





**How far is the mine from Flat Creek?**

Haile's mining activities are at least 2 miles away from Flat Creek and are not in the Flat Creek drainage basin.

**Do endangered species exist on the Haile property?**

No. Threatened and endangered plant and animal surveys did not find any endangered species, including the Carolina Heelsplitter located on the Haile Gold Mine project property.

**What is the mitigation plan?**

It is a plan that Romarco proposes to the Corps of Engineers that compensates for the wetlands that we will be using. We go someplace close by and preserve or restore streams and wetlands.

Wetlands Impacted = 161 acres  
 Wetlands Mitigated = 918 acres

Streams Impacted = 38,775 linear feet (7.24 miles)  
 Streams Mitigated = 219, 708 linear feet (41.6 miles)

Cost of Mitigation = \$25 million

**Seven miles of creek filled? That's a lot of creek.**

It does seem like a large number, but half of the streams impacted are located within a 1 mile by 1 mile square. Miles of those creeks spend much of the year dry.

**Are wetland impacts temporary?**

When the Haile Mine is reclaimed, several existing streams and wetlands will be reestablished and many new wetlands and streams will be created. Mining has occurred at Haile since 1827 and many of the wetland features and water bodies are a result of mining.

**Why do commercial developments impact less wetlands?**

Wal-Marts or other commercial developments can be moved to another location/community to avoid or minimize wetlands, but an ore body is where you find it and cannot be moved. Just as the ore body cannot be moved, the jobs created by the mine cannot be relocated outside the community, state or country.

Haile rearranged and reshaped many of its surface facilities to avoid and minimize its impacts as much as possible.

**Will I hear the blasting?**

If blasting is heard, it will sound like a distant thunder. The deeper Haile is in the mine pits, the less likely the blasting noise will be heard. Semi-trucks traveling down public highways and military planes flying over one's house will be more noticeable than blasting.

**Will blasting damage my house?**

No. Haile will be required to do pre-blast surveys of inhabited structures that are within one-half mile of any blasting. Since we know our neighbors well, if they feel there was damage, they can call us and we will gladly take a look and make repairs if needed. But that's not going to happen. We would wreck our own buildings if we let that happen.

**Will I hear noises from the mining operation?**

The regulation require monitoring studies be conducted to determine background noise levels and if it is determined that mining operations may significantly increase noise levels on neighboring property, then Haile will be required to minimize noise levels to neighboring landowners.

Haile will apply every technique to minimize noises from the mining operation.

**How much experience does Romarco and Haile have in building mines?**

The Haile management team is one of the most highly skilled in the industry – they have a combined 256 years mining experience and combined have successfully built, reclaimed, or managed operations at 87 mines in various parts of the world.

Romarco takes its environmental and social responsibility seriously; our environmental disciplines are integral to our success.

**How long will Romarco mine at Haile?**

We are optimistic the Haile Gold Mine will be in operation beyond the current estimate of 13 years - less than 1 percent of all mines actually close without discovering more ore than what was originally anticipated. Exploration will continue throughout the life of the mine, so new gold reserves may be discovered along the way, translating to even more revenue and more jobs for the area.

**What are Romarco and Hailes continued plans for the community?**

Haile continues to hire and buy locally. We spend approximately \$1 million per month in the county of Lancaster, and towns of Lancaster, Kershaw, and surrounding communities. This spend does not include more than 30 contractors that also purchase goods and services locally. It also does not include the money spent by our employees or others we support. It does not include homes bought or rented, cars purchased, hotel rooms, meals or gasoline purchased by dollars that start at Haile. Romarco has sponsored academic programs, sports teams, humanitarian programs, civic initiatives and Haile Gold Mine playground. Once in production and generating positive cash flow Romarco has plans to further enhance the development of the local community – the management of Romarco has a long-standing track record of supporting and helping to develop communities within which it operates.

**What if you go back to Canada?**

Canada? Go back? The CEO, CFO and COO of Romarco Minerals are all born and bred US citizens and all have purchased homes in South Carolina.