

Minefinders reaches commercial production at Dolores

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MINEFINDERS ACHIEVES COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AT ITS DOLORES MINE

Minefinders Corp. Ltd. has achieved commercial production effective May 1, 2009, at its 100-per-cent-owned Dolores gold and silver mine in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The advance to commercial production status is based on the operational and financial performance of the mine to date.

Production of gold and silver at the Dolores mine has continued to increase with gold production in April, 2009, of 7,218 ounces, up from 6,426 ounces in March, 2009. Silver production totalled 139,565 ounces in April, 2009, up from 121,091 ounces in March, 2009. Gold and silver production is expected to escalate to steady state levels later in the year as the volume of ore under leach and time under leach continues to increase.

"This is a proud day for Minefinders. After more than 14 years of exploration and development, Dolores is now a long-term, low-cost gold and silver mine," said Mark Bailey, president and chief executive officer. "We will focus on maximizing the potential at Dolores by optimizing operational efficiencies while continuing to pursue growth opportunities for the company."

The Dolores mine is expected to produce over 1.7 million ounces of gold and 64 million ounces of silver over the initial 15-year mine life. Recent photos of operations at Dolores can be viewed at the company's website in the Dolores gallery.

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