

# WUM to expand mining

**Western United Mines (WUM) is to widen its exploration and investigation programme with widespread surface drilling beyond the South Crofty site.**

As part of a strategy to speed up the process of getting the mine back into full production and pinpointing exactly where the best mineral deposits are, geologists and engineers will be drilling down at specific areas across Cornwall to collect core samples.

Final shakedown trials are being carried out at WUM's base in Pool on two refurbished surface core drill rigs before they are moved to begin drilling in earnest at other sites. The first place to host a surface drill will be Duchy College's Rosewarne site in Camborne.

WUM owns 150 square kilometres of mineral rights around Cornwall from as far south as the Lizard to land north of Bodmin. These areas include

some of the most intensely mineralised areas in the world. As a polymetallic venture, WUM will be set up to extract all valuable minerals mined.

WUM Chief Operations Officer, John Webster, said: "At the moment the area we are working on, compared with the area we could potentially explore, is the size of a postage stamp. To unlock this county's mineral wealth for everyone's benefit we need to expand that area and quickly. These surface drills are the key to our success and to our ability to continue rapidly expanding production." ▶

