

Milestone reached at the GPM gold project



*Oxidative Leach Train
Looking West*



*Oxidative Leach Train
Looking North*

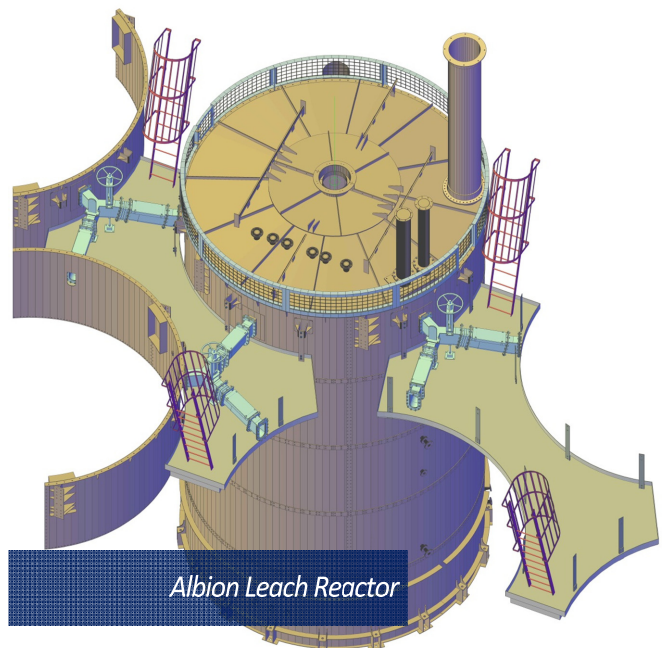
The GPM Gold Project reached a major milestone in August, with complete assembly of all of the Albion Leach Reactors in the oxidative leach train.

The Albion Leach Reactors are designed by Xstrata Technology to achieve the high mass transfer rates required in the oxidative leaching stage of the Albion Process™ plant.

The reactors are completely modular, and were designed using the ZipaTank™ modular tank system. The benefits of the ZipaTank™ were apparent, with all 11 tanks within the leaching circuit assembled and successfully water tested in 8 weeks.

All reactors were designed to operate at temperatures up to 100 °C, and to withstand a magnitude 7 earthquake.

This was an important milestone for the GPM Gold project as it moves toward commissioning in late 2013.



Albion Leach Reactor