concentrate traders for use in blending with concentrates from other mines. The concentrates will help to enable the other concentrates to meet the limit of 0.5% arsenic imposed by Chinese smelters to meet China’s environmental restrictions.

**Mine development at the Kansoko Mine expected to reach high-grade copper in Q2**

Byrnecut Underground Congo SARL progressed well with the decline development at Kansoko Sud during Q1 2017. A total of more than 1,600 metres of development had been achieved at the end of Q1 2017.

The service and conveyor declines each have been advanced more than 770 metres and are in Kamoa pyritic siltstone, which overlies the copper ore. Development of the underground mine is scheduled to reach the high-grade copper mineralization at the Kansoko Sud Deposit during Q2 2017.

**Figure 10: Operating the underground drill rig during decline development.**

**Kakula box-cut and decline development**

The Kamoa-Kakula technical team has identified a location for a box-cut for the initial portal to planned decline ramps that will provide underground access to the Kakula Deposit. The design of the box-cut has been completed and the excavation, support and civil works have been tendered. A preferred bidder has been identified and the project team is in a position to award the contract. Construction of the Kakula box-cut is expected to take approximately five months, after which development of the set of twin declines can commence.

A tender document for the Kakula decline development has been completed and will be issued to prospective contractors during Q2 2017.