

Austral Gold Provides Update on Casposo Plant Refurbishment

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Casposo Plant refurbishment advancing safely and efficiently across all core workstreams
- Crushing Area completed refurbishment with initial unloaded tests underway
- Commercial operations on track for start-up in the second half of 2025

Sydney, April 29, 2025 - Established gold producer [Austral Gold Ltd.](#) (ASX: AGD) (TSXV: AGLD) (OTCQB: AGLDF) ("Austral" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on the refurbishment of its 100% owned Casposo Plant, as previously announced on 30 December 2024, following the execution of a Toll Agreement with ASX-listed Challenger Gold Limited.

Austral Gold's Chief Executive Officer, Stabro Kasaneva said: "We are pleased with the continued progress on the refurbishment of the Casposo Plant in Argentina. We expect this will enable us to diversify our revenue streams by bringing our second mine complex into operation alongside our flagship Chilean operational cluster. We will continue to keep our stakeholders informed and expect to provide a further update during the second quarter of 2025."

Processing Plant Overview

The Casposo Gold-Silver Processing Plant, which has been in care and maintenance since 2019 following nearly a decade of operations, has traditionally been divided into nine key areas as follows:

- Area 100: Crushing
- Area 200: Grinding, gravitational concentration, thickening, and intensive leaching
- Area 300: Leaching
- Area 400: Counter current decantation and tailings filtration
- Area 500: Clarification and Merrill-Crowe process
- Area 600: Refinery 1-2 and smelting
- Area 700: Cyanide destruction
- Area 800: Reagents 1 and Reagents 2
- Area 900: Water and air supply

The plant has a capacity of 1,300 tonnes per day (tpd), as shown by previous production rates from operations, covering the full process from crushing to agitation leaching and the Merrill-Crowe processing stages. Since commencing operations in 2010, the Casposo Plant has processed more than 530,000 gold equivalent ounces.

Refurbishment Plant Overview

Key activities completed to date as part of the Casposo Plant refurbishment include:

- Inspection Phase Finalised: Completion of the inspection stage to identify procurement needs and align them with existing warehouse inventory.
- Longer Lead items for Plant equipment: Major equipment dismantled and sent for evaluation and repair, including leaching tank reducers, mill motor, hydrocyclones, and impeller blades.
- Crushing Circuit Works Completed (Area 100): Mechanical, electrical, and fabrication works finalised and ready for commissioning.
- Leaching Tank Reducers Repaired (Area 300): 100% of leaching tank reducers refurbished and ready for installation.
- Leaching Tank Cleaning Progress (Area 300 and 400): 80% of accumulated solids removed from leaching tanks.
- Thickeners and Counter-Current Decantation (CCD) repaired (Area 400): Milling thickeners and counter current decantation systems are repaired and ready for commissioning.
- Belt Filter Refurbishment Underway (Area 400): Sandblasting and painting of belt filters 80% complete.
- Process Water System Ready (Area 900): Refurbishment of the process water pumping system completed.
- Electrical Cabling Organised (Area 400 and 500): Reorganisation and cleaning works finalised in the electrical rooms supporting CCD, Filtration, and Merrill Crowe areas.
- Electric Motor Maintenance Advancing: 80% of testing and servicing is completed for the Plant's electric motors.
- Valve Replacement Progress (Area 400): 40% of valves replaced across the CCD and Filtration areas.

General View of the Crushing Circuit Area (Area 100)

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Main works planned for Q2 2025 include:

- Primary crusher refurbishment
- SAG mill relining and SAG engine repair
- Installation of new hydrocyclones.
- Engines and reducers for leaching tanks and CCD's repair
- Filter band refurbishment
- Modifications and improvement of piping and ducts

The Company also intends to prepare a technical report on the feasibility of processing Casposo's own mineralised material prior to completing the refurbishment of the Casposo Plant.

About Austral Gold

Austral Gold is a growing gold and silver mining producer building a portfolio of quality assets in the Americas based on three strategic pillars: production, exploration and equity investments. Austral continues to lay the foundation for its growth strategy by advancing its attractive portfolio of producing and exploration

assets.

For more information, please visit the Company's website at www.australgold.com.

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Release approved by the Company's Chief Executive Officer of Austral Gold, Stabro Kasaneva.

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