

▶ **ABC Goldfields WA (Perth)**
Rural & Resources Report - 9/11/2009 6:44 AM
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Report on the initiation of construction this week on Galaxy Resources' new Ravensthorpe lithium mine. Colin Barnett, WA Premier says the 'significant' \$68m project, which will create 75 permanent jobs, is good news for the community, following the closure of BHP Billiton's nickel mine earlier this year. Dr Graham Jacobs, Member for Roe says the project reflects the staying power of the community, saying he felt the pain of the community when the BHP project closed. Iggy Tan, spokesman, Galaxy Resources says the mine has all the necessary environmental approvals and he is very excited to start construction on the project. Tan says the product will be shipped to China, where it will be processed by Galaxy for use in lithium ion batteries. Ian Goldfinch, president, Ravensthorpe Shire thanks the govt for their support and says he hopes the project will start to regenerate the town. Terry Stark, spokesman, Galaxy Resources says the community has welcomed the development, which has the reserves to sustain a 15 year mine life with projections of a large increase in demand for the resource associated with the electric vehicle market. Stark expresses confidence that the project will not suffer the same fate as the BHP mine, but he points out that if it did close, its smaller size would not have the same negative impact on the town. Stark says Galaxy will use a diesel power station to generate energy for the mine, although they are investigating the possibility of using solar or wind power to run the mine.

Interviewees: Colin Barnett, WA Premier; Dr Graham Jacobs, Member for Roe; Ian Goldfinch, President, Ravensthorpe Shire ; Iggy Tan, spokesman, Galaxy Resources; Terry Stark, spokesman, Galaxy Resources

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▶ **ABC South Coast WA (Albany)**
07:30 News - 9/11/2009 7:30 AM
Newsreader

The Shire of Ravensthorpe says it is confident about the town's future with a number of new projects coming on line after the closure of BHP' s nickel mine earlier this year, 18,000 workers lost their jobs. Construction of the Galaxy Resources lithium mine is set to start this week, employing up to 100 people. The Govt has announced work on a new road to improve tourist access to the Fitzgerald National Park, which will begin early next year. Shire President, Ian Goldfinch says, the new mine will provide a boost for the town.

Interviewees: Ian Goldfinch, President, Ravensthorpe Shire

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Interviewees: Ian Goldfinch, Shire president
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Newsreader

The Shire of Ravensthorpe says, it is confident about the town's future with a number of new projects coming online. After the closure of BHP's nickel mine earlier this year 1800 workers lost their jobs, but construction of the Galaxy Resources Lithium mine near the town is set to start this week, employing up to 100 people.

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