

Drill strikes golden result

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NAVARRE Minerals has struck more gold, this time during its diamond drilling campaign, part of the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western.

A "stand-out hit" of 18.7 metres at over seven grams of gold per tonne was intercepted at a depth of 196m.

Navarre Minerals managing director Geoff McDermott said the results were impressive.

"This new set of assays is outstanding, particularly the intercept in the deepest hole, RD006," he said.

"This suggests the Resolution Lode extends strongly from surface to a vertical depth of more than 170m.

"These mineralised intercepts resemble a lode or shoot type geometry typical of a Stawell-style gold system."

Mr McDermott said the diamond core results provided new confidence in their geological theories.

"This is reassuring as we embark on a program of shallow air-core drilling testing similar type targets along



SAMPLES: Retrenched Stawell Gold Mines employee, Sarah Herd, now apart of Navarre Minerals analyses findings from past drills in the team's quest for gold. **Picture: Peter Pickering**

both flanks of the Irvine base salt dome," he said.

Navarre Minerals also struck gold last year, discovering 42 grams of gold per tonne from the surface, six grams of gold per tonne

from 66 metres and one gram of gold per tonne from 18 metres.

"Last year we made a shallow ground dig, it was one of the many zones Navarre Minerals are looking at," Mr

McDermott said.

"The second stage, diamond drilling, is now at the depth extension.

"It takes core samples and sees what mineral species are present and what their

orientations are."

Mr McDermott said the current results were from four of the six holes Navarre Minerals had drilled.

"It takes approximately eight days to drill and then

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up to four weeks to get the results," he said.

"So it is a long process, so far we have dug six holes and got results for four of them."

Mr McDermott was hoping to discover signs of an "ore-body" in the near future of the drilling campaign.

"An ore-body can be measured, it has width, length, height and density," he said.

"We are hoping to achieve this in the fullness of time, but for now we need to keep putting holes in the right spots to be able to connect the drilling intercepts geometrically."



WHAT A FIND: Navarre Minerals has struck more gold, this time during its diamond drilling campaign, part of the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



GOLD MINE: Scenes from the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western which found more gold this week. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



STRIKING IT LUCKY: A worker poses at the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



EXCITING: Works at the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western which uncovered more gold this week. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**

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DIG DEEP: Captain Greg Turnbull urging the community to give generously for the upcoming 2017 Red Shield Appeal. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



KEEP DRILLING: Gold was found this week at the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



GOLD WORKS: Workers at the Irvine Gold Project near Great Western a Navarre Minerals project which uncovered more gold was found this week. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**



EUREKA: Equipment at the Navarre Minerals drilling campaign which struck more gold this week. **PHOTO: Peter Pickering.**