



DALANE: This core drilling equipment is in use in Dalane, the same type will be used at Lykling. Photo: Norway Mineraler AS

Can a new mining adventure occur at Lykling?

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Later this summer, core drilling starts for surveying minerals in the gold mining area at Lykling. The company Norway Mineraler AS has been given the license to do this by the Directorate of minerals. The landowners and the municipality are also positive.

Last year, surveys carried out by drone in the area. The results were so interesting that one now starts with core drilling to gain their knowledge of what can be found of minerals down in the rock.

We have done interviews in the area. Talked to the representative of the company that will investigate more, and talked to the landowner. Both parties are naturally excited about the scrutiny they want.

– If gold are found, it is a bonus, says Erik Joa, who represents the company, owned by a British mining company and with the Norwegian head office in Egersund.

Joa explains that the geology in the gold mining area is complex. It increases the chances for interesting findings. Norway Mineraler AS are looking to find raw materials that are critical for the society, and are used in steel production, in battery technology, and so on. The company knows that magnetite is found in the ground at Lykling, which contain vanadium, and titanium associated with ilmenite.

The landowners Sindre Larsen and Thor Audun Larsen look forward to getting more answers to what is hiding in the rock at Lykling. Are there more gold? The landowners have little to say as long as the

directorates of minerals have given permit. And the resources down in the ground, it's the State property. The process so far has been serious, the landowners says, and they appraise the good dialogue with the company that is going to start the mapping.

That the geology of the archipelago is exciting, we know from before, with all the extraction of stone and mining activity that have been ongoing from the Stone Age up to our day. The gold fever ravaged Lykling in the 1880s and early of the 20th century.

Who knows, maybe there soon will be a new mining adventure in this area at Bømlo after Norge Mineraler AS has had their mapping completed?