



Location:	Near Kambalda in the Goldfields region, Western Australia
Client:	Consolidated Nickel Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Consolidated Minerals Limited
Commodity:	Nickel
Contract duration:	March 2007 to March 2008
Major contractor since:	2003



Exceptional safety and development performance

HWE Mining provides underground capital access development at the Beta Hunt nickel mine in Western Australia, where nickel is mined using jumbo cut and fill stoping methods.

A large underground complex comprising the previously mined Hunt deposit, the developed Beta deposit and the East Alpha development project, HWE Mining's contract at Beta Hunt has been underway since 2003. The mine produces nickel ore for delivery to BHP Billiton's nickel concentrator in nearby Kambalda.

HWE Mining provides mechanised underground development using conventional drill and blast techniques.

We also provide the full range of shotcreting plant and equipment for the mine's ground support requirements.

Beta Hunt operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and employs approximately 125 personnel. HWE Mining employs 27 people at the mine.

Since commencing the contract extension in March 2007, HWE Mining has consistently exceeded our monthly development target at the mine and we are currently producing between 250 and 280 development metres per month from one development crew.

More pleasing is the fact the site has been Lost Time Injury free for more than two years.

Production results at a glance

- 3,000 metres of horizontal development per year
- 6,000 cubic metres of shotcreting per year
- 21,000 rockbolts per year