

# 2022 Annual General Meeting – Chairman's Address

The 2022 Financial Year has seen Red 5 deliver Australia's newest major gold mine – the \$226 million King of the Hills gold operation near Leonora, Western Australia – marking the beginning of the next significant chapter in our history.

We achieved our first gold pour at King of the Hills on 5 June 2022 and we are now in the final stages of rampingup the processing plant to a planned throughput rate of 4.7 million tonnes per annum.

The ramp-up to date at King of the Hills has been impacted by a combination of COVID-19 absenteeism and unplanned challenges in the process plant. During October, we have seen improved stability in the process plant, processing a consistent harder ore feed blend, averaging 89% overall utilisation and an average mill throughput of 550 tph during the month to date, which is the equivalent of an annualised rate of 4.4Mtpa.

A number of days have performed well above the rate required to achieve the planned annual throughput rate of 4.7Mtpa. All three mines, being the King of the Hills open pit and underground and the Darlot underground, are fully resourced and performing well. Red 5 is now in a strong position to achieve commercial production at King of the Hills in this current December 2022 Quarter.

Our ability to deliver this project, despite the headwinds of an unprecedented labour and supply market and the impact of COVID-19, represents an outstanding achievement and I would like to thank the Red 5 team and our contracting partners MACA-Interquip and Macmahon for their excellent efforts.

A key element of the development success at King of the Hills was undoubtedly our ability to lock in orders for long-lead items very early in the construction process, together with the ability to secure a fixed-price Engineering, Procurement and Construction contract. Had it not been for these important steps, I have no doubt that we would have faced a much higher price tag for the King of the Hills Project and a significantly longer timeline to complete the development.

I would like to thank our financiers, BNP Paribas, HSBC and Macquarie, our key contracting and business partners, our shareholders and key investors for supporting our development strategy and helping us to achieve this outcome.

The delay in the ramp-up of the King of the Hills process plant led to Red 5 undertaking the capital raising earlier this month. The capital raising will provide funding to enable the Company to achieve commercial production at King of the Hills in the December 2022 Quarter.

The capital raising will also fund the completion of drilling programs aimed at continuing to expand the Resource and Reserve base at King of the Hills, a planned expansion of the processing plant to increase throughput capacity from the current 4.7Mtpa to around 5.5Mtpa in FY24 as well as a feasibility study to investigate the potential to further expand the processing plant beyond 5.5Mtpa.

During the year, we delivered a 12.5% increase in the King of the Hills Ore Reserve to 2.7Moz and a 7% increase in Mineral Resources to 4.7Moz, providing baseload feed for the processing plant for years to come.



Importantly, the King of the Hills processing plant represents a highly strategic asset, with numerous 'stranded' gold deposits in the region that lack a cost-effective processing route and Red 5 is in a strong position to capitalise on these opportunities.

On the operations front, gold production for the year totalled 66,871 ounces which was in line with our FY22 guidance, reflecting a solid operational performance from our Darlot and Great Western mining operations, notwithstanding the impact of both COVID-19 and the widespread labour supply shortage in Western Australia which impacted operations across the mining sector.

With King of the Hills ramping up to planned throughput capacity, ore from Darlot is now being trucked to King of the Hills for processing, a move that is expected to deliver a lower Darlot cost base going forward.

Since year-end, the Darlot processing plant has been placed on care and maintenance, with our processing team from Darlot moving across to the new operation at KOTH.

We also completed the divestment of our interests in the Siana Gold Project in the Philippines during the year, for a consideration of US\$19 million in cash as well as an NSR royalty on future gold production at Siana.

On the corporate front, we welcomed Fiona Harris to the Board as a non-executive director in June 2022, bringing further valuable corporate and governance experience to the Board.

I would also like to welcome Richard Hay as the incoming Chief Operating Officer. Richard is a highly experienced mining executive who has worked previously with Evolution Mining, Barrick Gold and Gascoyne Resources. Richard has been working with Red 5 for the past six months. I also take this opportunity to thank Jason Greive for his service as Chief Operating Officer over the past two years, and we wish him well as he leaves the Company to pursue a new opportunity overseas.

While the past year has been a challenging period in global equity markets – with many companies, including Red 5, feeling the impact – I have every confidence that we are in a strong position to deliver long-term growth.

King of the Hills is an outstanding asset with a large and growing Resource and Reserve base and a modern, low-cost processing facility. We also hold a high-quality exploration portfolio, with our drilling programs expected to ramp up over FY23.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the Red 5 team over the past year, led by our Managing Director, Mark Williams and the other members of the Board upon the delivery of a major new mine which, within the current market, is an outstanding achievement. I thank everyone in our team for their efforts.

I would also like to thank you, our shareholders, for your ongoing support.

## **Kevin Dundo**

Chairman

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