

## Lure of Mexico strong for WA resources house

Following a successful capital raising in June, base and precious metals explorer Azure Minerals Ltd launched a number of drilling programs at three of its Mexican plays, while the completion of an environmental impact statement (EIS) progressed development at a fourth.

The Western Australian-based junior raised more than \$5 million during the share placement, which was supported by joint lead managers RFC Corporate Finance and Southern Cross Equities.

The proceeds of this will now be injected into several drilling programs that will continue until the end of 2010.

Azure is chasing exploration results at two porphyry copper deposits – La Tortuga (in a joint venture with Japanese Government corporation JOGMEC) and San Eduardo (in collaboration with OZ Minerals Ltd).

Both projects – in the northern Sonora state – are wholly-owned by Azure, although the JV partners are spending \$3 million each on the first stage of exploration in order to earn 51% at the respective undertakings.

The junior has been working with

JOGMEC at the La Tortuga-Los Nidos properties since 2008, where intensive geophysics and some diamond drilling tested for porphyry copper and skarn copper-zinc mineralisation.

Ten priority targets have been picked up, with five appearing in areas of outcropping.

Aeromagnetic and radiometric work has also been completed at San Eduardo, which is believed to hold large porphyry copper deposits. Here the exploration program includes induced polarisation and diamond drilling.

The company's most advanced copper play is at Promontorio, situated further to the south in Sonora, where an EIS is expected to allow the further development of the 502,000 tonne resource.

Part of the project area has been found to fall within an environmentally protected area, prompting the Mexican Government to call for Azure to release the EIS before the next stage of drilling and project development occurs.

A local (Mexican) consultancy group – Clifton Associates Ltd – has begun work, and this is expected to take 2-3 months

to complete.

Azure anticipates that the path to the development of Promontorio will not be difficult as the government has assured the junior that it looks positively upon the project, which has a high grade resource (4.7% copper, 2.1 grams/t gold and 99 g/t silver) within a 1,000 metre strike length.

With only 200m of this strike length drilled, Azure is planning further definition work across the project, which contains several robust sulphide veins.

Company executive chairman Tony Rovira said the junior was now well placed to pursue strong exploration programs and development work on its Mexican properties.

"Azure has a significant, well funded exploration program scheduled for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011," he added.

"I am looking forward with anticipation to delivering the results of this work."



Tony Rovira

## Explorer drops its anchor in old NSW workings

An historical antimony mine in New South Wales continues to capture the imagination of a diversified Australian junior.

Anchor Resources Ltd – which is also looking for base metals and uranium in both in NSW and Queensland – has focused much of its corporate attention over the past few years on the Bielsdown project, which includes the old Wild Cattle Creek antimony mine operation.

This was first drilled back in the 1960s and again during the 1990s. A compilation of the available historical data by Anchor during 2007 led to the first round of resource drilling by the company last year.

Since then the junior has continued to progress a resource evaluation and scoping study on the undertaking – activities which are expected to continue throughout the second half of 2010.

The mineralisation of the tenements consists of a quartz-stibnite rich high grade breccia core, surrounded by an envelope of stringer stibnite-wolframite

vein-type of mineralisation.

Anchor's 2009 exploration program targeted down plunge extensions to the main breccia mineralisation and demonstrated a robust and continuous system, with mineralisation remaining open at depth and along strike.

During the June quarter, around 2000 metres of reverse circulation pre-collar and diamond tails were drilled in the 10 hole program, with an additional wedge hole also drilled from one of the diamond holes. All intersected the targeted mineralised breccia, thus confirming the deposit's continuity.

A highlight of the field program was hole 10WRD15, which intersected the widest zone of anomalous mineralisation to date – 51.2 metres at 1.69% antimony, representing around 22m true width.

Results from the latest drilling program have prompted Anchor to re-evaluate the JORC resource contained at Wild Cattle Creek. A number of the holes tested managed to expand the known mineralisation of the area, while further

confidence in results from old holes had been provided by recent drill checking.

"A successful round of drilling at Wild Cattle Creek in 2010 has moved forward into the resource modelling and upgrade phase," the company's managing director Trevor Woolfe explained.

"A scoping study has commenced to investigate the parameters and costs associated with key mining and processing options.

"While the main focus will be on the core breccia-hosted antimony mineralisation, we will also evaluate the potential economic upside from peripheral 'stringer' mineralisation that incorporates tungsten as well as antimony."

The new resource estimate is expected to be announced during the upcoming quarter. The proposed scoping study has been set for completion during the last quarter of 2010.



Trevor Woolfe