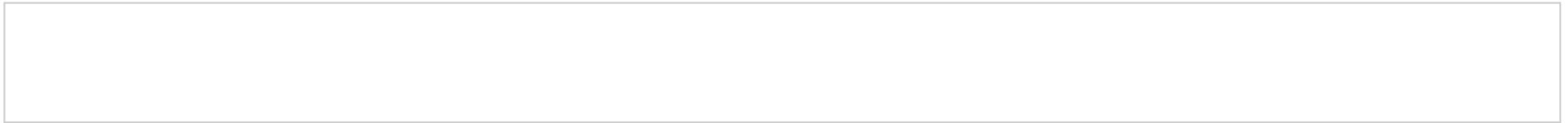




Abandoned mines projects



Ellendale Diamond Mine

Please note: Unauthorised access to the Ellendale site is prohibited and trespassers will be prosecuted. The site is locked and access is monitored.

Ellendale Diamond Mine is located approximately 100km northwest of Fitzroy Crossing and 120km east of Derby in the West Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Ellendale includes the E4 and E9 pits, waste rock landforms and tailings storage facilities. Mining commenced at the E9 pit in 2002 and at the E4 pit in 2006. Mining at the E4 pit was suspended and the area entered care and maintenance in 2009. Mining at the E9 pit continued until 2015.

The mining tenements were held by Kimberley Diamond Company NL (KDC). Mining activities ceased at Ellendale in July 2015, when KDC entered into administration. Later that month, creditors voted for the company to be placed into liquidation.

Objective

DMP has undertaken a range of activities within the Ellendale area to effectively manage all significant safety and environmental risks at the site. This management will focus on ensuring the resource value of the tenements is not diminished. DMP's objective is to ensure that the site remains viable for future responsible resource development.

Current status

Since July 2015 DMP has been working to resolve issues related to Ellendale, including:

- Recovery of debts owed to the State by KDC (including royalties) and investigating and developing appropriate responses to the KDC insolvency.
- Undertaking inspections to assess the safety and environmental condition of the mine site.
- Co-ordinating the government agencies with responsibilities related to the site.
- Obtaining the necessary funding to ensure the site is safe, stable and non-polluting. The Mining Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) will provide the necessary funding to allow the immediate protection of existing assets.
- Sourcing and retaining all valuable geological information.

On-ground works required to keep the site safe, stable and non-polluting commenced in December 2015. It should be noted that the site will not be fully rehabilitated or closed through the MRF, as it remains a viable resource project. DMP will work with interested parties that take over the future ownership of the tenements. The future tenement holder will have access to the remaining mineral diamond resource while assuming responsibilities for the rehabilitation of existing and future disturbances.

DMP's Environment Division will release further status updates on Ellendale through the quarterly environmental eNewsletter. Subscribe to the [environment eNewsletter \(/Utilities/Environment-eNewsletter-16684.aspx\)](/Utilities/Environment-eNewsletter-16684.aspx).

Project timeline

