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Scottie improves reserve grade 43%

Scottie Gold Mines reports that definition drilling underground has improved its ore grade by over 43%. An independent consultant now assesses the reserves, in all categories, at 169,300 tons averaging an impressive 0.93 oz. gold per ton.

Donald A. McLeod, president, tells The Northern Miner that mill heads are currently averaging 0.91 oz. and one day actually rose to 1.57 oz. However, mechanical problems with mill equipment and difficulties recovering gold from high sulphide ores, have adversely affected the operation so far, although these problems are largely resolved.

Sufficient working places and stopes have now been developed to ensure a steady mill feed.

Scottie negotiated a two-year contract with its unionized employees recently and feels the new agreement, coupled with improved throughput and recoveries, will lead to "significantly improved production and profitability in the coming year."