Drill bit
- Weighs 1,500 pounds
- Made of carbide steel

Nine decompression chambers acclimatize the miners to normal air pressure and protect them from experiencing symptoms similar to the "bends" once the miners are returned to the surface.

First attempt
Drill bit breaks at a depth of 105 feet. Hours later, the bit is removed and drilling resumes.

Warm air is pumped through a 6-inch hole to maintain the air bubble and warm the miners.

Rescue capsule is lowered by a crane into the escape shaft and removes one man at a time.

Drill #2 was at about 46 feet at approximately 10 p.m. yesterday.

Water is being pumped out from the mine entrance and at a site 2 miles north. Water level is decreasing at approximately 1 foot per hour, but officials did not know if water levels were decreasing at the miners' location.