

# **SIKA AT WORK** OYU TOLGOI

STRIKING RICH ON TURQUOISE HILL



**BUILDING TRUST** 

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#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

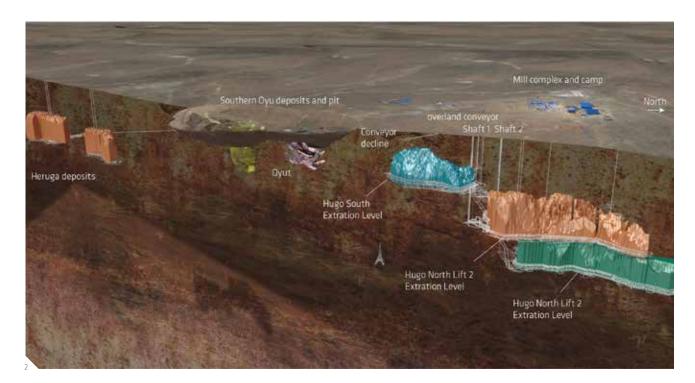
The Oyu Tolgoi copper and gold project is located in the Southern Gobi region of Mongolia and is being developed by Oyu Tolgoi LLC a company held by Rio Tinto and the Government of Mongolia. The project consists of a series of deposits containing copper, gold, silver and molybdenum, located along a structural corridor that is over 26 km long. The deposits stretch from the Hugo North deposit in the north through the adjacent Hugo South, down to the Southern Oyu deposit and extending to the Heruga deposit in the south as shown in Figure 2. Sika Mongolia was inaugurated in 2011 with the goal of participating in this world class mining projects that will contain more than 200km of aggregated lateral underground development. Sika Mongolia offers unique underground construction solutions to this challenging project that have proven very succesful in similar block caving projects around the globe. Today, Sika is a well established partner of the Oyu Tolgoi project team, offering a full range of construction products, advice and solutions, ranging from shotcrete and concrete admixtures, waterproofing and sealing solutions to a wide range of refurbishment, structural strengthening and maintenance products.

#### **RAPID MINE DEVELOPMENT**

Following the commissioning of the OT southern pits, the installation of the Hugo North Lift 1 is currently under full development to eventually provide a mill feed of 50 million tons or ore per year from the block caving operation over a more than 40 years life of mine. First draw bell production is planned for 2020. After the completion of two main shafts, lateral development will gradually increase until peaking at a rate of around 17.000m per year, once developing the footprint including the extraction level, apex- and undercut level and associated infrastructures. In order to keep up with the ambitous construction shedule, efficient underground support designs are needed that allow short mine cycles and a rapid footprint development to source draw-point ore in time.

#### SIKA SOLUTION

In order to cope with the very harsh climatic conditions and very long supply routes to the project, Sika has chosen the proven "on-site, on-demand" shotcrete and concrete admixture solutions. Products are transported in flake or powder form and diluted within the vicinity of the project. Sika also supplies a wide product range of refurbishment products to keep the extensive ore handling and processing infrastructure well maintained. Sika remains the only local admixture producer in Mongolia and strongly believes that only through a strong local presence, a long term, reliable supply and a close partnership with the OT Team can be maintained and real efficiency gains for the mine be rialised. Sika retains a 95% local workforce in Mongolia and is strongly commited to contribute to the growth and development of Mongolia for many years to come.



#### **SELECTION OF SIKA PRODUCTS**

SuperplastIcizer

Consistency stabilizer

shotcrete accelerator

Fire rated joint sealant

Engineered grouts

Fire retarding mortar

Abrasion resistant mortar

Anti-corrosion epoxi coating

Many Sika flooring products

Epoxi-cementious mortar

Swellable waterstop strips

Waterproofing membranes

PU injection resins

Waterproofing mortar

including Sikafloor<sup>®</sup> CureHard 24

Alkali-free, high performance

High performance anchoring resins

Structural CFRP strengthening

Structural strengthening profiles

Structural strengthening profiles

Polypropylene macro-fiber

Slump retainer

PU sealants

PU foam

- Sika<sup>®</sup> ViscoCrete<sup>®</sup>
- Sika ViscoFlow<sup>®</sup>
- SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-930
- Sigunit<sup>®</sup> L53 AF
- Sika Fiber<sup>®</sup>
- SikaFlex<sup>®</sup>
- Sika Firerate PU
- SikaBoom<sup>®</sup>
- Sika AnchoFix<sup>®</sup>
- SikaWrap<sup>®</sup>
- Sika Carbodur®
- Sika Carboshear<sup>®</sup>
- SikaDur<sup>®</sup>/SikaGrout<sup>®</sup>
- Sika Abraroc®
- Sika Unitherm®
- Sika Permacor®
- Sikafloor®
- Sika® EpoCem®
- SikaSwell<sup>®</sup>
- SikaProof®
- SikaFix®
- Sika TopSeal 300
- Many other Sika construction products
- View from Head Frame, shaft Nr.2 over the processing plant
  Overview Oyu Tolgoi deposits and infrastructure (source: Turquoise Hill)
- 3 Shotcrete testing on site using Sika Aliva shotcrete machinery
- 4 Shotcrete testing for rapid early strength development
- 5 Box cut and portal of conveyor decline to access Hugo South underground
- 6 Headframe of shaft Nr. 2
- 7 Concrete slick line exit at the bottom of shaft Nr.1
- 8 Haultrucks











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#### **PROJECT PARTICIPANTS**

Owner: Oyu Tolgoi LLC Sika Organization: Sika Mongolia

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