

## Media Release

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### KCGM Begins Mining Morrison Layback

KCGM will officially commence mining the Morrison layback, with the first production blast in the area scheduled for Monday 26 November.

Known as the Morrison Starter Pit, the layback is at the southern end of KCGM's Fimiston Open Pit, and is the first new layback since Golden Pike commenced in 2009.

KCGM General Manager Cecile Thaxter said the start of mining at Morrison was a big step forward for the operation, considering the challenges that the Open Pit operations have faced since the West Wall failure back in March 2017.

"Our people worked collaboratively and tirelessly to redesign the pit and allowed for mining to commence at Morrison despite the loss of Y Ramp due to the May 2018 rock falls on the East Wall. Although this starter pit is smaller than the originally contemplated Morrison and Brownhill laybacks, it does provide flexibility with an additional mining area, while we continue to progress remediation plans."

KCGM is committed to ensuring impacts on residents and businesses are minimized: noise, blast vibration and dust will be managed in accordance with KCGM's existing management plans. Community members with questions about KCGM's operations are encouraged to call the Public Interaction Line on 9022 1100.

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