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Mine site drilling starts

DRILLING work has started at a tin, copper and tungsten mine near Savage River on the West Coast.

Mining company Elementos said it was using “diamond” drilling, a technique used to drill a hole straight into the Earth’s surface.

Initially 16 diamond drill holes will be used to explore and test the mine site.

“After extensive exploration and due diligence, Elementos is thrilled to officially commence diamond drilling of

the Cleveland site,” Elementos chief executive Chris Creagh said.

The drilling work started on Saturday.

“It’s Elementos’s intention to carry out the exploration drilling as one continuous program,” Mr Creagh said.

The Cleveland mine operated from 1968-1986, mostly as an underground mine.

An open-pit operation is expected to be developed next year before mining moves underground in 2021.