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## **Dynasty plans Zaruma pilot plant - Ecuador**

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Vancouver-based Dynasty Metals & Mining (TSX-V: DMM) plans to launch a pilot plant at year-end at its Zaruma gold project in southern Ecuador, company president and CEO Robert Washer told BNamericas.

A preliminary assessment of Zaruma is due for completion "within the next couple of weeks," to be followed by a full feasibility study, Washer said.

"Probably in 18 months we'll go into production at Zaruma."

Dynasty's Jerusalem project, where a full feasibility study is due to wrap up in roughly two months, is on a similar schedule, said the CEO, adding each underground mine is slated to produce 100,000oz/y of gold.

"We would be starting at that rate about 18 months from now [at one project], and then six months later the other one would come on stream at that rate."

Jerusalem has an estimated mine life of eight years and Zaruma at least 10 years, although Dynasty aims to double the Jerusalem resource and upgrade the Zaruma resource through continued exploration, said Washer.

Mine and mill design and metallurgy are progressing. "We're looking to get in gold [recoveries which will be] probably at least 90% or over on both projects."

The company has bought a ball mill, which will be used for the Zaruma pilot plant. Zaruma and Jerusalem are expected to use a crushing and grinding circuit followed by concentration for gold extraction, while tailings would be reprocessed by flotation to recover lead and zinc.

Although Jerusalem is a four-hour journey from Zaruma, the two projects are too far apart to share a mill, Washer said, adding the company will see some synergies on management in the area.

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Exploration is ongoing on the company's Dynasty Goldfield and Copper Duke projects as well. An April estimate put Dynasty Goldfield's indicated resources at 424,422oz gold and 4.76Moz silver and inferred resources at 427,017oz gold and 5.52Moz silver. "We're hoping within the next 12 months that we can add to it," Washer said.

Copper Duke "looks like another brand new discovery we have in the Dynasty copper-gold belt. We're getting very good gold results there" from early stage exploration.

The company plans to joint venture or spin off eventual copper discoveries, he added.

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Dynasty's total resources amount to 4.6Moz of gold in all categories.

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