



# Global tin shortage to benefit Elementos

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A PREDICTED tin shortage and the needs of high-growth sectors are being used to spruik a potential tin-copper-tungsten mining project in the Tarkine.

In its latest presentation to investors about its Cleveland project, near Luina, Elementos Limited used a graphic from mineral consulting company Roskill Information Services showing world tin demand significantly exceeding supply and predicting it would continue to do so at least until 2019.

Elementos said current production levels could only be sustained for another 19 years.

It also pointed to the importance of tin and tungsten to high-growth sectors and their links to technological development.

ASX-listed Elementos noted tin's use in consumer

electronics, transport, packaging and other areas.

It sees Cleveland as a three-stage project.

The first would involve recovering tin and copper from tailings, with the company aiming to start production in 2016-17.

Anti-competitive practices in the 1970s and 1980s created a restricted quota in the Cleveland plant that affected recovery, causing significant amounts of tin to end up in the tailings dam.

Aberfoyle Limited mined at Cleveland between 1968 and 1986, when the mine closed after the Hellyer Mine was discovered.

Elementos' second stage would involve open pit tin and copper mining, to start in 2017-18.

The third stage would be underground mining of tin, copper and tungsten, starting in 2020-21.

Luina is between Waratah and Savage River.