

HD MMG to sell Avebury nickel mine in Tasmania for A\$40 million

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MMG has been in talks for **sale** of Avebury since February 2009.

The total consideration is A\$40 million, comprising a A\$1.75 million deposit, payable within 15 business days of signing, A\$33.25 million closing payment, A\$2.5 million payable on production of the first 10,000 tonnes of nickel in concentrate and A\$2.5 million payable on production of the second 10,000 tonnes of nickel in concentrate, the company said.

QCG is a privately owned exploration and mining development company based in Perth, Western Australia.

MMG said it believes this offer provides the best opportunity to re-start the mine.

"QCG is committed to a restart of the mine and MMG is confident that if the sale is completed, it will reinvigorate the Zeehan area, by providing new jobs and economic benefit to the region." Michael Nossal, MMG executive general manager business development, said.

On Monday April 15, MMG announced it has has agreed to buy Las Bambas <mark>copper</mark> project from Glencore Xstrata for \$5.85 <mark>billion</mark> .

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