

REWARD GOLD MINE UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION DRILL RIG PURCHASED

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Vertex Minerals Limited (ASX: VTX) (“Vertex” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the purchase of an Epiroc Boomer TD1 development and production rig to be incorporated into the underground fleet at the Reward Gold Mine. The drill rig is specifically designed for high-speed drilling in narrow vein mining in cross sections up to 23m².

Vertex has purchased the TD1 Jumbo so it can be used in development work and undertake production drilling. This machine comes with a conversion kit, so that it can be rapidly converted from a face drilling machine to a long hole production rig, called a “combi”.

The new base model TD1 machine is sitting in Kalgoorlie and will undergo some refitting to meet Vertex’s specification. Additional production and development drill rigs are currently under review but will have longer lead times than the TD1.



Figure 1 Epiroc Boomer TD1 purchased by Vertex (similar picture only)

Vertex Director and Mining Engineer commented.

“The TD1 Boomer is the perfect machine for the size development that we have planned for the Reward Gold Mine. Buying a new Boomer with a split feed is ideal for achieving high rates of development advance while ensuring we can install the highest quality ground support efficiently. We look forward to working closely with Epiroc and their team. Their workshop facilities are conveniently located a short 124km from Hill End in Orange and will help Vertex achieve high levels of availability.”

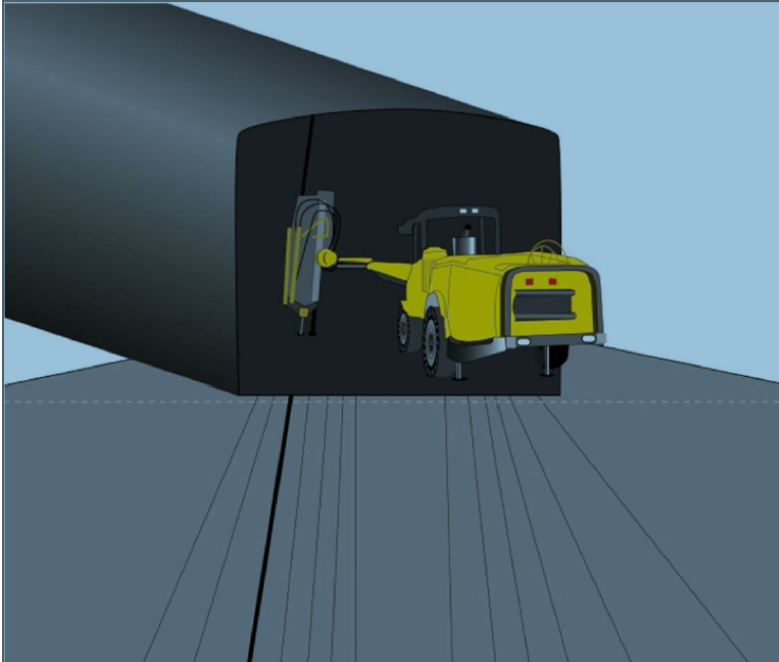


Figure 2 Showing the TD1 in production drilling mode

This announcement has been approved by the Vertex Board of Directors

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