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- 9 November Galalar Maiden Ore Reserve, PFS deliver substantial boost to new silica sand mine
- 3 November Wayne Swan appointed Non-Executive Director & Chairman
- 28 September Progress update high priority northern exploration targets
- 20 September Galalar silica resource expands by 22% to 75.5Mt
- 6 September \$10M placement to progress Galalar Silica Project
- 18 August 2021 Northern exploration targets resource expansion
- 11 August 2021 Drilling boosts confidence in Galalar resource
- 10 June 2021 Mining Lease Application lodged for Nob Point export solution
- 19 May 2021 Offtake MOU advances development of Galalar Silica Project
- 22 April 2021 Positive initial testwork results received for Galalar DFS
- · 8 April 2021 Final metallurgical testwork underway for Galalar project
- 17 March 2021 Galalar silica resource expands 30% to 61.9Mt
- · 23 February 2021 Canberra meetings highlight community support for Galalar
- 11 February 2021 Diatreme advances community engagement for Galalar
- 25 January 2021 Diatreme eyes further silica sand resource expansion
- 22 January 2021 Galalar EIS study progresses with water monitoring underway



### Diatreme introduction.

- Public, ASX-listed company operating over 14 years focused on minerals exploration and development (ASX:DRX)
- Current market cap ~ \$66 million
- Flagship project Galalar Silica Project, Far North Queensland
- Over 1,200 active shareholders including major shareholders Ilwella P/L (Flannery Family Office) (approx. 20%), Deutsche Balaton (approx. 11.5%)
- Experienced Board and management who have successfully implemented and managed many projects through to mining, with specific Nth Qld mining project implementation and management experience from greenfield to production.

Diatreme Board Chairman Wayne Swan

**Directors** Michael Chapman Greg Starr William Wang

**DRX Management** 

CEO Neil McIntyre COO Peter Brown Project Manager Phil McMurtrie Geologist Neil Forbes CFO Tuan Do



Share price

A\$0.023

At close trading 8 November 2021 52 week high \$0.030, low \$0.012

Shares on issue 3,014m

Options 219.2m

179.2m - Exp 4/2/22 @ \$0.020 13.3m - Exp 27/5/26 @ \$0.025 13.3m - Exp 27/5/26 @ \$0.030 13.4m - Exp 27/5/26 @ \$0.035

Performance rights 1.9m

Market capitalisation A\$66m

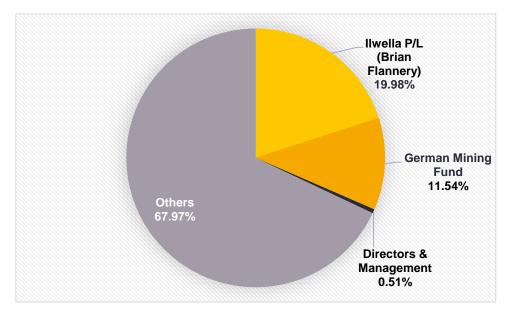
At 8 November 2021

Cash A\$8.8m

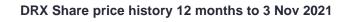
At 30 September 2021

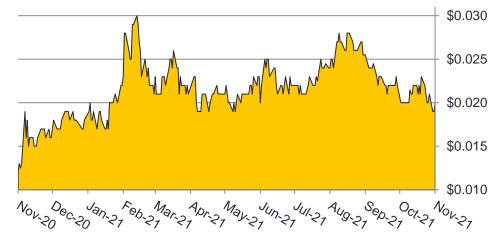
Debt facility (unsecured)

A\$1.5m Repayment 30 November 2022



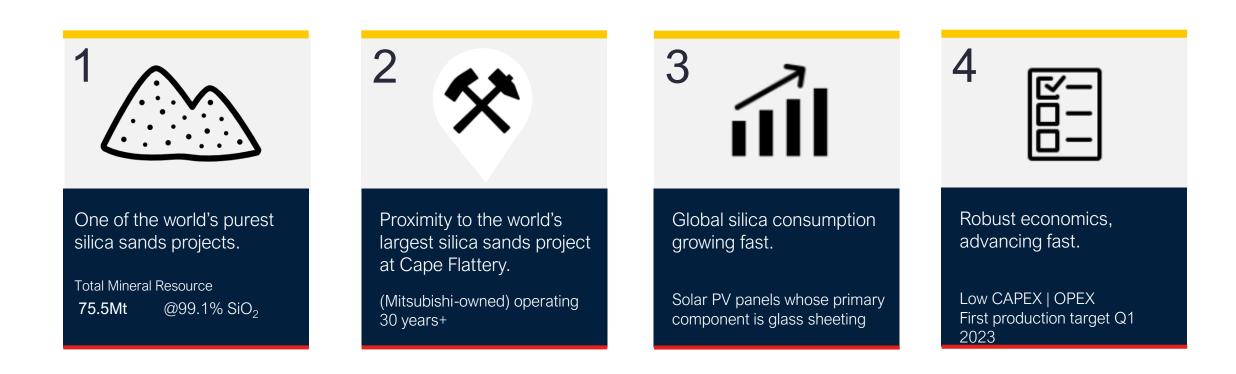
Shareholder interests at 3 Nov 2021







Our vision is to become a near-term producer of high purity, "low iron" silica sands for use in growing global solar PV and specialty glass markets.



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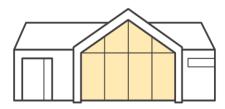
### Our Silica – making solar panels – de-carbonising the world economy

- Project will produce 31Mt gross silica sand over LOM, potentially used to produce over 3.2B solar panels producing "clean energy" well beyond actual Project mine life.
- Based on estimated energy generation over life of panels, the emissions saving compared to coal fired power would equate to taking 132M cars (petrol) off the road
- Savings in emissions equivalent to planting 34-291 million ha of trees
- Total emissions savings could power equivalent of 38.7M Australian households
- Net projected reduction in emissions of 25.5Kt CO<sub>2</sub>
- The total lifecycle emissions associated with solar panels produced as a result of the GSSP is approximately 1,093Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e. This compares to approximately 26,669Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-e for the equivalent amount of energy generation by burning coal.

**Calculation** - Solar panels: 26,669 billion kWh x 0.041kg  $CO_2$ -e/kWh = 1,093,425,000kg  $CO_2$ -e - Versus Coal power:26,669 billion kWh x 1kg  $CO_2$ -e/kWh = 26,669,000,000kg  $CO_2$ -e

**Note:** Calculations on silica consumption in PV panel manufacturing and electricity generation undertaken by independent consultants BMT Oct 2021 from available public data and production data from DRX.

# **CO<sub>2</sub>e savings**



# 38.7 million



# **132 million**



34 to 291 million hectares of trees

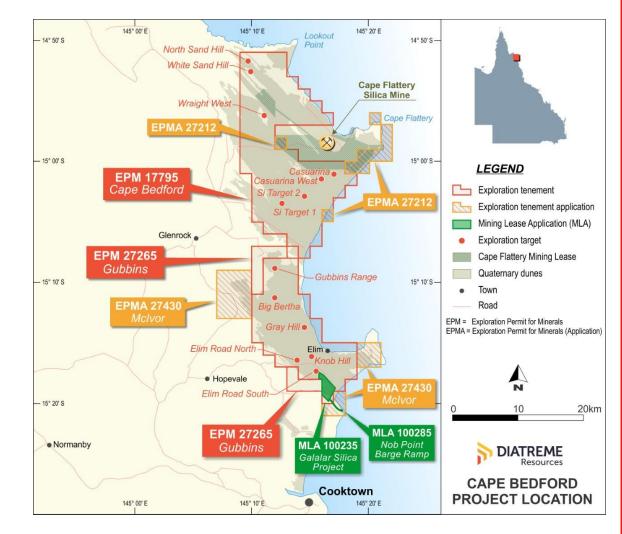
## > Upcoming value catalysts 2021/2022

Q4 2021	New Maiden Resource – Northern Exploration Area
Q1 - Q2 2022	Finalise DFS Study
Q1-Q2 2022	Final environmental approvals targeted
Q1- Q2 2022	Final approvals targeted for Mining Lease
Q2 2022	FID
1H 2022	Assemble project level debt/ finalise offtakes / finalise finance support
Q4 2022	Commence site works

*Note:* Timing expectations are based on current best estimates and may be subject to change

### Premium quality silica – with size and scale

- Project located 20km north of Cooktown, FNQ adjacent to world's largest high purity silica sand mine at Cape Flattery (Mitsubishiowned) operating 30 years plus
- Diatreme holds dominant exploration position in known silica province at over 500 sq km
- High purity silica resource identified (75.5Mt) and maiden Ore Reserve estimated (32Mt); further potential for resource expansion at Project and in Northern tenement area.
- Pre-Feasibility Study shows positive investment fundamentals, incl. post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> of \$358m, IRR 66%, payback 1.4 years
- Short-term pathway identified to cashflow via low capex project, targeting mine construction commencement in Q4 2022
- Strong demand from Asia for premium quality, low iron product for booming solar PV market and specialty glass applications
- Declining global supply highlights need for new projects



## Expanding mineral resource & Maiden mining reserve estimate

- Silica resource continues to expand, increasing 22% to 75.5Mt in latest upgrade (refer ASX release 20 September 2021)
- Total resource covers 486 ha with average thickness 15.5m, comprising 92.9% of MLA

- Clean, high-purity in-situ SiO<sub>2</sub> grade, with average in situ 99.16% SiO<sub>2</sub>
- Potential for further resource expansion, including northern exploration targets
- Maiden Mining Reserve 32.5 Mt at 98.5% SiO<sub>2</sub> cut-off grade

### JORC Resource Estimate 13 September 2021

### Inferred

9.22Mt Silica sand >99.1% SiO<sub>2</sub> grade

### Indicated

23.12Mt Silica Silica Silica Silica Silica

### Measured

43.12Mt Silica sand >99.21% SiO<sub>2</sub> grade



75.5Mt

>99.20% SiO<sub>2</sub> grade

Silica sand



## High quality silica product.

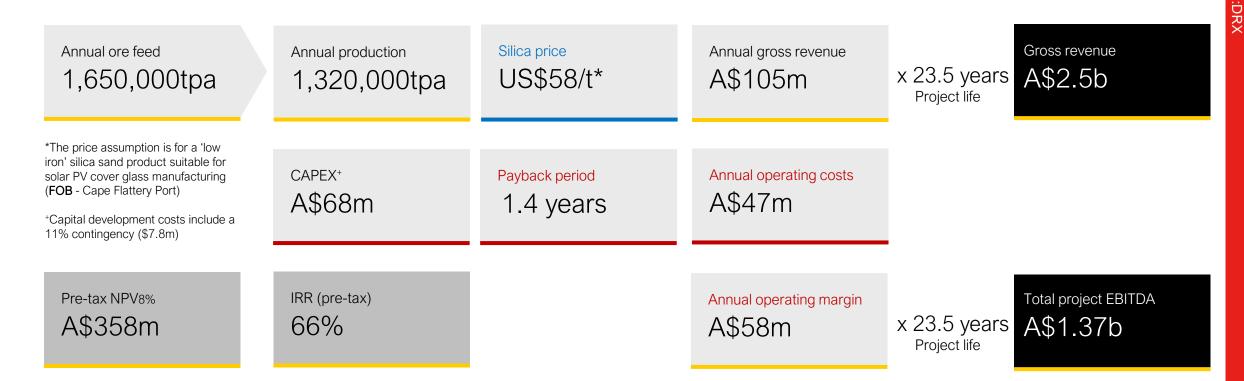
- The sand from the Galalar project is some of the world's purest
- Bulk sample testwork confirms ability to produce premium grade silica product for high-end glass & solar panel manufacturing (which demands minimum iron content)
- Positive results from initial metallurgical testwork by industry specialist, Mineral Technologies
- Solar panel manufacturers' feed stock requires >99.5% purity silica with "low iron" less than 120ppm iron oxide levels

Iron oxide	Silicon dioxide	Particle size distribution	Titanium dioxide	Aluminium oxide	
=< 110ppm	=> 99.9%	<b>109-700</b> Microns 24-140 mesh	< 140ppm	< 500ppm	
International required specifications <120ppm 100% in range	International required specifications >99.5%	International required specifications 109-700microns 98% in range	International required specifications < <b>400ppm</b> 100% in range	International required specifications <1,000ppm 100% in range	

#### Galalar expected quality – From bulk product testing



### PFS Now Complete – Project Economics – Strong Fundamental Improvements Achieved



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## Pre-Feasibility Study

### PFS - Positive investment case.

- Post-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> \$358 million (vs Scoping Study's \$158m), IRR 66% and life of mine net revenue \$2.5 billion
- Low initial capex of \$60.1m; payback period of 1.4 years
- Maiden Mineral Reserve estimate of 32Mt, sufficient for 18 years of initial operations; 23.5 year mine life scheduled
- Project to become significant regional employer (Hope Vale/Cooktown), directly employing 80-85 people, mainly from local community (drive in, drive out)
- Estimated \$800m contribution to local economy during LOM

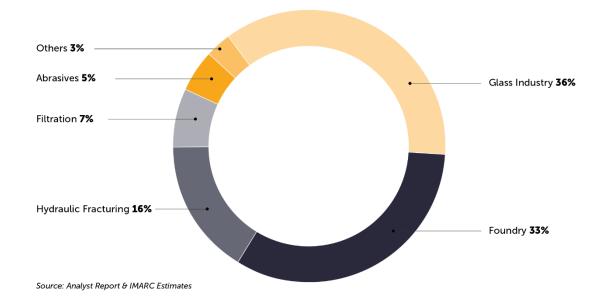
- Forecast annual yield of 1.32Mt of premium, low iron SiO<sub>2</sub> product at full production
- Conventional mine extraction and physical separation processing plant with small footprint
- Northern exploration targets identified, offering potential to expand project
- DFS to be delivered in Q1/Q2 CY2022, supporting FID in Q2 CY2022, targeting mine construction commencement Q4 2022

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## Silica market

# Solar market consuming more sand for panel manufacturing.

- Solar panel PV market forecast to reach US\$48.2 billion by 2025, with a CAGR of 34.7%\*
- World Bank estimates global renewable capacity will grow by over 1TW from 2018 to 2023, up 46%, with solar PV accounting for more than half of this growth
- Galalar project confirmed capable of supplying solar PV market with premium product
- Solar panel manufacturers' feed stock requires >99% purity silica with less than 120ppm iron oxide levels
- Est. 70% of each 'typical' commercial solar panel comprises glass sheeting made from 'low iron' high purity silica



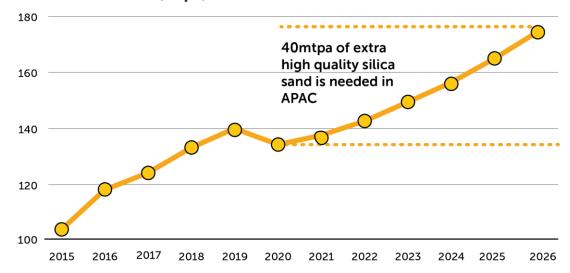
Source: "Minerals for Climate Action: The Mineral Intensity of the Clean Energy Transition," World Bank, 2020



### Growing global demand.

- Silica sand has many uses, the market is experiencing increasing demand from emerging consumers such as China and India from foundry, automotive and construction industries including the solar PV market
- Silica described as the 'next lithium' due to boom in solar PV; IEA estimates 162GW of extra capacity by 2022, 50% higher than 2019 level
- IMARC estimates global silica sand market could grow from US\$8B in 2019 to US\$20B by 2024; Asia-Pacific the fastest growing region with potential to reach US\$8B by 2026
- Supply is diminishing as a lot of the sand used in Asia comes from rivers where environmental concerns are increasingly restricting extraction
- No direct substitutes in majority of applications

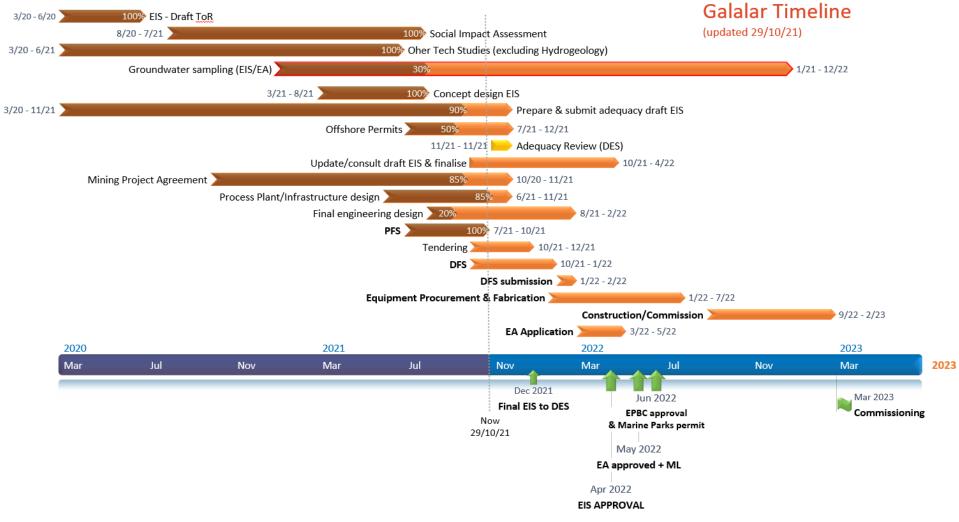
#### APAC Sales Volume (mtpa)



Source: IMARC Group, Report Title: "Asia Pacific Silica Sand Market: Industry Trends, Share, Size, Growth, Opportunity and Forecast 2021-2026," February 2021



### Permitting/Approvals advancing towards near-term production.



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### Galalar Silica Project

### Export solution: Nob Point.

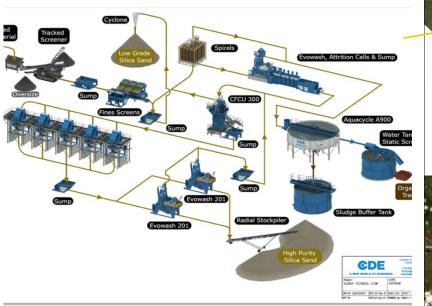
- Mining Lease Application lodged June 2021 for Nob Point barge ramp, haulage road and temporary stockpile area
- Minimises community and environmental impacts as well as reducing transport costs (lower opex)
- Strongly backed by local stakeholders including Hopevale Congress and other affected Native Title holders (under a heads of agreement).
- Construction of new 3.6km conveyor system from mine site to purpose-built barge ramp at Nob Point
- Barging silica product (benign in nature) over open water (covered barges) to ship transfer site
- All transhipping activity undertaken within the Cape Flattery designated port defined area (in GBRMP exclusion zone)



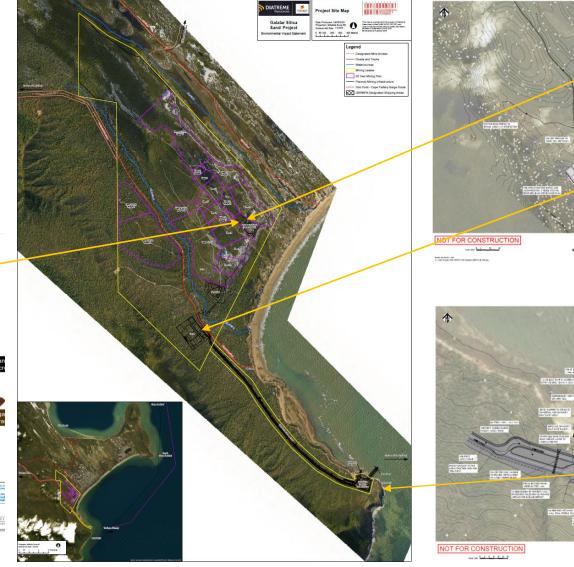


### Project design.

- Simple gravity plant
- No processing chemicals apart from inert flocculent to settle clay/fines



PFS Design Process Plant

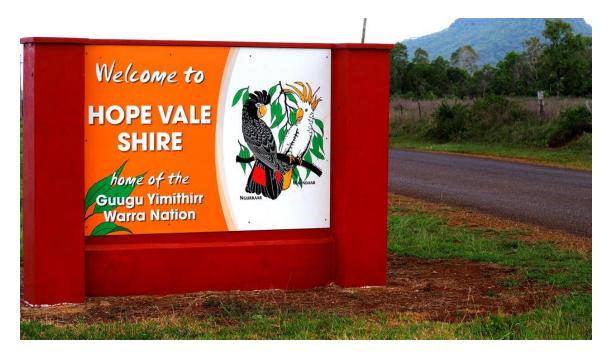








### Strong stakeholder support.



- Project being developed with support of traditional owners.
  Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation is the RNTBC entity, representing the interests of native title holders
- Memorandum of Co-operation (MOC) for preferred infrastructure development approach at Nob Point signed with Hopevale Congress, and native title holders the Thiithaarr and Gamaay People
- Thiithaarr and Gamaay People have established negotiation committee, with aim of delivering substantial benefits, business programs and direct community involvement - benefits include a 12.5% direct "free carry" stake in Project
- Pre-Feasibility Study shows project would become region's largest private employer, with 80-85 directly employed, and contributing over \$800 million in wages, royalties and taxes during LOM

\* Refer ASX release dated 9 November 2021 – "Galalar Maiden Ore Reserve, PFS deliver substantial boost to new silica sand mine".

## Potential to move downstream.

- Potential for further downstream processing or manufacturing – sites being examined in Townsville, Qld
- Potential for further beneficiation process to produce ultralow iron (sub 50ppm Fe) silica product used in high-end, high value electronics
- Diatreme consulting with potential parties to examine economics of establishing onshore glass manufacturing operations to supply solar PV market
- Move would capture added value for benefit of Qld, regional investment and jobs, supporting Qld Govt renewable energy drive and "new economy minerals" initiatives





### ESG benefits and environmental principals to be established at mine inception.





Renewable solar power to supply operation



110 FTE equivalent jobs + up to \$800m during LOM in various taxes, royalties and wages



Downstream processing option for Townsville



Traditional owners hold 12.5% direct project stake and high indigenous employment targets at start-up

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES Small development footprint – no chemicals with sustainable rehabilitation

gets at start-up all velopment tprint – no



**'Net zero' emissions target** for mining operation to be established

Supplying solar



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

AND PRODUCTION



Sustainable rehabilitation – no disturbance to reef habitat

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# APPENDIX



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### Local backing.



Canberra delegation, including representatives of affected native title holders (Thiithaarr steering committee), Hopevale Congress Aboriainal Corporation, and DRX CEO at Parliament House, Canberra

### Galalar sand mine increases

#### PETE MARTINELLI

SILICA sands developer and exporter Diatreme Resources Limited has announced another increase in the total JORC Mineral Resource estimate for its Galalar Silica Proiect near Cape Bedford in Cape York.

Resource estimate has risen to 61.9 million tonnes, up 30 per cent on the previous estimate announced last year

The total resource covers about 335ha with an average thickness of 18.8m, of which 99 per cent falls within the Mining Lease Application area.

"This is another welcome boost for our Galalar project, demonstrating its potential to become a long-

> term silica sand operation that generates valuable new jobs and investment for the benefit of the local commun-

ity, including the directly affected native title holders," Diatreme chief executive Neil McIntvre (above) said.

"Galalar will be transformational for Hope Vale and Cooktown, and together with potential downstream processing opportunities in Townsville has the potential to give the whole region a boost in its post-pandemic recovery."

The latest resource expansion follows the release of an economic study showing the project's potential to generate more than 110 full-time jobs, delivering a significant boost to regional household incomes.

It could inject about \$23m-\$24m in the construction phase and up to \$42m in the operational phase for the benefit of Hope Vale, Cooktown and the surrounding region, with estimated total revenue of \$80m per year.

Located about 200km north of Cairns and 20km north of the port of Cooktown, the Galalar Silica Project lies within the same sand dune system and in proximity to the world's largest operating silica sand mine at Cape Flattery.

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TONY RAGGATT Diatreme Resources CEO Neil McIntyre said they were BRISBANE-based and Chinaworking as hard as they could backed mineral and silica sands developer Diatreme Redeliver the best project sible for the people of sources is evaluating oppor North Queensland "Demand for Galalar's oduct continues to rise on e back of the solar energy tunities for down processing of premium quality silica in Townsville. Diatreme Resources plan hoom and with the clean en to mine high-grade silica sand at the Hope Vale Aboriginal our project has the right pro uct at the right time," Mr Community's Cape Bedford area north of Cooktown in its McIntyre said An economic study has es-timated the mining project has Galalar Silica Project. The company told the Australian Securities Exchange or the potential to create up to Friday it had undertaken site 110 full-time equivalent job visits in Townsville with the and inject up to \$42 million help of the State Department into the region during its oper of Regional Development Manufacturing and Water Affected native title hold and Townsville City Council. ers will have a 12.5 per cent The site visits examined potential available land and iect stake A draft EIS is under way for supporting infrastructure, inthe mine and Diatreme is tar cluding access to power, wate geting receiving environment tal approvals and Mining and gas, for potential down-stream processing or manu-Lease in the fourth quarter of facturing opportunities. The company said it was this year with first mining pro duction in 2022. The company said it would update the market as discusactively examining the poten-tial for a portion of its planned mine product, a low iron (sub sions progressed with partie 100 ppm Fe) silica product, to undertake further beneficiaconsidering onshore glas manufacturing operations. tion. It said this would likely be through a hot acid imme

### SAND MINE HEADS MEET LOCALS

**Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre** 

enough the significance of

such stakeholder engage-

Two weeks ago the com-

pany held community meet-

ings at Hope Vale aimed at

ment," he said.

"It is impossible to stress

sion process to produce an ultra-low iron (sub 50 ppm Fe)

EMERGING miner Diatreme Resources has kicked off stakeholder engagement meetings ahead of the proposed extraction of 21.6m tonnes of silica from a remote Cape York deposit.

An office in Hope Vale has opened with the aim of engaging the local community and a delegation to Canberra met Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt and Environment Minister Sussan Ley. The Galalar Silica Project

would mine 950,000 tonnes of silica sand a year during a proposed mine life of 15 years.

Diatreme chief executive Neil McIntyre said the meetings were key to earning a "social licence to operate".



holders including regional clan groups and town residents about the project.

Hopevale Aboriginal Congress chairman Willie Gordon said feedback must be "carefully listened" to in order to ensure development is sensitively undertaken.

"There are many positive benefits for the affected native title holders and broader Hope Vale community from this mining project, including jobs, revenue and economic opportunities," he said.

Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch supported the mine.

"(The mine) will be transformational for Hope Vale and Cooktown, an area of high uninforming affected native title employment," he said.



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### Resource statement Galalar Silica Project

### Galalar Silica Sand Project – Resource Estimate\*

JORC Resource Category (in situ)	Silica Sand (t)	Silica Sand (m³)	Cut-off Grade SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	LOI (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Density (t/m³)
Measured	43.12	26.95	98.5	99.21	0.09	0.11	0.16	0.13	1.6
Indicated	23.12	14.45	98.5	99.16	0.09	0.13	0.24	0.10	1.6
Inferred	9.22	5.76	98.5	99.10	0.11	0.16	0.27	0.11	1.6
Total (Measured + Indicated + Inferred)	75.46	47.16	98.5	99.18	0.09	0.12	0.20	0.12	1.6

\*Resource Estimate current as of 13 September 2021. \*\*Total Inferred, Indicated and Measured. R X

### Competent person's statement.

### Statement in accordance with the Australasian code for reporting of exploration results, mineral resources and ore reserves (the JORC code)

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Exploration targets from the Galalar Silica Sand Project is based on information reviewed and compiled by Mr. Neil Mackenzie-Forbes, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Mackenzie-Forbes is a director of Sebrof Projects Pty Ltd (a consultant geologist to Diatreme Resources Limited). Sebrof Projects Pty Ltd have been engaged by Diatreme Resources Limited to prepare this independent report and there is no conflict of interest between the parties.

Mr. Mackenzie-Forbes has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity for which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code). Mr Mackenzie-Forbes consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources at the Galalar Silica Sand Project is based on information, geostatistical analysis and modelling carried out by Mr Chris Ainslie, Project Engineer – Mining & Quarrying. Mr Ainslie is an employee of Ausrocks Pty Ltd and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy. Mr Ainslie worked under the supervision of Mr Carl Morandy, Mining Engineer who is Managing Director of Ausrocks Pty Ltd and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy and Mr Brice Mutton, Senior Geologist who is an Associate of Ausrocks Pty Ltd and is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists.

Ausrocks Pty Ltd have been engaged by Diatreme Resources Limited to prepare this independent report and there is no conflict of interest between the parties.

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