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HD Junior walks away for \$1m
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Perth-based junior 3D Resources has walked away from 15 per cent of future profits from the mothballed Southern Cross **gold operations** in exchange for \$1 **million** from its **Chinese** owners.

Hong Kong-listed Hanking **Gold Mining** acquired the **operations**, which include the Marvel Loch under- ground mine and a 2.4Mtpa processing plant, from St Barbara for \$22.5m last year.

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The Peter Mitchell-run 3D Resources brokered the deal.

At the time of **acquisition**, Hanking spruiked it would invest at least \$50m in Marvel Loch in the hope of eventually producing 200,000oz of **gold** a year. But the silence from Hanking has been deafening since the US dollar **gold** price tumbled 25 per cent in a horror 2013.

Mr Mitchell told the Australian Securities Exchange "re-development of the Southern Cross **gold** mine was not commercial at the current **gold** price and the **company** was better off terminating its interest rather than waiting for the **gold** price to recover".

Gold traded at \$US1305.73/oz in Sydney at yesterday's close.

The proceeds will fund upcoming drilling at 3D Resources' recently- acquired Tatu **coal** project in New Zealand.

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