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## ROPER BAR IRON ORE PROJECT MAIDEN DRILLING PROGRAM CONCLUDED

- **Western Desert Resources Limited (ASX: WDR) initial drilling program at Roper Bar in the Northern Territory completed.**
- **Initial results show mineralisation continues under cover.**

The initial drilling program at Roper Bar in the Northern Territory has concluded due to the early onset of the wet season.

A total of 31 holes were drilled to depths ranging from 50 to 120 metres, including five diamond drill holes. Drill holes were sited west of outcropping iron formation on EL25672 to determine extent under cover.

To date assay results have been received for four of the 31 holes. All holes on a two line grid extending approximately two kilometres west of outcropping iron formation (refer location plan) intersected hematite mineralisation at depths varying from zero to 60 metres.

Intervals of hematite enrichment have been interpreted from geological logs of reverse circulation drilling and analysis of downhole geophysical logs. The sedimentary iron formation is consistently about 20 metres in depth extent. Intersections of hematite enrichment up to seven metres in thickness have been observed.

Assay results corresponding to the maximum iron content in each hole is shown in the table below.

RC Hole	Depth	Fe %	SiO <sub>2</sub> %	P %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	Loss on Ignition
RB001	59 – 60	44.2	25.20	.002	1.16	8.09
RB002	60 – 61	42.5	19.35	.004	1.43	15.1
RB003	49 - 50	41.7	15.55	.003	1.30	18.85
RB004	33 - 34	38.3	18.25	.005	2.63	19.8

Summary assay results for RC holes at Roper Bar. Samples analysed by ALS Chemex using XRF with Lithium metaborate fusion.

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#### About Western Desert Resources Limited

Western Desert Resources is an ASX listed Australian exploration company with key mineral projects in Australia with a strategic focus on minerals that supply the steel and construction sectors. Western Desert has identified advanced development prospects in iron ore, manganese molybdenum and tungsten.

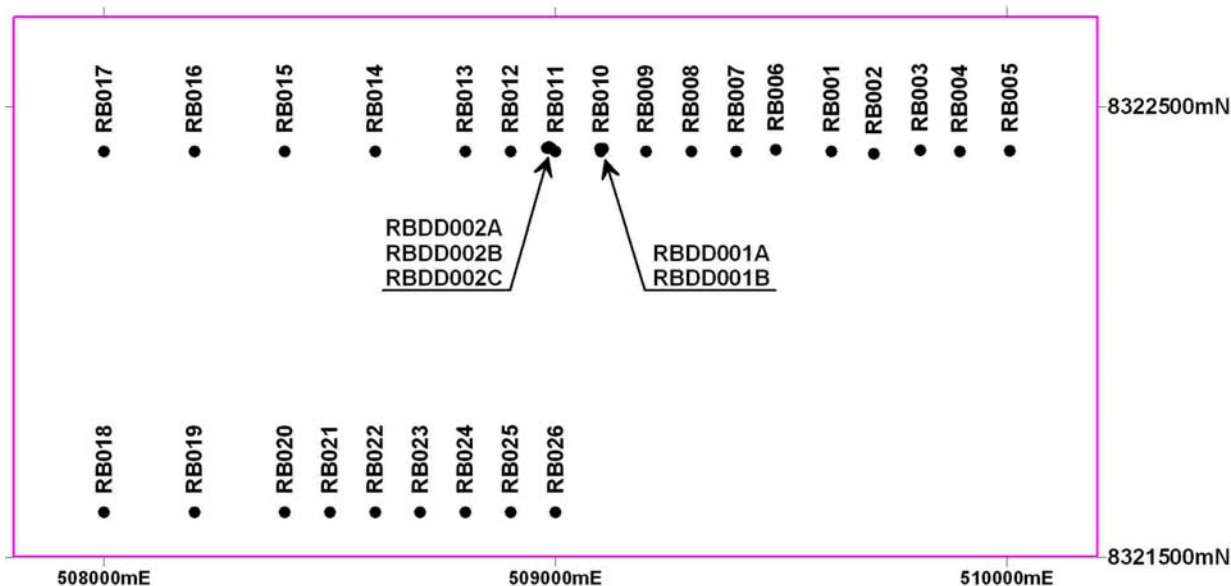
Core projects are: the Roper Bar Iron Ore Project in the Northern Territory, highly prospective for iron ore with low phosphorous and other impurities and located close to the Roper River; and the Gladstone, Queensland Manganese Project.

Western Desert has acquired a strategic 16.7% stake in Thor Mining Plc, which is listed on the United Kingdom AIM market. Thor Mining owns the Molyhil Molybdenum / Tungsten project, located north east of Alice Springs. An off-take agreement is in place with CITIC, China's leading energy and base metal producer.

The Company's portfolio also includes interests in copper and gold targets. Western Desert can earn up to an 80% interest in the Roper Gold/Base Metals project, south-west of Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

## ROPER BAR IRON ORE PROJECT DRILLHOLE LOCATION PLAN

SHOWING ALL RC (prefix RB) & DIAMOND (prefix RBDD) HOLES



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