

South Crofty Mine

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Progress towards tin mining at the South Crofty Mine continues to be fraught with difficulties.

Cornish Minerals Limited ('CML'), the parent company of South Crofty Mine operator, Western United Mines ('WUM'), issued a press release at the beginning of June explaining what has been happening at the mine.

It seems that Canada-based Celeste Mining Corporation has been served a notice of default in respect of what CML says is continued failure on the part of Celeste to fund expenditures relating to the South Crofty project.



Western United Mines has now taken back management of the South Crofty project.

Amongst the obstacles the project has faced were: agreeing the route of the access road; and acquiring the land necessary for mining operations, and for ventilation shafts (all now achieved). While the most significant permits needed for current operations have now been obtained, UNESCO's highly publicised concerns over surface mine operations within Cornwall's World Heritage Site remain to be overcome.

Alan Shoesmith, CEO of Western United Mines, says that the Mine remains an attractive investment and that he wants to see the project through to fruition. In the press release he said:

"During the past year, both the economic potential and development methodology for Dolcoath and South Crofty have been more closely defined. Analysis of historical sampling data has identified exploration targets of between 8 and 16 million tonnes of ore at depth at grades between 1.2 and 1.8% tin, in addition to substantial polymetallic resources closer to surface. A strategic plan to sequentially dewater Dolcoath and eventually South Crofty has been developed and positively reviewed by an international mining consultancy."

Alternative funding for the project is actively being sourced.

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