## **BLOCK CAVING**

## **How It Works:**

- 1. Resolution will initiate the block cave by excavating a small void below the ore deposit called an undercut.
- 2. The undercut will fill with broken rock as ore breaks away from the top of the void.
- 3. Funnels called drawbells are then constructed below the undercut.
- 4. Loaders will then collect the ore from the drawbells and carry it to an underground crusher; shafts will then convey ore to the surface for processing.
- 5. As broken rock is removed the gap at the top of the cave reopens and more ore is able to break away, this process is called caving.



