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### **Bentonite mining commences**

Following a short delay with the continuing wet season in Central Queensland, PEV is pleased to announce that it has commenced calcium bentonite extraction and drying at its Mantuan Downs resource.

Four extraction pits have been opened in different sectors of the lease area in order to confirm quality levels, and mining efficiencies of the various locations. Importantly, as can be seen from the photograph of Pit 3, the minimal overburden and the quality of the product has been confirmed.

The bentonite is being dried on site for several days to reduce moisture content from 30% to around 12% before transport to Brisbane.



Samples have been taken and delivered to testing laboratories for development of product specifications to meet domestic and international interest.

Yours faithfully



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Chairman