
New high grade target at Hawkins Hill

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Hill End Gold Limited wish to advise that a new target area for high grade resources has been identified in existing workings at Hawkins Hill.

The potential above and below the Amalgamated level in the unexplored Footwall zone has only recently been recognised in the light of the understanding of the structural controls of the high grade vein sets in the Hill End mineralised corridor.

Recent metallurgical testwork of 10kg/metre mini-bulk samples from the Amalgamated vein set in the Amalgamated level drive has confirmed coarse gold assays and excellent gravity performance. The testwork is part of the ongoing Reward scoping study to assist in optimising bulk sampling, mining and processing procedures.

The Amalgamated vein set has been exposed in existing development over a strike length of 130 metres since initial development in 1911 and, together with the Footwall zone, has been unmined until now despite encouraging assay results during the 1980's. The Amalgamated drive is located about 100 metres below the historical Hawkins Hill workings, which produced a reported 425,000 ounces at approximately 300g/tAu during the nineteenth century.

Mini-bulk samples from three sites totalling 13 metres along the Amalgamated vein set gave a calculated head grade of 8.5g/tAu compared with 10.4g/tAu from previous chip sampling and gravity recovery of 98% at a grind size of P80 670 microns. While grade variability is a feature of a coarse gold system, the chip sampling has demonstrated continuous gold mineralisation averaging 6.5g/tAu over 130 metres strike length, and the mini-bulk sampling has confirmed the tenor of the gold grade and the ease of recovery at a coarse grind.

The vein tested is quite narrow, however the continuous strong gold mineralisation indicates the potential close proximity to broad Hawkins Hill style mineralisation. Underground drilling is planned to test for repetitions of high grade shoots above and below the Amalgamated level.

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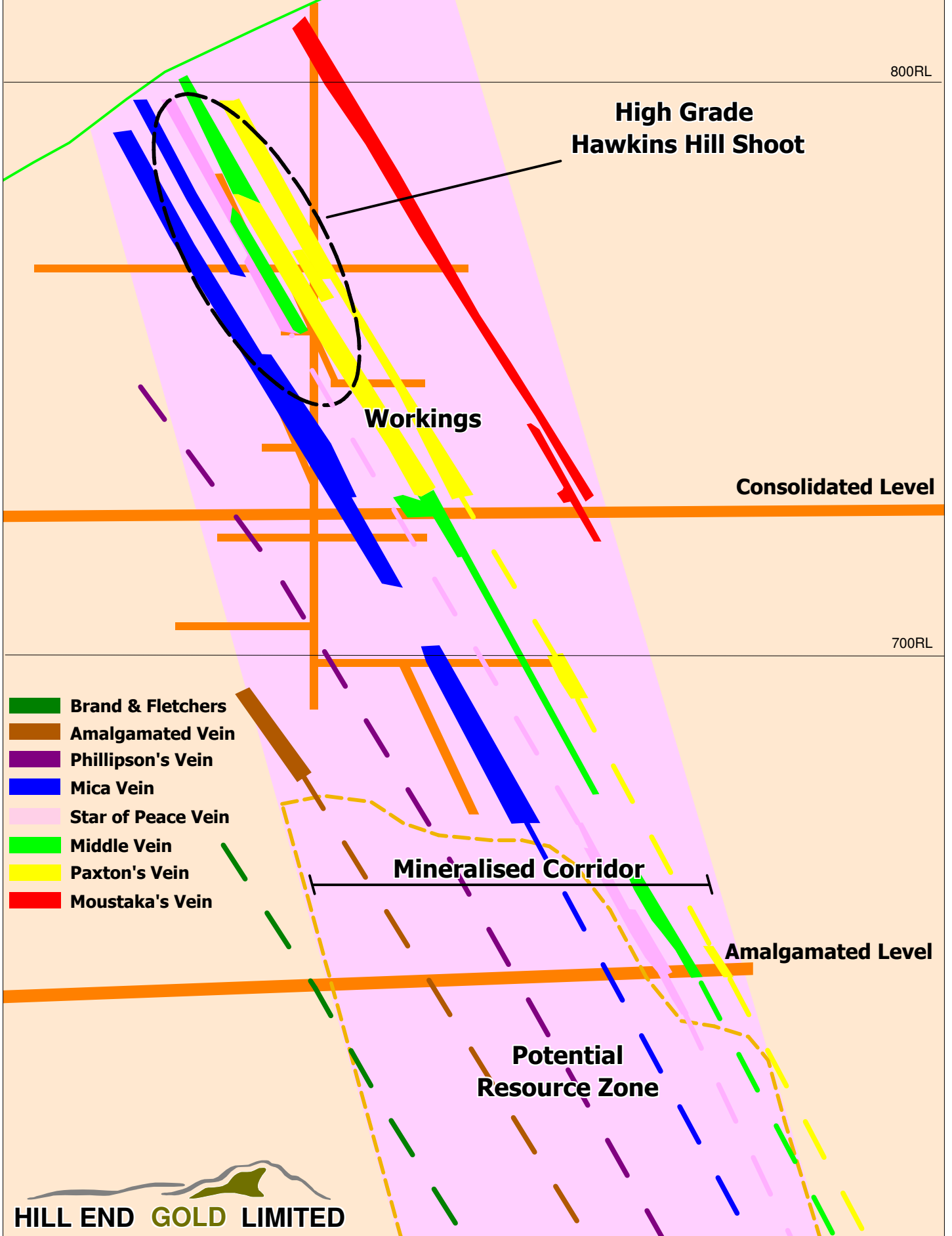
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Cross Section View of Hawkins Hill



Amalgamated sampling

