

# Big players take the forum stand



## New Century Resources

Base metal development company New Century Resources failed to secure a booth at the 2017 Diggers and Dealers Mining Forum, instead holding a makeshift stall at Acropolis Kebabs. New Century's re-listing on the ASX came too late to obtain a booth at last year's event, with managing director Patrick Walta instead meeting with delegates over a kebab at the Hannan Street eatery. Mr Walta swaps the kebabs for a microphone, speaking second during this year's program.

## Ausdrill

Kalgoorlie-Boulder-founded Ausdrill will take the stand at the world-renowned mining forum for the first time today, marking the first time a mining services firm has presented at the event. After more than 30 years in the industry, Ausdrill has emerged as an exploration leader with a fleet of rigs dispersed across the Goldfields and Africa. The drill and blast company is entering a new era without founder and managing director

Ron Sayers, who officially left his post on July 3.

## MOD Resources

Copper explorer MOD Resources is heavily focused on unearthing new targets within its Botswana project in the landlocked African country. In March the Julian Hanna-led company, which is listed on the ASX, noted an \$18 million capital raising to advance exploration at the Botswana-based joint venture.



Julian Hanna

## Salt Lake Potash

Ambitious mineral explorer Salt Lake Potash is bullish about its prospects to establish a large-scale potassium sulphate project. The dual-listed Salt Lake Potash, listed on the ASX and Alternative Investment Market, has remained coy since reporting initial samples at

Lake Way, 15km south of Wiluna, returning positive sulphate of potash results with grades above 14kg/cum. Matt Syme's junior has a portfolio boasting holdings at nine Goldfields-situated salt lakes, including Lake Ballard and Lake Marmion.

## Argosy Minerals

Argentinian lithium-focused Argosy Minerals is hoping to ride the mounting waves generated from the impending global battery market boom. In June, the company revealed it had produced a 1kg batch of "industrial grade" lithium carbonate, from a pilot plant at its Rincon lithium brine project in Argentina. Argosy managing director Jerko Zuvella is expected to tell Diggers and Dealers delegates about the company's efforts to deliver a cost-effective chemical process to allow it to produce a consistent battery-grade lithium carbonate product.