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DRILL MOMENTUM DOUBLED AT KEY W.A. PROJECT

- **Additional & immediate 2,500m drill program for Yuinmery**
- **Focus on infilling of Just Desserts data**
- **Intention is to achieve initial JORC-standard resource estimate**
- **New report says significant EM source at depth not yet intersected**
- **Three other prospects on site to be first drilled.**

A decision to immediately double the drilling momentum at a key copper-gold project in Western Australia has been announced by project owner, Empire Resources Ltd (ASX:ERL).

The Company today said it would now proceed immediately with a new 2,500 metre drill campaign on its 90%-owned and promising high grade Yuinmery **copper – gold** project, 85 kilometres southwest of Sandstone, after favourable results from its maiden campaign there in February this year.

Assay results from that program – a 12-hole schedule totalling 2,000 metres and focused primarily on Yuinmery's Just Desserts prospect, returned intersections including:

Hole No.	Prospect	Intersection
YRC08-01	Just Desserts	23m @ 2.68% Cu, 1.28g/tAu from 80m
	Incl.	6m @ 7.42% Cu, 3.01g/tAu from 85m
YRC08-02	Just Desserts	13m @ 2.58% Cu, 0.39g/tAu from 63m
		7m @ 4.23% Cu, 1.65g/tAu from 106m
YRC08-03	Just Desserts	13m @ 2.55% Cu, 1.67g/tAu from 106m
		7m @ 1.92% Cu, 0.36g/tAu from 149m
YRC08-06	Just Desserts	14m @ 2.08% Cu, 0.17g/tAu from 74m

Just Desserts prospect the main focus

Empire says the bulk of the new Reverse Circulation drilling program announced today will be centred around the Just Desserts Prospect with a view to achieving sufficient additional infill data to enable the estimation of an initial resource for the project that meets JORC standards.

Three other nearby prospects within Yuinmery, Trajan, Claudius and Hadrian, will also be drill tested by Empire for the first time in the new schedule, which commences this weekend.

“Drilling at Just Desserts is designed to prove geological continuity and to test for extensions to previously announced high grade copper – gold mineralisation,” Empire’s Managing Director, Mr David Sargeant, said today.

“Our confidence in this prospect particularly has also been heightened by a new report by external geophysical consultants on the results of a moving loop TEM survey and downhole TEM surveys at Just Desserts,” Mr Sargeant said.

“These indicate that there is a significant EM source (electrical conductor) at depth beneath the Just Desserts prospect that has not yet been intersected by drilling.

“A deeper Reverse Circulation hole is now planned to test this target in the current program.”

During the new work, Empire will also drill pre-collars for a number of diamond holes to be completed at a later date subject to the contracting of a suitable drilling rig. These diamond holes will provide samples for metallurgical testing and provide information on the downdip extensions of the known mineralization.

Mr Sargeant said the exploration work at Trajan, Claudius and Hadrian prospects would test prominent surface and downhole TEM anomalies identified by external geophysical consultants and not previously drill tested.

Background to Yuinmery

The copper – gold mineralization at Yuinmery is of a volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) style, similar in nature to orebodies being currently mined at Golden Grove and Jaguar in Western Australia. The mineralization occurs as massive sulphides associated with chert exhalite horizons, as matrix sulphides in lapilli tuff, and associated with mafic and ultramafic intrusions. As typical of this style of mineralization, a number of separate mineralized occurrences occur over the approximate 7.5km strike length of prospective rocks mapped within the project area.

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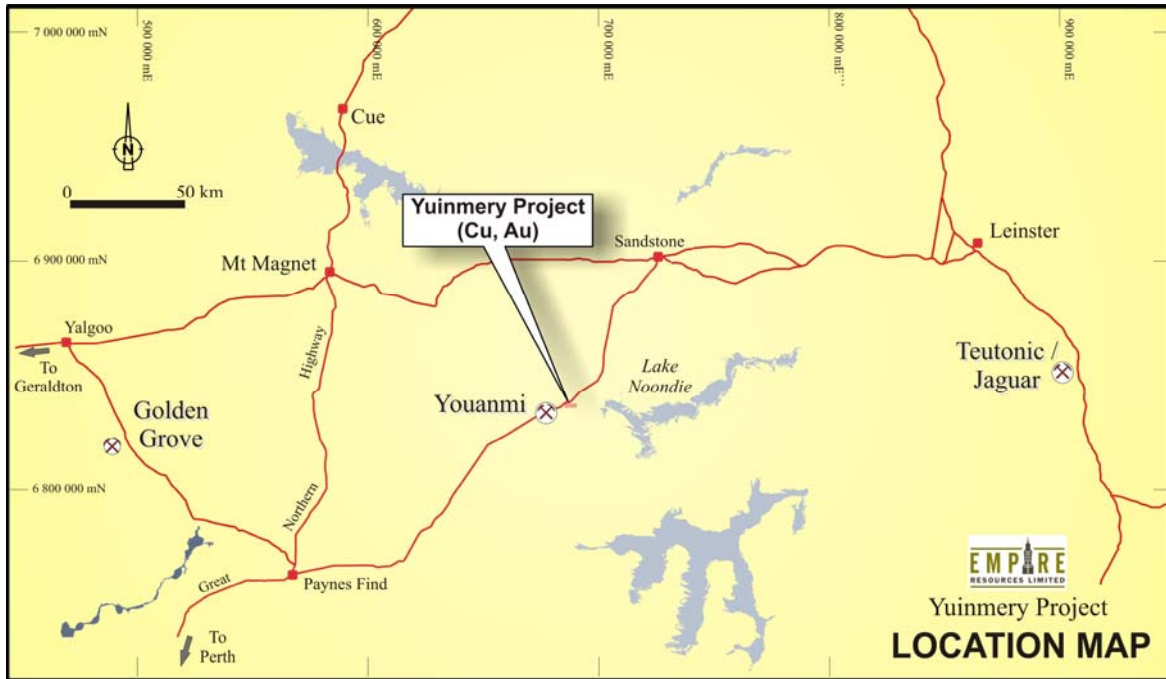


Figure 1 : Yuinmery project location map

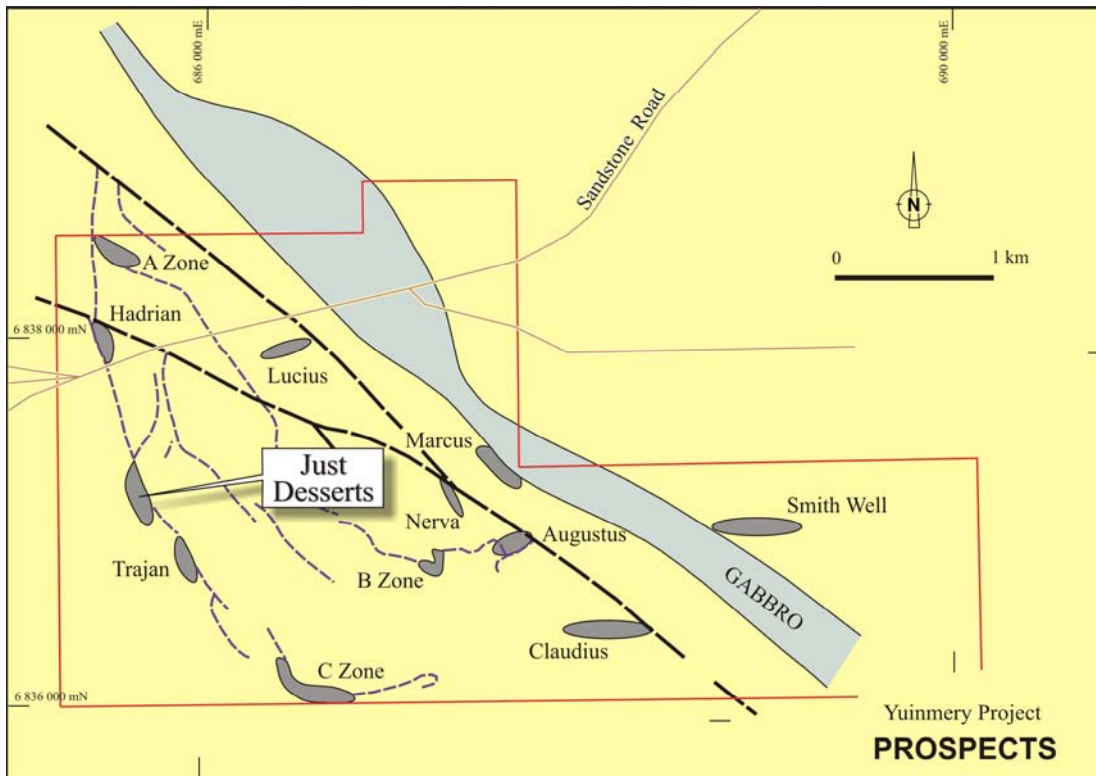


Figure 2 : Yuinmery prospect location map

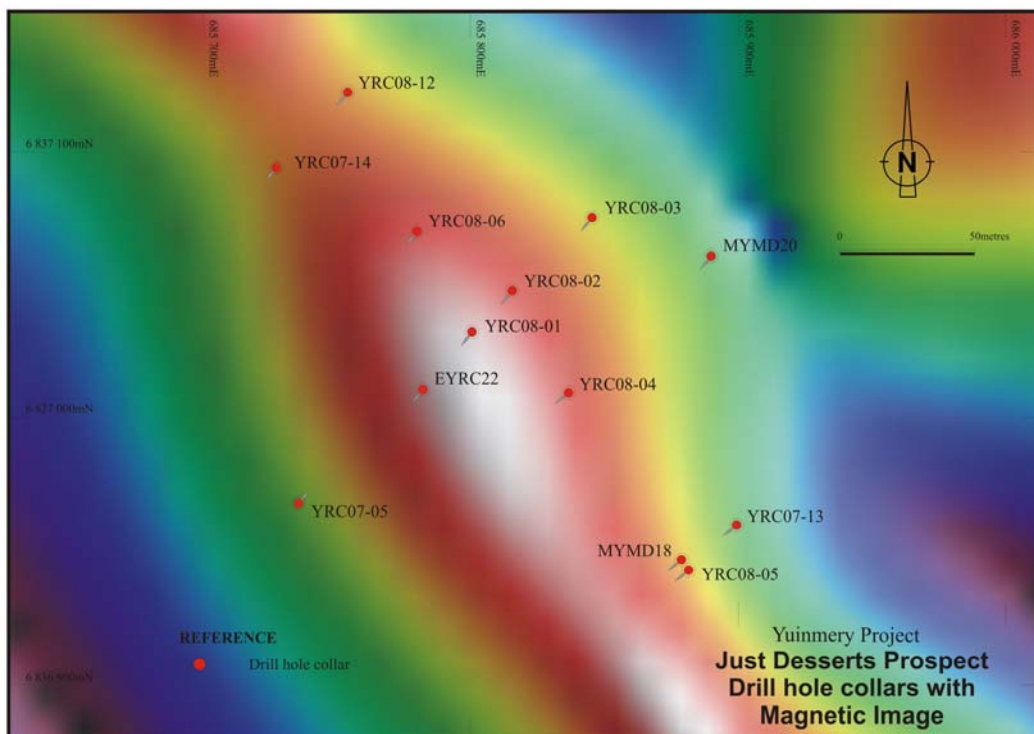


Figure 3 : Just Desserts prospect - drill hole location plan overlaid on magnetics

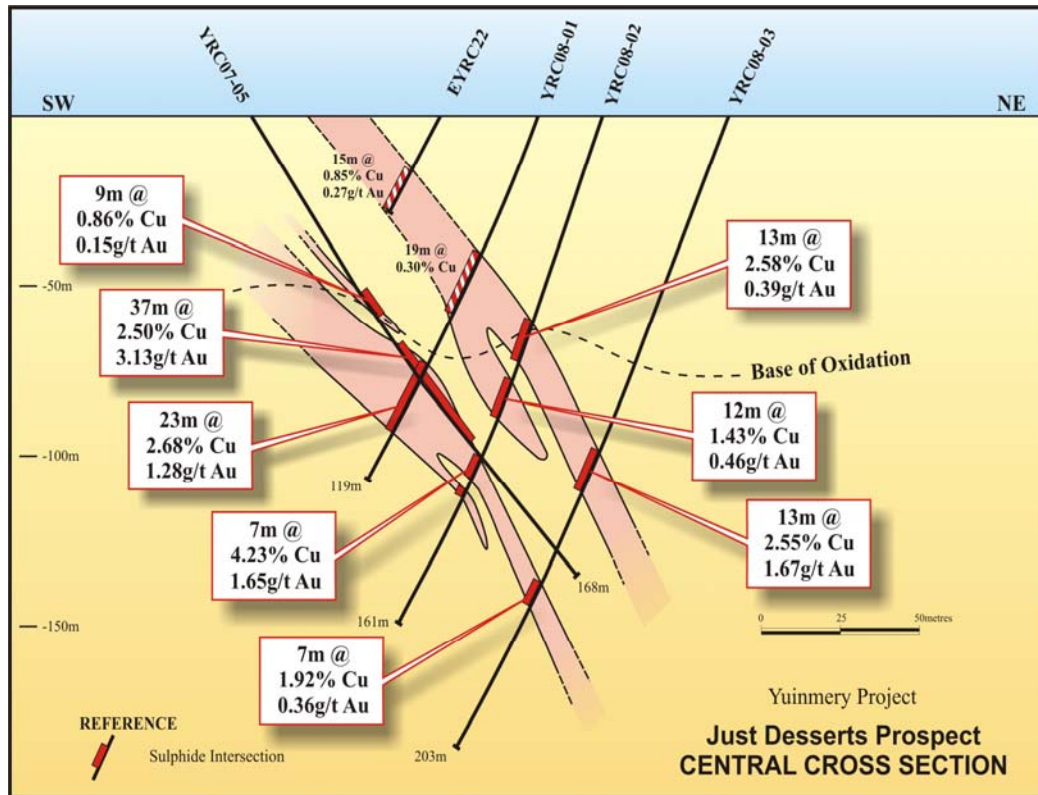


Figure 4 : Just Desserts prospect - cross section



Figure 5 : Just Desserts prospect – coarse volcanic lapilli tuff rock

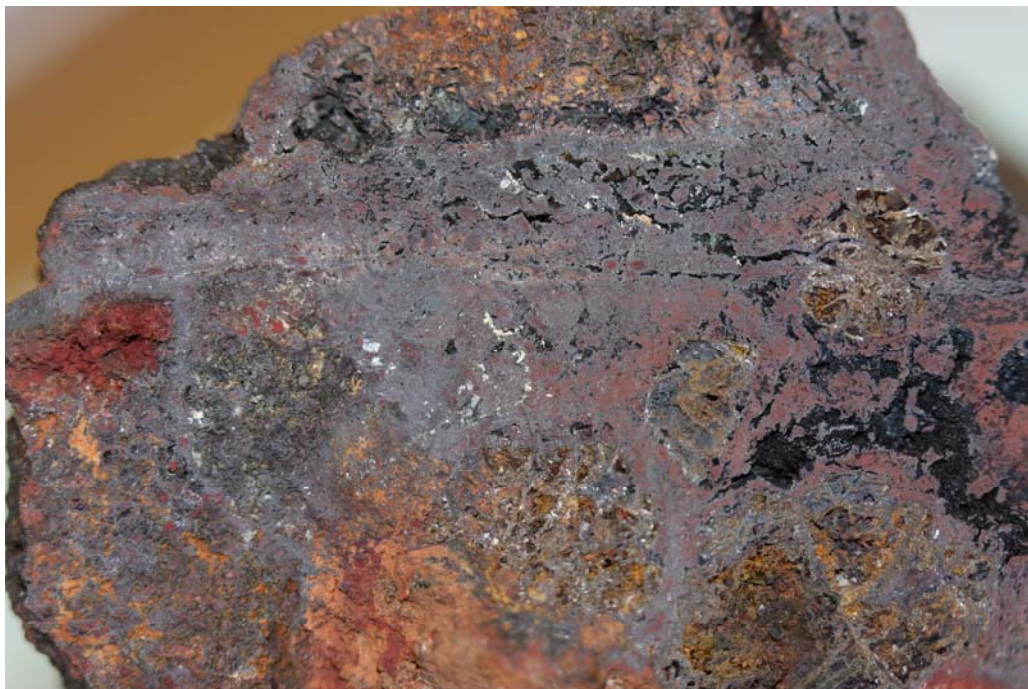


Figure 6 : Just Desserts prospect – coarse textured gossan outcrop

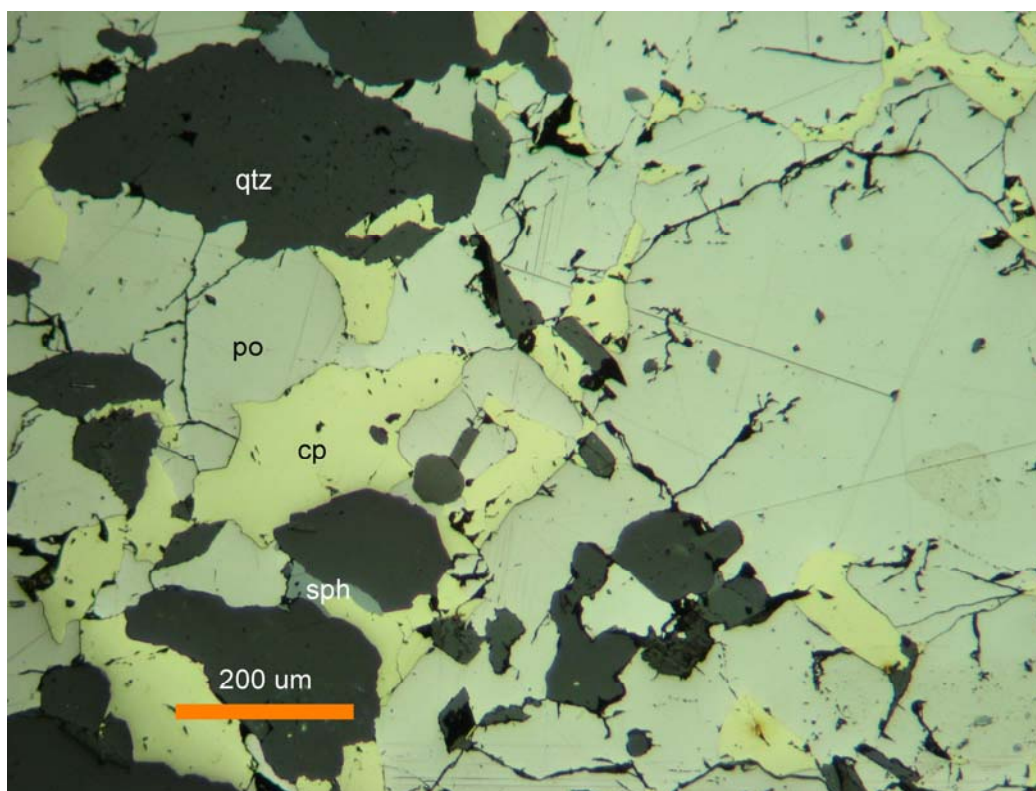


Figure 7 : Just Desserts prospect – coarse textured sulphides in a polished section from drillhole YRC08-02.

Annotation: qtz = quartz, po=pyrrhotite, cp=chalcopyrite, sph=shalerite.