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Blackham grows Matilda

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BLACKHAM Resources has increased resources and improved confidence at its Matilda gold project in Western Australia as testwork suggests the potential for high recovery rates.

Resources at the project now stand at 41 million tonnes grading 3.3 grams per tonne gold for 4.4 million ounces of gold, with 46% in the indicated category.

This compares to a resource of 40Mt at 3.3gpt gold for 4.3Moz of gold reported in September.

The improvement includes an initial resource estimate for the project's Golden Age deposit at 490,000 tonnes at 7.4gpt gold for 120,000oz.

This area has access to a decline less than 3km from Blackham's Wiluna gold plant.

The new resource also marked an increase at the Galaxy deposit, 552,000t at 2.9gpt gold for 51,000oz gold, about 13km from the plant.

Galaxy has also contributed to improved confidence for Matilda, with the deposit marking 80% of its resources in the indicated category.

Recent metallurgical studies for Galaxy have delivered results for gravity and cyanide leach recoveries averaging 98%.

"The Golden Age and Galaxy resources are important sources of high-grade free milling feed for the initial years of the Matilda project mine plan," Blackham managing director Bryan Dixon said today.

"Golden Age has most of the underground infrastructure already sunk.

"From the mining and processing studies conducted to date, the high grades and good recoveries from these resources should provide important cash flow to quickly pay off the low capital cost needed to recommission the Wiluna gold plant."

Matilda has more than 780sq.km of tenements and includes about 45km of strike along the Wiluna mine sequence and 10km of strike along the Coles find sequence.

Blackham said that these sequences had already produced 4Moz of gold.

Last month, the company received an equity commitment for \$A3.1 million in a \$3.8 million funding package for the project.

Recent drilling in the area returned a 4m intercept grading 4.6gpt gold from 68m and 9m at 5.2gpt gold from 28m.

Shares in Blackham were last trading 7.1% lower at 7.9c.



The Wiluna plant