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Galaxy managing director Iggy Tan said achieving this milestone would guarantee supply of run of mine ore for the commissioning of the Mt Cattlin processing plant during the third quarter of 2010.

Mr Tan said the company and the mining contractor had worked well in meeting the mining schedule for the project.

"The operational workforce on site, excluding construction personnel, has now grown to 71 people," he said.

The operations team had been recruited and had started an extensive training program.

Once it is fully operating, the Mt Cattlin project will produce 137,000 tonnes per annum of 6 per cent Li<sub>2</sub>O spodumene concentrate. Galaxy plans to add value to the project by establishing its own downstream lithium processing facilities in China.

In other developments, the final stages of construction design for the company's 100 per cent owned Jiangsu lithium carbonate plant in Zhangjiagang, China, is also near completion.

Galaxy obtained the land use rights permit in April this year, and said that the construction permit – the final key milestone in the approvals process – had now been granted.

The company said that since February, significant progress had been made at Jiangsu, including the installation of 473 foundation piles for building structures.

The site management office had been completed and was now occupied full-time by the construction management team.

In addition, the site had been levelled and fenced, with access established from Dongxin Road, and a truck wash station had been installed.

Galaxy said the laying of a concrete hardstand surface in the stockpile area and concrete road surfaces was progressing well, and work has also started on preparation works for the building foundations.

The company said project safety performance had been excellent, with no lost time injury incidents to date.

Mr Tan said that the project was in the final stages of construction design, with site works progressing well.

"Galaxy's EPCM provider, Hatch, is in the final stages of receiving construction and equipment tenders, and once this process is completed, the construction plan and budget can be finalised," he said.



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