## HAILE GOLD MINE



## **A TIMELINE**



1827–1862 The mine produces about \$1 million in gold.

1865 During the Civil War, mineral deposits are mined to support war efforts. In the final days of the conflict, Sherman's Troops wreck the mining operation on their march north.

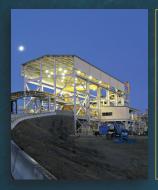


1880–1910 Haile is now the largest gold mine east of the Mississippi River.

1904 Dr. Thies retires and his son, Ernst, better known around the mine as "Captain", takes over management.

1908 Tragedy strikes: a boiler explosion occurs in the stamp mill, killing "Captain" Thies, injuring Mid Truesdale and others, and destroying the main operating mill.

1934–1985 Three different New York-based operations own the Haile Gold Mine.



2007–2015 Romarco
Minerals purchases the
Haile property, led by
CEO Diane Garrett and
General Manager David
Thomas. They usher in
an extensive exploration
project and acquire permits
to mine for gold with a
modern operation.



2015 OceanaGold, a global mining company, merges with Romarco Minerals and assumes operation of the modernday Haile Gold Mine. 1800

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1827 Gold is discovered on the property of Captain Benjamin Haile in Lancaster County, South Carolina.

1862–1880 The Haile family moves on in 1866. Land acquired by New York group in 1880 and initiates large-scale operations.



1887 Dr. Carl Adolf Thies is hired to manage the Haile operations. Dr. Thies, educated in mining in his native Germany, develops a revolutionary process of extracting gold from the ore. Called the "barrel chlorination process" or "Thies Process." Production skyrockets.

1911–1921 Haile is purchased at mortgage sale. Kershaw industrialist John T. Stevens and others mine pyrite.



1942 The WWII War Production Limitation Order shuts down all gold mines in the country. Post WWII inflation causes the reopening of the mine to be uneconomic.

1972–1992 Geologist Earl Jones arrives in 1972 with a passion for the Haile site. Works with local Kershaw truck driver, Jack Robinson, who later acquires the mine.

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The first gold of the "new" Haile operation is poured. Production begins with an expected yield of 150,000 ounces/year.



## What does the future hold?

The Haile Operation will continue to operate for many years, providing great economic benefit to the local region and state. When mining is complete, the Kershaw Community will be able to enjoy beautifully reclaimed land for generations to come.