To the top

After drilling for 33 days, a shaft wide enough for the Phoenix capsule has been completed; trapped miners began returning Cable to the surface

 A paramedic and a mine expert will descend in the capsule to help with rescue

Tuesday night.

 Shaft diameter is 71 cm

Capsule Upper

portion

of shaft Drilled at angle First 55 m lined with a steel casing to support shaft walls

Hour by hour

It takes an hour to lower the capsule and return to the surface carrying one miner each time

Tight fit

 Miners must squeeze into capsule 58 cm in diameter

Lower portion

- of shaft Nearly vertical
- Engineers say shaft walls are more stable

041 ft. 622 m)

Capsule

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