



Operations

SADIOLA GOLD MINE, MALI



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Ownership

41% IAMGOLD, 41% AngloGold Ashanti, Government of Mali 18%

Operator

AngloGold Ashanti

Location





The Sadiola Gold Mine is located in southwest Mali, West Africa near the Senegal Mali border, approximately 70 kilometres south of the town of Kayes, the regional capital. Kayes has a population of roughly 127,000 people and is located 510 kilometres northwest of the Mali capital Bamako.

The Republic of Mali is a landlocked nation bordering Algeria on the north, Niger on the east, Burkina Faso and the Côte d'Ivoire on the south, Guinea on the southwest and Senegal and Mauritania on the west. The country is just over 1,240,000 km² with an estimated population of almost 12,000,000.

The Sadiola mining permit covers an area of 302 km² in a remote part of Mali with little infrastructure. The minesite is accessed by a regional gravel road to Kayes. There is an airstrip at the Sadiola Gold Mine capable of handling light chartered aircraft. Kayes is serviced by rail, road and air from Bamako and from Dakar, the capital of Senegal. Bamako has an international airport with daily flights to many West African and European destinations. Dakar is a major port of entry to West Africa by sea and air and the primary supply route for imported goods coming to the minesite.

History

The Sadiola mine is a joint venture operation with AngloGold Ashanti and accounts for roughly 10% of IAMGOLD's production. The existing plant was not built for hard rock processing and because the mine is nearing the end of its supply of oxide ore, or soft rock, an expansion is necessary. Though depleting, mining of the oxides is expected to continue until 2018.

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