

## GENERAL NEWS

## Spodumene producer boosts production

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SPODUMENE producer Galaxy Resources boosted production 25 per cent during July at its Mt Cattlin operations near Ravensthorpe in WA.

The 25 per cent rise on the previous month resulted in 8916 wet metric tonnes of spodumene concentrate for July.

Use of the processing facility at the mine rose 16 per cent month-on-month, hitting 79 per cent of expected capacity.

Galaxy said the project was currently operating at between 70 and 80 per cent of its total limit.

The project is expected to ramp up to processing 1 million tonnes per annum of ore, for 137,000tpa of lithium oxide concentrate and 56,000 pounds of contained tantalum, by the end of the year.

At full capacity, Mt Cattlin has been projected to produce 137,000tpa spodumene grading 6 per cent lithium oxide for 18 years.

The Mt Cattlin project has resources totalling 18 million tonnes grading 1.08 per cent lithium oxide.



Galaxy Resources' Mt Cattlin operations

A maiden shipment of 6500t of spodumene was exported to China in the first quarter of this year, and the company expects its third

consignment (containing about 20,000t of spodumene concentrate) to be shipped to China during September.