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Waanyi PBC/ReGen JV extends deal with new Century Mine Owners.

A partnership which enlists the help of Aboriginal people in care and maintenance work at Century Zinc Mine is so successful it has been extended for another year.

Waanyi PBC and ReGen have created a 50-50 joint venture, which works with the mine's new owner New Century Resources.

“We are very pleased to announce that the work we are doing on Century Mine has been continued for an additional 12 months,” said PBC Chairman Alec Doomadgee. *New Century Resources* is a small Australian company which aims to bring employment and training opportunities to the local community.



Alec, Pat Walta and Ross Browning celebrating JV deal

The mine's previous owner *MMG* had no further use for the site when *New Century Resources* entered into an agreement to take control of the mine. This involves rehabilitating the area while also financially benefiting from processing the remaining zinc.

“In particular this lends itself to tailings reprocessing. You're typically putting those tailings back into the original open pit, but also extracting that final bit of mineralization out of the mine site,” said *New Century Resources* Director Pat Walta.

ReGen, (PBC's partner) which is owned by *Downer Mining*, aims to repair mine sites when they have reached the end of their working life.

“That's what we are all about, we want to restore mining land and so that's why our partnership is so strong. We both have such alignment with what we want to do,” said *ReGen* General Manager Ross Browning.

The main focus of *New Century Resources* is to restore natural land form.

“We will pick the tailings up, we’ll put them back into the pit, and we will reseed that area and hope that over time that will grow into the original landform and back to the native country that was once there,” said Mr Walta.

This is expected to lead to job creation and other opportunities for locals and traditional land owners.

“We want to work with confident local joint ventures that enhance their communities. That’s what this is all about,” said Mr Walta.

Mr Doomadgee said he was very interested in trying to fix some of the destruction caused by mining.

“I’m trying to find a way to actually get employment for Aboriginal people to repair and rehabilitate the land,” he said.

The contract caters for seven employees on site at the moment, but there is room for growth as the project develops.

One of these men is Kyle Jacob – a 21 year old boiler maker /operator from Bidunngu community near Gregory.



Kyle Jacob working on century mine site

“Kyle is doing very well out there. He’s doing a lot of work for the joint venture. Hopefully people like him form really good careers out of this,” said Mr Doomadgee.

Having a joint venture with *ReGen* puts the *Waanyi PBC* in strong standing with the mining community and is a great way to stay involved with the day-to-day activities happening on our country.

Mr Walta said although the mine will run at a much lower capacity under *New Century Resources*, the company could be rehabilitating at the mine site for the next 30 to 50 years.

“Part of that will be providing economic benefit to the region over that time. But we are only a little company in that respect so we just don’t have those funds available that were previously available,” said Pat Walta.