



**Location:** 20 kilometres south of Kambalda, Goldfields region, Western Australia

**Client:** St Ives Gold Mining Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Gold Fields Australia Limited

**Commodity:** Gold

**Contract duration:** January 2004 to January 2009

**Major contractor since:** 2002



## Strong performance shines bright

HWE Mining's parent company, Leighton Contractors, has been associated with the St Ives mining operation since 2002. The third largest gold mine in Australia, HWE Mining is now responsible for the management and operations of the mine's 10 open pits.

The St Ives mine produces about 500,000 ounces of gold per year and includes both open-cut and underground mining operations. The open-cut operations currently produce over 270,000 ounces of gold per year and have continued to deliver increased tonnages.

HWE Mining provides a complete mining service at St Ives including mine management and supervision, loading and hauling, dewatering, safety and environmental management, infrastructure management, maintenance and

other related services. We use an extensive range of surface mining plant and equipment at the mine.

The St Ives mine operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and HWE Mining employs 150 people as part of the open-cut operations.

HWE Mining and Gold Fields operate the St Ives surface operations under an alliance arrangement. This allows management to develop innovative mining techniques while maintaining flexibility and continuity of operations in a dynamic and ever-changing mining environment. Moreover, the alliance has enabled HWE Mining and Gold Fields to reduce costs, align objectives, and has promoted an open and trusting relationship.

## Production results at a glance

- 13 million bank cubic metres mined per year
- 4.5 million tonnes of gold ore mined per year
- 270,000 ounces of gold ore processed per year from open pit operations