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Drilling rig mobilised for Fairbairn Copper Project in WA

Program will test three targets identified by geophysics and sampling as having strong similarities to the rich DeGrussa copper-gold deposit nearby

Key Points

- Mobilisation of drill rig and associated equipment by drilling contractor DDH1 has commenced to the Fairbairn Copper Project
- Permitting approval has been received which allows Great Western to commence drilling of three fixed-loop electromagnetic conductor copper targets defined at the Project
- Geophysics, geological mapping, sampling, and modelling suggest the three compelling electromagnetic conductors represent potential DeGrussa Style copper-gold volcanic hosted massive sulphide deposits, with this style of mineralisation often occurring in clusters of deposits
- Phase one of drilling comprises diamond holes drilled to depths ranging from 250 to 350m, with follow up drill-holes to be drilled based on success from the first phase of the programme.

Great Western Exploration Limited (ASX:GTE) ("Great Western" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that contractor DDH1 has started mobilising a drill rig and equipment in preparation for testing three DeGrussa-style copper-gold targets at its Fairbairn Copper Project in WA.

The Fairbairn Copper Project is located 900km north-east of Perth (Figure 1) and 120km from Sandfire Resources' (ASX: SFR) DeGrussa copper-gold project. The drilling programme will test three compelling DeGrussa-style copper-gold targets, which were identified by both a fixed-loop electromagnetic (FLEM) ground survey and a heliborne EM survey (see ASX Announcement dated 26 September 2023).



The FLEM survey identified three isolated and discrete bedrock conductors, which are interpreted to be related to sulphide mineralisation. The shallow depth conductors were modelled between 80m and 190m below surface, positioned along a contact between a siltstone-shale and boulder conglomerate sandstone units of the Yelma Formation within the Earraheedy Basin (Figure 2).

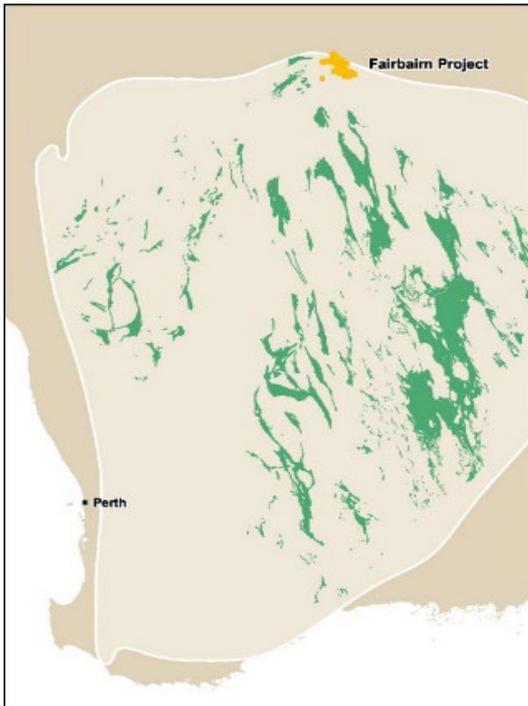


Figure 1: Fairbairn Project Location

The copper target's prospectivity was significantly enhanced by geological mapping and modelling that suggests the conductors have potential to be blind DeGrussa-style volcanic-hosted massive sulphide targets (VHMS).

Drilling will test three conductors, with VHMS style mineralisation often occurring in clusters of deposits. Phase 1 drilling will target the centre and upper portions of the conductors (Figures 3, 4, and 5), which are interpreted as the most prospective position of the modelled conductors. Phase 1 will be completed utilising a diamond drill rig, with hole depths ranging from 250-350m.

Follow-up drill-holes will be drilled based on successful mineralised intersections from the first phase of the programme (Figures 3 - 5).

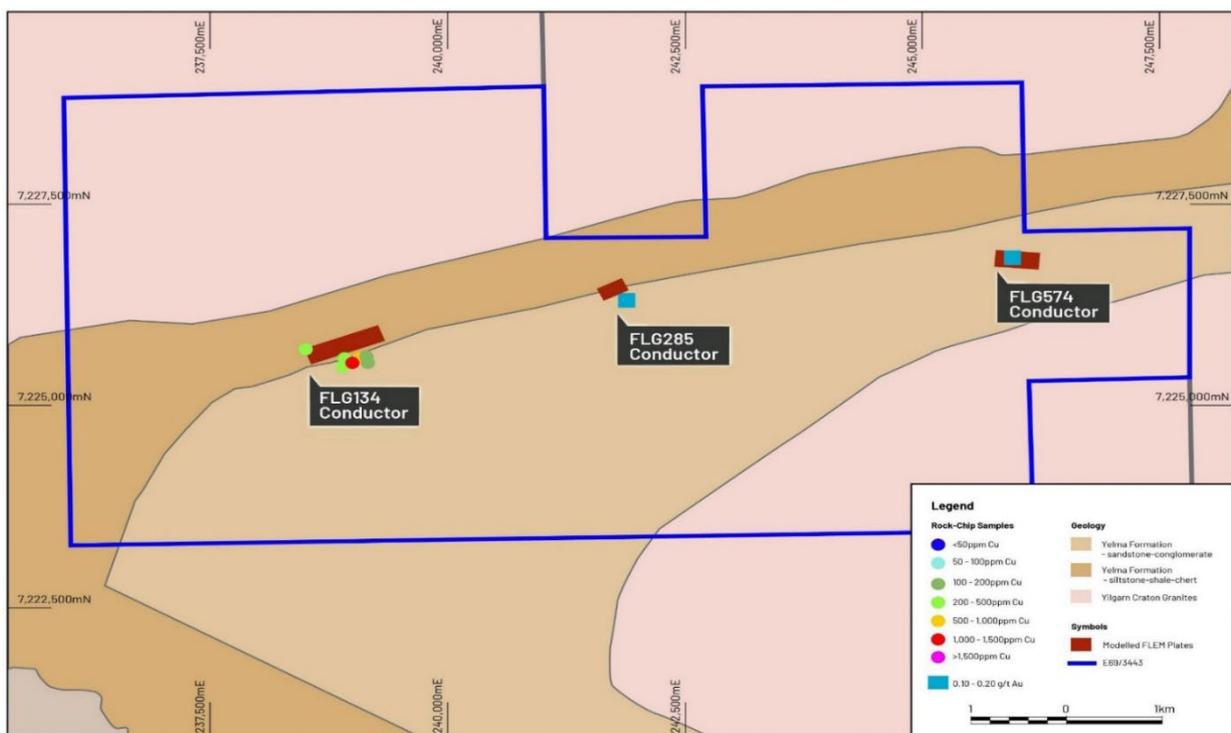


Figure 2: Plan location of FLEM conductors FLG134, FLG285, and FLG574 (GTE ASX Announcement 26 September 2023)



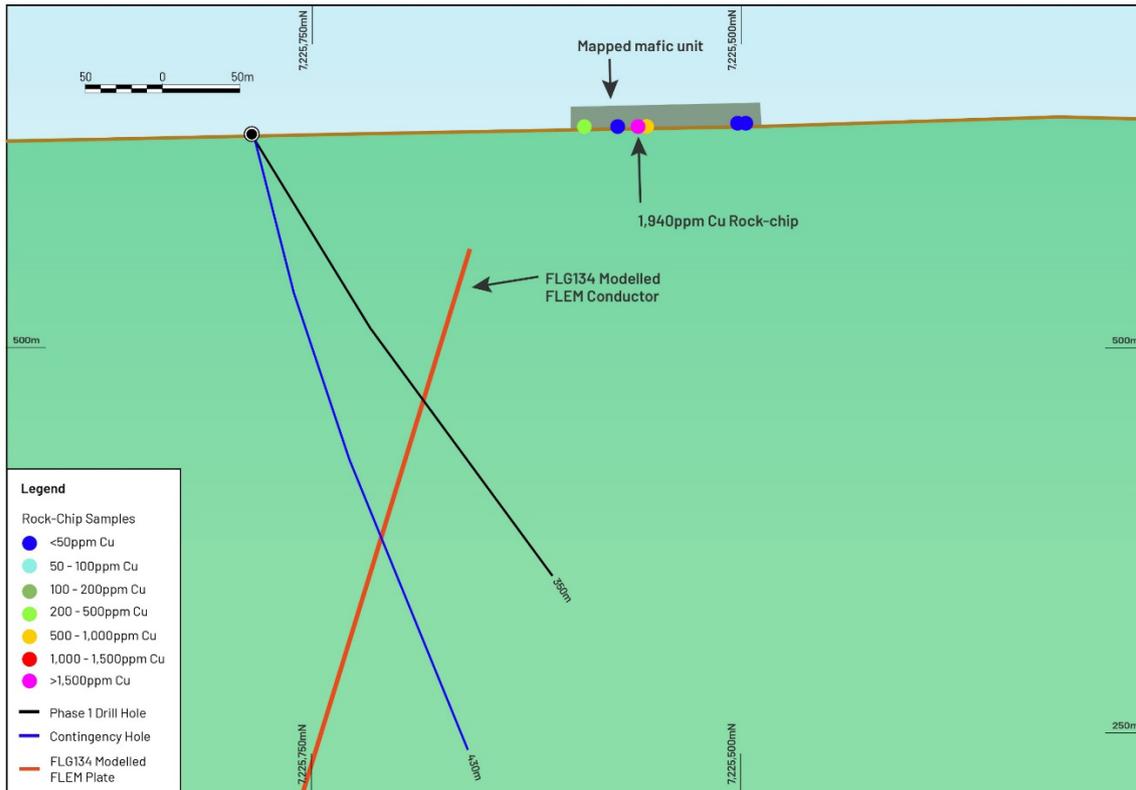


Figure 3: FLG134 modelled plate conductor and designed drill-holes to test for VHMS mineralisation. Plate FLG134 has extents of 800m x 600m, with the top of the plate within 80m from surface (GTE ASX Announcement 26 March 2024).

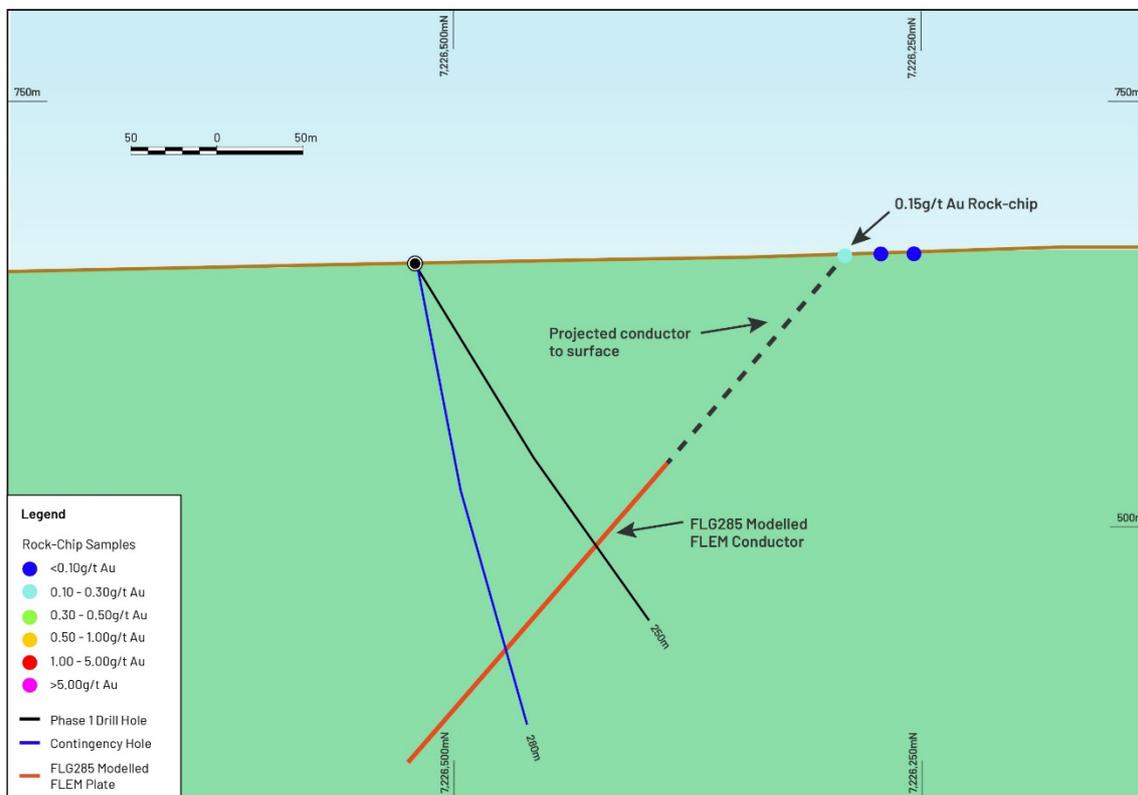


Figure 4: FLG285 modelled plate FLEM conductor, with designed drill-holes to test for VHMS mineralisation. The plate has extents of approximately 280m x 180m and is within 120m of surface (GTE ASX Announcement 26 March 2024).



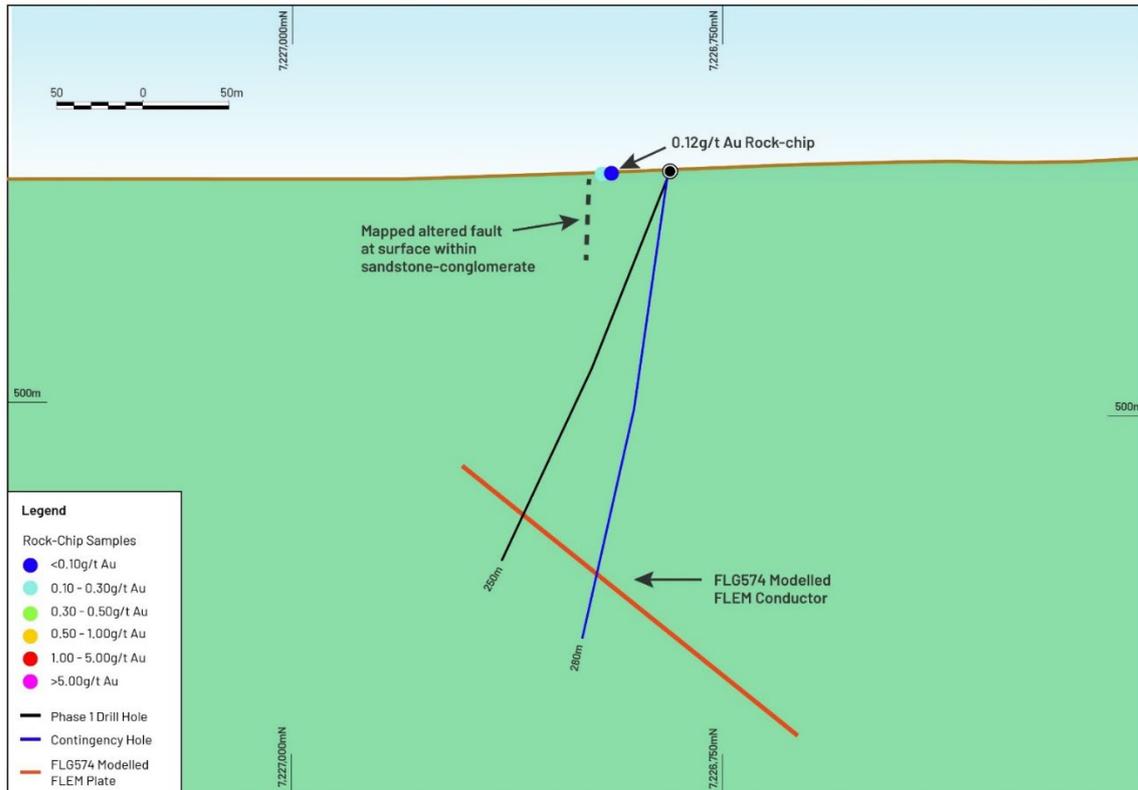


Figure 5: FLG574 modelled plate FLEM conductor, with designed drill-holes to test for VHMS mineralisation. The Plate has extents of approximately 480m x 170m and is within 190m of surface (GTE ASX Announcement 26 March 2024).

Great Western looks forward to updating shareholders with results from this highly prospective copper-gold drilling programme.

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Numerous work programmes across multiple projects are underway and the Company is well-funded with a tight capital structure, providing leverage to exploration success.

