

# THE 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 modern-day Haile Gold Mine.

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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.

**January 19, 2017**  
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.