



WESTONIA MINES LIMITED

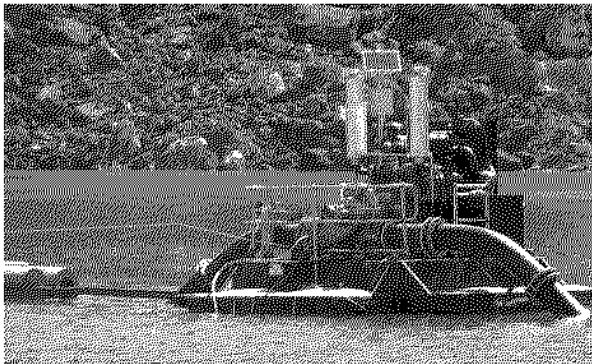
DEWATERING COMMENCES

Westonia Mines Limited is pleased to announce that it has now received the final statutory permit to enable the commencement of dewatering. The process of obtaining the final permit involved a four week timeframe.

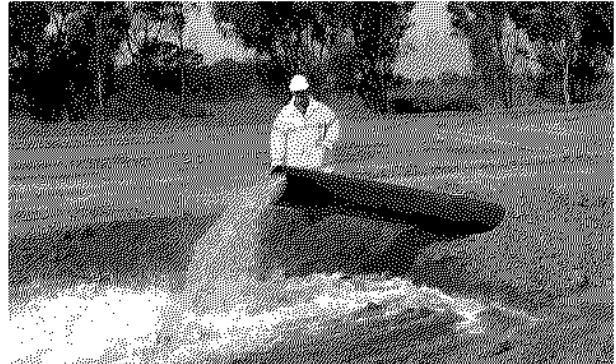
Accordingly, commissioning of the pumping equipment has commenced and the first pit water was delivered into the re-furbished evaporation ponds yesterday.

Earthworks to increase evaporation pond capacity will continue throughout September.

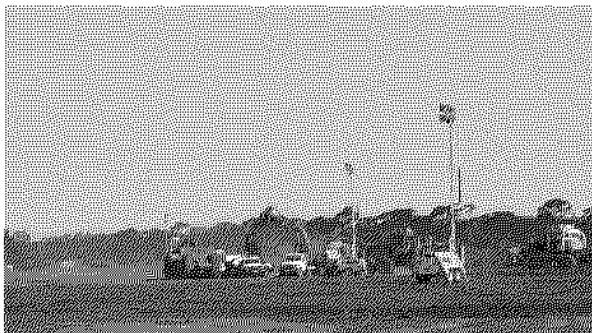
Drilling below the pit following dewatering is expected to commence in late October, however this timing will depend on the extent of pit floor cleanup.



Pump and Pontoon



Initial Water Discharge



Evaporation Pond Construction



Dozer and Scraper

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