows and community consultation



Above Grade 12 class
Below Career Expo



Youth day celebrations



ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- **supply chain opportunities**
 - promote companies to supply services to the mine
 - established Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) in partnership with the Small Enterprise Development Agency

Encouraging the establishment of small businesses, with sustainability beyond the current mine life

- **beyond supply chain opportunities**
 - co-operative planted and harvested sunflower
 - waste buy back business operational with infrastructure in process of being installed
 - assisted in the establishment of a brick manufacturing plant to support local low cost housing projects



STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

MOBILISATION OF RESOURCES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Stakeholder Alignment

- establish a Project Management Office in the Municipal offices to assist with their Spatial Plan Development
- align interests of stakeholders to achieve optimal delivery and benefits
- resulted in municipality obtaining government grants for infrastructure development



Burnstone Development Trust

- over and above GBG's contribution, 1% of cost of contract value paid into Trust by suppliers, focused on infrastructure development
- board of trustees elected from employees, company and community members
- scholarships to needy students
- can even make investments in small businesses, creating suppliers to the mine

THE HOLLISTER UNDERGROUND MINE

- **underground decline developed in bottom of previously mined pit**
- **current project disturbance roughly 70 acres – mostly confined to old open pit area**
- **unique redevelopment exploration opportunity that employs 140 people**
- **narrow vein underground mining and exploration to minimize project footprint and impacts to nearby Tosawihi Quarry**
- **no on-site mineral processing in response to request from the Tribes**
- **plan of operations for full scale mining complete and BLM has started an EIS**
- **public scoping and Native American government to government consultation planned**



HOLLISTER MINE ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS



Unique approach to environmental protection

- redevelopment of old pit mine – minimal footprint
- only lined waste rock storage facility in Nevada
- water treatment facilities
- innovative surface drilling operation that minimize impacts to cultural resources
- only Alimak raise to surface in the US – built from the bottom up, to limit surface impacts to cultural resources



Hollister Fully Lined Waste Rock Storage Facility



Hollister Alimak Raise



Hollister Mine Surface Facilities 11

ROCK CREEK CONSERVANCY – CSR IN NEVADA

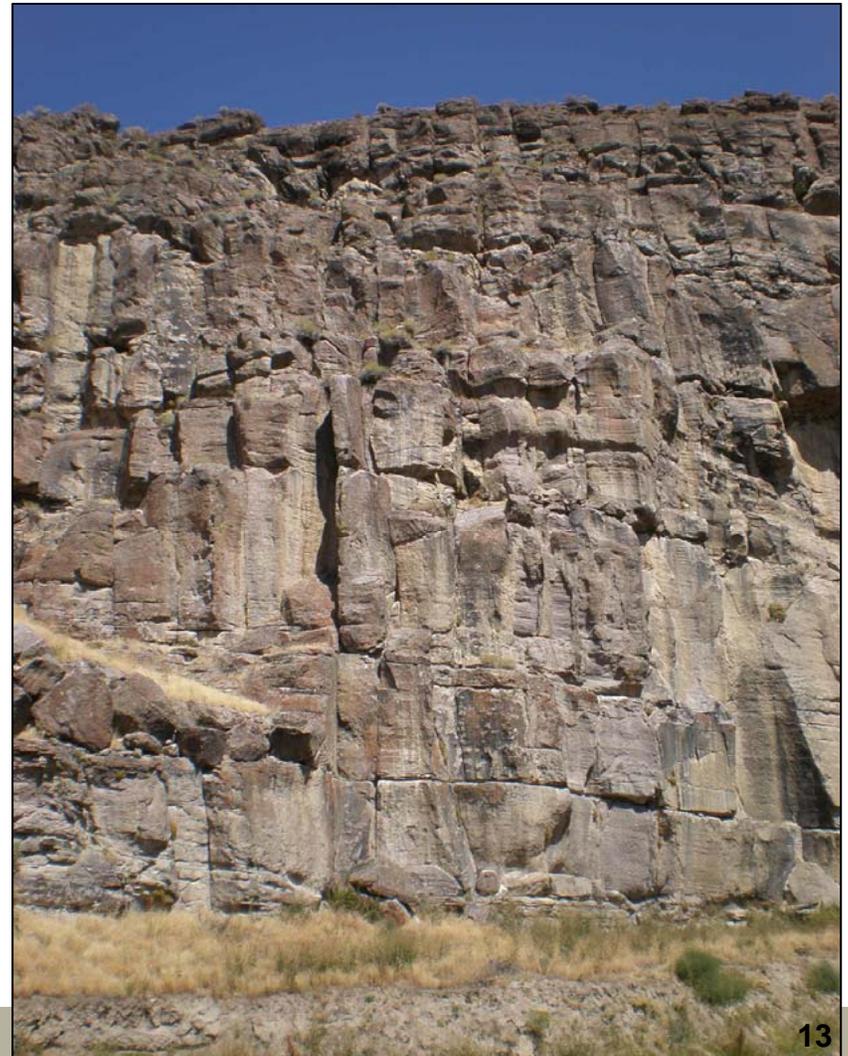


- the Rock Creek Conservancy LLC launches GBG's CSR program in Nevada
- purchased 5 sections along and near Rock Creek from a private developer
- purchased land will assure access to the Rock Creek lands that have traditional and cultural importance to the Western Shoshone
- GBG purchased these lands and retired the mineral rights in order to protect them for the Western Shoshone
 - ensure access for Western Shoshone to these lands
 - prevent lands being sold for future mining or real estate development
- RCC LLC will hold these lands so BLM can use recently awarded SNPLMA monies to buy the land from RCC or BLM and the Tribes determine a different course of action



ROCK CREEK LANDS PURCHASE HISTORY

- learned of the importance of the Rock Creek lands to the Western Shoshone through meetings and dialogues with tribal members
- previous land owner/developer entered into a non-binding agreement with BLM in November 2008 to sell the lands to BLM if awarded SNPLMA funds
- GBG became aware that the previous owner was concerned about the protracted SNPLMA process and was looking for another buyer
- GBG grew concerned that the lands would be sold to another developer
- created the Rock Creek Conservancy LLC to purchase the surface and mineral estates in order to protect the lands for the Western Shoshone by prohibiting future development or mining
- until transfer is complete, RCC will care for the land and make it available to the Western Shoshone people



SNPLMA AND ROCK CREEK



- **tribal support for BLM's purchase of the Rock Creek lands using SNPLMA funds**
 - **resolutions of support from the Te-Moak & Duck Valley Tribal Councils**
 - **over 100 written letters to the BLM supporting action**
- **secretary of interior Ken Salazar authorized the use of SNPLMA funds to purchase these lands on September 4**
- **as a condition of the transfer to BLM, GBG will require legal safeguards and management plans to assure that no mining will be allowed and that the lands will be managed for the benefit of the Western Shoshone**
- **BLM and the tribes will determine the future of the Rock Creek lands**
- **an amount of US\$125,000 has been made to sustain the facility and associated infrastructure**

RECENT MEETINGS WITH TRIBES

- mine site personnel have been engaging with local Western Shoshone Tribes and councils
- several tours of the Rock Creek, Towsawihi Quarries, and Hollister mine sponsored during the last two summers
- two informational gatherings and presentations at the BLM office in Elko
- Western Shoshone sponsored Celebration of Returned Land this month in Battle Mountain
- GBG wants to continue developing relationships with local communities and tribal groups
 - gain insights into how we can work together to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes
 - identify ways to improve our operations for best fit with the Native American community



FUTURE CSR INITIATIVES

- actively seeking other opportunities to work with the Western Shoshone to identify projects or initiatives that will make a difference
- looking forward to ongoing dialogue and collaboration to identify opportunities



RESPONSIBLE DELIVERY



THANK YOU AND QUESTIONS

