



Mission To deliver superior returns from finding, developing and operating gold/copper mines.

Vision To be the Miner of choice™. We will lead the way in safe, responsible, efficient and profitable mining.

Location

Bonikro is located in the south-central portion of the West African nation of Côte d'Ivoire. It is approximately 250 kilometres north-west of the commercial capital Abidjan.



History

While artisanal mining is part of the local tradition in the region, industrial-level gold mineralisation was only discovered at Bonikro in the 1990s.

After receiving the environmental permit, construction of the mine started in 2007, with commercial production commencing in August 2008.

Newcrest acquired its interest in Bonikro as a result of the merger with Lihir Gold Limited in August 2010.

Ownership

Bonikro is owned and operated by LGL Mines CI SA. Newcrest owns 89.89% of the company, with the balance held by the Côte d'Ivoire Government (10%) and a minority shareholder (0.11%).

Operations

Bonikro produces gold doré.

For the year ending June 2015, 119,970 ounces of gold was produced.

In addition to Bonikro, Newcrest has extensive exploration licences either granted or under application in Côte d'Ivoire.

This area of West Africa has yielded numerous multi-million ounce gold discoveries in recent years.

Environment

Newcrest understands how integral the environment is to its business and has strong systems and policies in place to minimise and manage impacts.

The company is aware of its obligations in the handling, use and disposal of hazardous materials and implements stringent health and safety measures.

Mining and ore processing

Bonikro is a conventional truck and excavator open pit mine. Open pit mining is carried out on a seven day week production basis.

Standard drilling and blasting techniques are used in hard rock along with free digging in soft areas. Selected blast holes are sampled and assayed for production grade control purposes in hard rock, and trench sampling is conducted in soft areas.

Broken and freely dug rock is loaded with an excavator into haul trucks. Depending on the block model determination or grade control results, the mined material is delivered to the run of mine pad, primary and secondary crusher, low-grade stockpile, or to waste rock dumps. The predominant method of gold recovery is via carbon in leach technology, with some gold recovered via a gravity circuit.

Safety and health

The safety and health of Newcrest's employees is of paramount importance.

Bonikro's commitment to employee health and safety includes health education programs, a site medical clinic, vaccinations, malaria management programs and other health initiatives such as HIV/AIDS screening, treatment and condom distribution. Peer educators are trained to help with education, awareness and training.



Local community and corporate social responsibility

Newcrest aims to leave a positive legacy in Côte d'Ivoire by creating jobs and improving living standards for Ivoirians.

In partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Newcrest is implementing a sustainable community development program in the Bonikro area.

Bonikro is committed to investing in the local community, particularly in the area of infrastructure improvement.

Economic contribution

Bonikro creates economic value for Côte d'Ivoire and local communities in a number of ways, including direct revenues from operations, employment, investments in public infrastructure and services, support for local suppliers and a range of indirect economic benefits.

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