

Mining studies buoy Terrain

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GOLD junior Terrain Minerals says preliminary mining studies have added a further 67,000 ounces of gold to the company's potential mining operations.

The Perth-based miner said preliminary open pit designs have been completed on the Wonder North gold deposit at Bundarra and Coogee gold deposit at East Kambalda.

At Wonder North, the preliminary open pit design stands at 697,200 tonnes at 2.45 grams per tonne gold with 55,326 recoverable ounces of gold.

Of the total open pit design, 350,400t at 2.16gpt gold is in the measured category, 342,000t at 2.77gpt gold is in the indicated category, and 4600t at 3.72gpt is in the inferred category.

Terrain said at a gold price of \$A1200 per ounce, the pit design indicates an operating, undiscounted cash surplus in excess of \$10 million.

At Coogee, the preliminary open pit design contains 102,000t at 3.82gpt gold with 11,600 recoverable ounces of gold, which, at a gold price of \$1200/oz, indicates an operating, undiscounted cash surplus of more than \$4 million.

The company is undertaking further mining and operational studies to finalise the pit designs, determine capital expenditure requirements and acquire statutory mining approvals.

The two pit designs together with the previously announced open pit mining proposal at the Celtic gold deposit, Bundarra, indicate a potential open pit mine production in excess of 83,000oz of gold.

Terrain is conducting a further open pit mine study over the Great Western deposit at Bundarra.

Shares in Terrain gained 0.9c to 6.3c in afternoon trade.

