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NEWS RELEASE

Indigenous company Triodia Mining moves to stand-alone contract at Tropicana

(PERTH) – Indigenous contractor Triodia Mining is moving to the next phase of its development at the Tropicana Gold Mine in July when it transitions from its original joint venture with mining contractor Macmahon Holdings to a stand-alone contract.

Triodia Mining (which means Spinifex in Latin) formed a joint venture with Macmahon to operate the Light Vehicle Workshop at Tropicana late in 2012, during Tropicana's construction phase.

The transition to a stand-alone contract illustrates the confidence both Macmahon and AngloGold Ashanti Australia (AGAA) have in Triodia as a business partner.

Reflecting the move, the company will be renamed Triodia Tropicana and the original JV will be dissolved.

Tropicana is located 330 kilometres east-northeast of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on the western edge of Western Australia's Great Victoria Desert and is 70% owned and managed by AGAA and Independence Group NL (30%) through the Tropicana Joint Venture.

First gold was poured in September 2013 after two-and-a-half years of construction and eight years after the initial discovery.

Triodia's role under the stand alone contract will be to continue service the range of light and medium vehicles, mobile equipment and small plant items at TGM in the site's Light Vehicle Workshop.

The company received accolades recently when it completed two years at Tropicana with a zero Lost Time Injuries rate, an accomplishment Triodia Managing Director Terry Gordon is proud of.

Triodia also offers cross-cultural training at the site, which is provided by Pam Gordon, her Aunty Sandra and Desarae Bennell, who, as descendants of the original Wongatha and Spinifex people, all have traditional links to the Tropicana country.

Triodia has consistently supported Aboriginal and local employment while ensuring its Aboriginal leaders are equipped with the rights skills, tools and support to develop the right culture to achieve its safety goals.

"It really is a dream come true," Mr Gordon said.

"I would like to thank AngloGold Ashanti Australia for the opportunity they have given us and for their ongoing support, as well as Macmahon through its Aboriginal contracting business Doorn-Djil Yoordaning for helping us grow.

“We have certainly come a long way, learnt a lot and made a lot of friends.”

Mr Gordon also acknowledged his team for all their hard work and dedication.

AGAA Mike Erickson said the transition to a stand-alone contract for Triodia represented the next phase in the business partnership and was a reflection of AGAA’s long-term commitment to supporting local businesses in areas where it operates.

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