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Miner's silver lining



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THREE pieces of eight from an 18th century shipwreck and a 15kg silver bar will headline the Diggers and Dealers display of MacPhersons Resources as the Kalgoorlie-based company trumpets its proposed Silver Super Pit.

The coins, stamped 1795, have been loaned from the private collections of two Goldfielders and are believed to have come from a shipwreck off Exmouth.

MacPhersons executive chairman Ashok Parekh, who also owns the Palace Hotel, was outside his famous watering hole on Saturday showing the bar to punters who posed for photographs and tested its weight.

The bar was worth about \$12,678 based on silver prices from Friday's close of trading.

It is less than 11 months since MacPhersons acquired its Nimbus silver project, located 8km east of KCGM's Super Pit gold mine and Kalgoorlie-Boulder's famous golden mile, taking the project from zero resources to 2.8Mt at 139g/t silver equivalent containing 12.5Moz.

In an announcement to the Australian Securities Exchange to be released today, MacPhersons lists its resource at 10.1Moz silver and 34,300t zinc with credits for gold, mercury, copper and lead.

The upgrade is more than double the 6Moz exploration target the company set after it acquired the project last September and has only been modelled down to 260m below surface and is open at depth.

"We feel that we are in a niche part of the market and MacPhersons Resources provides an offering through its silver projects that is unique in the Australian resource marketplace," MacPhersons managing director Morrie Goodz said.

"Silver has been a major form of world monetary currency for thousands of years and these coins from 1795 demonstrate just how vital silver's role was to the settling of the new world. Diggers and Dealers is a great



Heavy metal: MacPhersons Resources managing director Morrie Goodz and executive chairman Ashok Parekh look on as Rob Foot inspects the 15kg silver bar with Tony Kinnivan outside the Palace Hotel on Saturday. Photo: MARY MILLS

■ Diggers ready to deal as company raises bar

opportunity for us to network with both industry and the local community and to highlight another diverse project in the Goldfields, just 10km from the Kalgoorlie Super Pit."

Mr Goodz says the Nimbus project has the potential to become Australia's second-biggest silver mine and produce 100Moz. The company is planning a 480,000tpa plant expansion in October and first production early next year.

MacPhersons hopes to merge its existing open cuts, Discovery Pit and East Pit, in to one Silver Super Pit which could potentially be more than 1km long and at least 500m wide.

BHP Billiton's Cannington mine in north-west Queensland is Australia's biggest silver producer and sits third

on world rankings (32Moz last year) behind Mexico's Fresnillo (42Moz) and Poland's KGHM (41Moz).

Deloitte WA managing partner Keith Jones was optimistic for the future of silver, trading at \$26.29/oz on Friday, but added it could be "more volatile than gold".

"It's a good long-term product, but along with the rest of our precious

metals it's very volatile in the outlook," Mr Jones said.

"It will continue to be an important precious metal, but I do think we will face volatility in that space, probably more so than in the gold markets."

Gold companies again dominate this year's line-up with 25 of the 45 companies presenting at Diggers.

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