

Homestake/Richmond Hill 2018 Employment and Contributions

Year-end employment

11 FTE'S (+1 FT contract emp and 1 PT emp)

2018 Contributions (Includes Monetary & Non-Monetary)

\$15,000

Homestake Mine Open Cut Review

Reclamation has been completed at the waste rock facilities

As of the end of 2018:

- Approx. 555 Acres Released
- Approx. 87 Remaining Affected Acres
- Reclamation complete on all affected acres



2018 Activities

Homestake Mine 2018 Activities

- Installed new inclinometers at EWRDF
- Installed additional monitoring/pumping wells at East Ravine
- Refurbished Grizzly Gulch Seepage Collection Facility



Inclinometer Installations at EWRDF

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New inclinometers installed at EWRDF in June to:

- provide coverage in East Ravine, Gayville Gulch and Blacktail Gulch; and,
- help determine if incremental survey monument displacements observed in 2016 and 2017 are result of survey error/inaccuracy or are reflective of subsurface shear displacements.

Inclinometer Installations at EWRDF

New inclinometers installed at EWRDF include:

- ERAV I-1 in East Ravine (5100 ft. bench)
 - 150 ft. depth
- GAYV I-1 in Gayville Gulch (5000 ft. bench)
 - 151 ft. depth with vibrating-wire piezometer
- BLKTAL I-1 Blacktail Gulch (5000 ft. bench)
 - 199 ft. depth

Locations of Newly Installed Inclinometers

GAYV I-1 BLKTAL I-1 ERAV I-1

East Waste Rock Facility



Drilling ERAV I-1 Inclinometer



Installed Inclinometer

Additional Monitoring/Pumping Wells at East Ravine

Monitoring/Pumping Wells at East Ravine

- Seep identified in East Ravine down-gradient of railroad grade (Approx. 1 gpm)
- WQ analyses indicated elevated levels of TR-Se, TDS and EC
- Hydrological Study Completed
- Study concluded that source is deeper below existing collection system
- A minor portion of seep flow from EWRDF

Pumping Well at East Ravine

- Three wells were drilled to intercept potential source in 2012 and 2013 (GW-3, GW-4 and GW-5)
- Pumps were installed to divert water into the collection system
- Results showed significant decreases in TR-Se, TDS and EC and very low flows at EWR-5
- Ave TR-Se: from 0.015 mg/L range to < 0.005 mg/L with occasional detectable levels</p>
- Ave TDS: from 2550 mg/L range to 1200 mg/L
- Ave EC: from 2850 µmhos range to 1530 µmhos

Pumping Well at East Ravine

- Two additional pumping wells (GW-6 and GW-7) were drilled in 2017
- Pumps and piping from new wells to collection system installed in 2017 and 2018
- Pumps operational in 2018
- Continuing to evaluate effectiveness of system

EWR-5

East Ravine Collection System

Pumping Wells

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East Waste Rock Facility





Grizzly Gulch Seepage Collection Facility

Grizzly Gulch Seepage Collection Facility Refurbishment

- Stainless steel pump header was installed in seepage collection building to connect the three pumps used to pump seepage back to tailings impoundment.
- 316 (grade) stainless is corrosion resistant and reduces iron buildup in pipes
- Stainless Steel or HDPE plastic piping used
- MCC replaced with digital MCC



Stainless Steel Header at Seepage Collection



Isolation Valve for Pump-back Line



2018 Monitoring



Deadwood Creek Monitoring Results

Deadwood Creek Monitoring Results

- Blacktail Water Treatment Plant discharge consistently meets permitted effluent limits
- Instream water quality meets all standards for coldwater marginal fish life propagation waters.









- Open Cut East Block
 - Could still progress to failure
 - Failure would be contained within pit boundary on Homestake-controlled property

- East Waste Rock Facility (Bobtail Gulch)
 - From 1994 to 2008 showed shear movement
 - In 2009 and 2010, a buttress was installed
 - Movement has slowed following construction of buttress. It's expected to continue to slow
 - Movement is primarily settlement and relaxation of the fill

- East Waste Rock Facility 2018 (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)
 - As previously reported, readings of some monument surveys subsequent to October 2015 show possible divergence from past monitoring trends.

East Waste Rock Disposal Facility

Bobtail Gulch

Blacktail Gulch

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Gayville Gulch East Ravine

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- East Waste Rock Facility 2018 (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)
 - Homestake has employed multiple displacement monitoring techniques to better evaluate the EWRF and determine the cause of the apparent divergence
 - Survey Monuments
 - Piezometers
 - Inclinometers
 - Visual Inspections
 - Drone surveys **new**
 - Migrated to InSAR Monitoring new

East Waste Rock Facility (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)

- Piezometers
 - No significant buildup of water pressures in waste rock facility
- Inclinometers
 - The new inclinometers installed in June 2018 have indicated only 0.1 inches of northward surficial movement with no shear displacement
- Visual Inspections
 - Tension crack at 5100 bench at Gayville is the only surficial change observed. No significant change to crack within last year
 - Tension crack appears to be associated with topsoil slumping



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East Waste Rock Facility (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)

- Drone Surveys
 - Drone Surveys have been conducted since 2017. The surveys show no significant divergent movement from past monitoring trends
- InSAR Monitoring (Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar)
 - Biannual Monitoring

East Waste Rock Facility InSAR Technology

- InSAR technology (TRE Altamira) was employed by Homestake in 2019 to determine displacements using historical data back to 2007
- InSAR technology is used to extract very precise displacement measurements from satellite data (i.e. millimeter precision)
- Results in a much higher density of survey points
- Monitored area includes the Open Cut, waste rock facilities and Grizzly Gulch Tailings Dam

East Waste Rock Facility InSAR Technology Results

- Data for the Homestake Mine was evaluated for historic and current data.
- Data indicates that Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine are behaving as expected
- No areas of concern were noted at the open cut, waste rock facilities or tailings dam.



- East Waste Rock Facility (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)
 - Homestake is continuing to monitor and evaluate the data from monument surveys, piezometers, inclinometers visual surveys, drones and InSAR.

East Waste Rock Facility (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)

- Additional ongoing work:
 - Perform base station surveys before each biannual monitoring review to measure any movement of base stations
 - Inspect benches and slopes bimonthly, as weather allows
 - Visually monitor the tension crack at the crest of the 5100 Bench in Gayville Gulch at least quarterly

- East Waste Rock Facility (Blacktail, Gayville and East Ravine)
 - Additional ongoing work:
 - Monitor new inclinometers in Blacktail Gulch, Gayville Gulch and East Ravine quarterly
 - Migrated to InSAR monitoring bi-annually



2019 Projects

Homestake Mine 2019 Projects

- Complete transition to all stainless steel at GG seepage collection facility
- Continue Water Treatment Agreement with SDSTA
- Continue Water Treatment

