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Que River mining

TRIAL mining has started at the Que River Mine in Tasmania.

Bass Metals, in association with its alliance partner Mancala Mining, has plans to excavate, crush and haul a bulk sample of about 2000 tonnes grading 16.5% zinc, 7% lead and 2oz per tonne silver the 4km to the Hellyer Mill for test processing.

The Hellyer zinc concentrate project joint venture between Bass' major shareholder

Intec and private miner Polymetals Group has signed an ore sales letter of intent with Bass. If the test processing proves successful, the results will be included in a final binding ore sales agreement.

Even if the trial proves successful, there are still some hurdles to be completed before full-scale mining can commence. There are still Tasmanian Government approvals to be acquired although Bass is confident these will come through soon. No objections were lodged to the development application.