



## **PRESS RELEASE – GET INTO MINING GRADUATION**

Eight young Aboriginal trainees and three companies celebrated a milestone at the Tropicana Gold Mine in the Great Victoria Desert of Western Australia in January.

In a formal ceremony in January at the site, located 330 kilometres east-northeast of Kalgoorlie, the trainees were presented with certificates and traineeship offers after successfully completing the eight week *Get Into Mining* training programme.

Also in attendance was Wongatha Elder Aubrey Lynch who conducted a Welcome to Country.

*Get Into Mining* is a collaborative programme run by Aboriginal-owned mining and civil contracting company Carey Mining with the support of mining contractor Macmahon Holdings and Tropicana Joint Venture partners AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd (70% and manager) and Independence Group NL (30%).

Macmahon and Carey both provide contracting services at Tropicana.

*Get Into Mining* comprises a blended delivery of training in the classroom, at a simulated worksite and via practical activities at Tropicana. The programme is structured to enable a phased transition into the fly-in, fly-out working environment.

More than 85 applications for the programme were received after information sessions were held in Kalgoorlie. All eight of the successful applicants completed the full programme, qualifying for a Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations.

They have now accepted traineeships across the mining and exploration departments at Tropicana.

This is the fourth time the programme has been conducted at the site.

At the graduation ceremony the programme participants presented Tropicana with a painting capturing their journey from Kalgoorlie to working at the mine.

Carey Mining CEO Allan James, said “it is fantastic to see another cohort of Indigenous trainees successfully graduate from the programme. The opportunity for each of them to transition into full-time employment at Tropicana and to carve out a career for themselves wouldn’t happen without the team on the ground and the leadership support demonstrated by all supporting partners”.

Macmahon Holdings Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mick Finnegan, said he is proud to be involved in this successful training programme that supports young Indigenous people with their aspirations to enter the workforce and in particular, the mining industry.

“The collaborative efforts of our alliance driven programme are continuing to deliver long-term prospects for graduates to enjoy stable and secure employment. It’s particularly

pleasing to see another enthusiastic group join the team to work alongside many of the original graduates who are performing well in their current roles,” Mr Finnegan said.

AngloGold Ashanti’s SVP Australia, Michael Erickson, said the programme was the culmination of considerable planning and preparation by the training teams at Carey and Macmahon, in collaboration with AngloGold Ashanti’s community team.

“We’re delighted to see all of the participants graduate and now join the Tropicana workforce. By collaborating with our long-term business partners Carey Mining and Macmahon, we’ve jointly been able to deliver a positive outcome for these young Goldfields-based trainees.”

The graduates are: Billie-Rae Whitehurst, Chyanne Deegan, Miriam Lewis, Agnes Stokes, Justin Sambo, Hayden Ryan, Dylan Harris and Jason Winmar.

#### CAPTION

From left: Billie-Rae Whitehurst, Chyanne Deegan, Sui Kamid (trainer), Miriam Lewis, Agnes Stokes, Justin Sambo, Hayden Ryan and Dylan Harris. Jason Winmar was not in attendance on the day.

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#### **About Carey Mining**

Carey Mining is a 100% Indigenous owned business established by Daniel Tucker in 1995. Carey’s original contracts were located in the Goldfields Region of Western Australia but now extend to the Pilbara Region and the Northern Territory. Carey was established at a time when Indigenous businesses and Indigenous entrepreneurs were a scarcity. Carey was a pioneer of sorts and has now evolved into a thriving business with more than 20 years’ experience in delivering specialist services to the mining and civil industries.

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#### **About Macmahon**

Macmahon is an ASX listed company that has been offering mining and construction services to clients for more than 50 years.

We seek to develop strong relationships with our clients in which both parties can work together in an open, flexible and transparent way.

Our approach to doing business, together with our capabilities in surface and underground mining, civil design and construction, and mine site maintenance and rehabilitation services, has established Macmahon as a trusted partner on resources projects throughout Australia and Southeast Asia.

#### **About AngloGold Ashanti Australia**

AngloGold Ashanti Ltd is a global gold company with 14 operations in nine countries. In Australia it operates the Sunrise Dam Gold Mine, 55 km south of Laverton, and Tropicana (70%). The company has been a long-term active supporter of communities in the Eastern Goldfields through a range of initiatives covering youth engagement, education and health and wellbeing.

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