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## Island tungsten miner looks to the west

KING Island's tungsten miner is widening its ambitions, with plans for exploration drilling about 6 kilometres west of the Dolphin Mine.

"While the mine currently has confirmed reserves for 14 years of mine life, there is a significant area of 67 square kilometres under an exploration licence surrounding the Dolphin mining lease which is relatively under-explored," Group 6 Metals Limited chief executive Keith McKnight said.

"The company is very pleased to have received financial support from the Tasmania state government under the EDGI grant scheme to undertake exploration drilling at the Investigator 21 and 24 prospects later this year.

"The Investigator prospects are located approximately 6 kilometres west of the Dolphin Tungsten Mine and drilling completed by

the company at Investigator 21 in 2018 identified similar mineralisation to the Dolphin Tungsten Mine ..."

The drilling will be half-funded by a \$75,000 grant from the state government's Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative, which aims to encourage mineral exploration at existing and potential mining sites.

The program will involve four diamond drill holes.

The work will test potential extensions of the known tungsten mineralisation found by previous drilling programs.

Group 6 plans to get a drill rig to the island in October to complete the program.

The 2018 exploration program involved four holes at the Investigator 21 and Investigator 2 prospects.

It found significant mineralisation in three holes.

Mr McKnight said construction work was progress-

ing well at the mine.

"... the company is focused on achieving its aim to produce first concentrate in quarter one, 2023," he said.

— SEAN FORD