



MAXAM expands its gold mining industry supply activity in Australia with two new contracts

MAXAM starts operating in Evolution Mining's Mt Carlton and Cowl gold mines

As part of a broad tender for services and products, MAXAM Australia has been selected as the sole provider of blasting solutions for Mt Carlton and Cowl open pit gold mines, both 100% owned and managed by Evolution Mining Limited (ASX: EVN), Australia's second largest ASX-listed gold producer.

Mt Carlton, located approximately 130km south of Townsville on the north-east coast of Australia on the traditional lands of the Birriah People, was successfully developed by Evolution Mining was commissioned in 2013. This mine is one of the highest grade open pit gold mines in the world and is expected to produce between 100,000oz and 105,000oz of gold in FY2016. MAXAM will supply all blasting solutions for the next three years (with options to extend), including its flagship RIOFLEX bulk watergel explosive together with a complete range of RIONEL initiation systems.

Additionally, MAXAM is building a customised MSU to specifically adapt to the site's 'surface mining' conditions involving difficult terrain contours. To provide the best possible service, it has also built an on-site storage and re-load facility to optimise performance and reduce service delivery time.

The Cowl gold mine is one of Australia's most attractive gold assets and is situated approximately 500km west of Sydney, on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri People. Production commenced from a single open pit in 2005.

Cowl is expected to produce between 225,000 and 240,000 gold ounces in FY16 Evolution acquired 100% ownership of Cowl, its cornerstone project, in 2015 and is currently exploring Cowl's many growth opportunities.

MAXAM has nine employees working on-site and will also provide support through the presence of MAXAM's senior technical applications services designed to assist with blasting timing and product stewardship training. This site will also be equipped with a custom-built RIOFLEX MSU to respond to Evolution's needs more effectively.

MAXAM currently is the sole blasting solutions and services supplier for three of Evolution Mining's seven gold mine operations in Australia: Mt Carlton, Cowl and Edna May (350km east of Perth).

MAXAM: integrated blasting solutions provider

MAXAM is becoming an integrated provider of blasting solutions, principally by focusing on all-round energy optimisation systems – a structured process approach tailored to customer requirements in various markets.

MAXAM's proven experience carrying out similar projects within in Australia and around the world – Worsley Alumina (Western Australia), Kanmantoo (South Australia), Hidden Valley (PNG), Tasiast (Mauritania), Oyu Tolgoi (Mongolia) or Polyus (Russia) - makes it a natural fit for Evolution Mining's operations.

With production plants located on all five continents, the MAXAM global logistics system strengthens the company's ability to supply state-of-the-art products to meet a wide variety of challenges, while its in-house developed technology ensures conditions that are both safe and efficient.

Custom-tailored products and services

First launched in 1998, RIOFLEX is MAXAM's flagship explosive, developed with the company's own in-house R&D –



key to MAXAM's technological independence. Thanks to its versatility and high energy, RIOFLEX has consistently delivered exceptional results for MAXAM's clients worldwide. It's effective in both cartridge and bulk formats, can be used in extreme dry or wet conditions and has the proven ability to be deployed across an extreme temperature range, as it is currently used in climates with temperatures ranging from 40°C in sub-Saharan Africa to -40°C in Siberia, Central Asia and Canada.

MAXAM in Australia

MAXAM has been operating in Australia since 1988, when one of its predecessor companies, ERT, acquired ETS, a small, local company. Today, MAXAM employs over 150 people in the country. Since its establishment in Australia, the company has supplied products and blasting services to large mining and extraction companies such as Holcim and Hanson, and has achieved a majority share in the quarry market, with key mining clients throughout the country.

With its headquarters in Brisbane and production facilities in Bajool (Queensland) and Baldivis (Western Australia), MAXAM Australia provides technical assistance services and products (civil explosives and initiation systems) to large mining and quarrying companies throughout Australia.

Australia is one of the world's richest countries in mineral resources such as iron, coal, and gold, as well as the site of a substantial market in the areas of carrying and construction-related resources.

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MAXAM is an industrial and services group that operates globally, developing, manufacturing and marketing blasting services and products and initiation systems for mining, quarries and infrastructure, cartridges and powder for sport hunting and products and services for the defence industry. It also provides key raw materials for nitro-chemical activities, such as energetic nitrocellulose and ammonium nitrates, for internal use by MAXAM, as well as for sale to third parties.

MAXAM, founded by Alfred Nobel in 1872, ended 2015 with an annual turnover of 1.115 million euros. It operates in the main mining areas around the world, with manufacturing facilities in more than 45 countries and sales in more than 100 countries on five continents, with more than 6,500 employees.

About Evolution Mining

Evolution Mining is a leading, growth-focussed Australian gold miner. Evolution operates seven wholly-owned mines – Cowal in New South Wales, Cracow, Mt Carlton, Mt Rawdon and Pajingo in Queensland, and Edna May and Mungari in Western Australia.

Group production for FY15 from Evolution's five existing operating assets (prior to completion of the Cowal and Mungari acquisitions) totalled 437,570 ounces gold equivalent at an All-In Sustaining Cost of A\$1,036 per ounce. Evolution has guided FY16 attributable gold production from all seven operating assets of 770,000 – 820,000 ounces at an AISC of A\$970 – A\$1,020 per ounce.

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