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WEST African gold explorer **Azumah Resources (AZM)** has released results from the first stage of metallurgical test work being conducted on samples of primary mineralisation from the Kunche resource at its Wa-Lawra gold project in Ghana.

Initial metallurgical results indicate recoveries of more than 90 per cent should be obtained on typical resource-grade Kunche mineralisation, using conventional gold processing technology comprising gravity separation followed by carbon-in-leach.

Between 25 per cent and 40 per cent of the gold is likely to be recoverable using a preliminary gravity separation phase, which the company said should favourably affect bottom line operating costs.

The next phase of test work is under way and is focused on Kunche mineralisation grading closer to the average combined indicated and inferred resource grade of 1.9 grams per tonne gold.

Metallurgical test work will also be conducted on samples of primary mineralisation from the recently discovered Bepkong deposit, for which the company expects to release a maiden JORC compliant resource estimate shortly.

AZM shares ended last week at 14c.

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