

# RENISON COMMENCES COMMISSIONING OF ORE SORTER

Metals X Limited (**Metals X** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that the Tasmanian tin joint venture, Bluestone Mines Tasmania JV (**BMTJV**) (50% Metals X) has commenced commissioning of its new crushing and ore sorting facility at its Renison Tin Mine (**Renison**).

## HIGHLIGHTS

Ore sorting is expected to increase annual tin production at Renison by 15-20%.

The new purpose-built three stage crushing, screening and ore sorting plant has been constructed at a capital cost of approximately \$15 million. The payback for the project is estimated to be less than 10 months at current tin prices.

With the commissioning of the ore sorter and the new tails dam (“D Dam”) already in operation, the major capital expenditure program at Renison is complete. The operation is now well setup for the long term future, with increased production capacity and additional flexibility to allow the BMTJV to exploit the large resource base at Renison.

## ORE SORTER OPERATION

The strategy with the ore sorter is to increase underground ore production to approximately 920,000 tonnes per annum, while maintaining the processing plant at approximately 720,000 tonnes per annum. The ore sorter will reject an estimated 200,000 tonnes per annum of waste at the crushing stage, upgrading the ore before the processing plant. In preparation for the introduction of ore sorting, additional areas within the underground mine have been developed, production rates have been increased and a significant surface stockpile of ore accumulated.



FIGURE 1 : RENISON ORE SORTER SHOWING NEW BUILDINGS HOUSING THE CRUSHER (LEFT) AND THE ORE SORTER (RIGHT)



FIGURE 2 : RENISON ORE SORTER XRT MACHINES

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