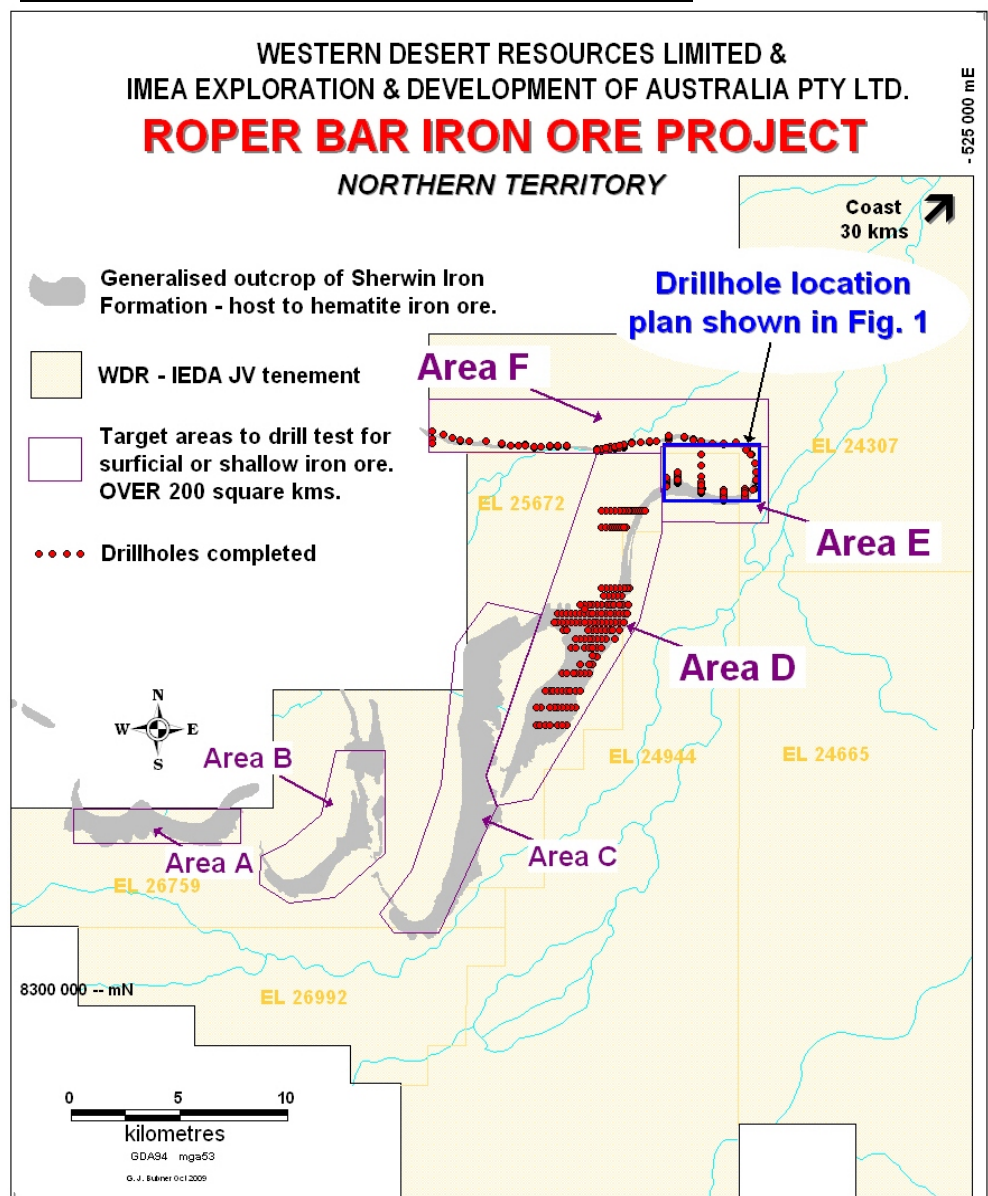


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INITIAL RESULTS FROM AREA "E" - ROPER BAR IRON ORE PROJECT IN NT SUBSTANTIAL MINERALISATION REVEALED

- Significant intersections of hematite mineralisation
- Best intersection of 14m at 59% Fe (in 48 metres @ 49.5%) in drillhole RBRC214
- Thickness in eastern part of mineralised area greater than observed in previous drilling
- Additional eastern area assays still to come



Assay results have now been received from the recently completed drilling programme at Area "E" within the Northern Territory Roper Bar iron ore project of Western Desert Resources Limited (ASX code "WDR") and ITOCHU subsidiary, IMEA Exploration and Development of Australia Pty Ltd (IEDA).

Results are being reported for the holes drilled during August and September 2009 (RBRC212-246) – Table 1. Further drilling was carried out in late September 2009 (RBRC276-299) and assays results from these holes have not yet been received. The locations of the reported holes are shown on Figure 1.

Area E consists of two distinct zones. An eastern zone where the Sherwin Ironstone Member (SIM) strikes north-south and dips moderately to the west (20-60°), drilling was carried out on east-west lines 400m apart in this part. The second southern zone is located in the south of the area and the SIM is flat to gently north dipping with an east-west strike. Drilling was carried out on north-south lines at a spacing of 1km except for the most western line which was spaced at 500m.

Significant intersections of near surface iron mineralisation were found in both zones of Area "E". The northern part of eastern zone contained the thickest widths of mineralisation with 35m at 45%Fe from 8m in hole RBRC212 and 48m at 49.5%Fe from surface in hole RBRC214.

Assays from six holes (RBRC216-221) in the central part of the eastern zone are still awaited.

One drill section line (512600E) was extended across the centre of the area. Two holes completed in the middle of this line (RBRC237 and 238) were drilled to 90m without intersecting SIM, which is assumed to be present at greater depth.

Significant drilled intersections of >50% Fe include:

RBRC212	29 to 40m	11m at 53.4% Fe, < 0.01% P, 17.9% SiO ₂ , 1.2% Al ₂ O ₃ and 3.5% LOI
RBRC213	51 to 57m	6m at 55.1% Fe, <0.01% P, 14.7% SiO ₂ , 1.6% Al ₂ O ₃ and 4.0% LOI
RBRC214	30 to 44m	14m at 58.8% Fe, <0.01% P, 11.2% SiO ₂ , 0.7% Al ₂ O ₃ and 3.4% LOI
RBRC215	39 to 50m	11m at 57.2% Fe, <0.01% P, 11.9% SiO ₂ , 1.3% Al ₂ O ₃ and 4.0% LOI
RBRC224	21 to 27m	6m at 53.1% Fe, <0.01% P, 21.2% SiO ₂ , 0.9% Al ₂ O ₃ and 1.6% LOI
RBRC225	1 to 9m	9m at 50.2% Fe, <0.01% P, 21.1% SiO ₂ , 2.2% Al ₂ O ₃ and 3.9% LOI
RBRC226	4 to 11m	7m at 53.4% Fe, <0.01% P, 18.9% SiO ₂ , 1.3% Al ₂ O ₃ and 2.8% LOI

The Roper Bar project consists of six granted exploration licences (EL24307, EL24655, EL24944, EL25672, EL26759 and EL26992). The tenements are located in the Gulf Country of the Northern Territory about 40km from the coast.

The area being tested by the current program covers 24 square kilometres compared with a potential target area identified by geological mapping of in excess of 200 square kilometres.

"These results are very pleasing coming from an area that we originally felt was not highly prospective, this augers well for some other areas under cover within our tenements and opens up possibilities for blending and adding to DSO resources", Managing Director Norm Gardner said.

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by John Fabray who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Fabray is a full time employee of Western Desert Resources Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation under consideration and to the subject matter of the report to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC code). Mr Fabray consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they occur.

About Western Desert Resources Limited

Western Desert Resources (WDR) is an ASX listed Australian exploration company with a diversified portfolio of projects in Australia. WDR has identified advanced prospects in iron ore and gold.

Core projects are: the Roper Bar Iron Ore Project in the Northern Territory located close to the Roper River; and the Rover gold/copper project near Tennant Creek, also in the Northern Territory.

Table 1: Intersections Area E. RC drilling August/September 2009

Hole No	Coordinates		Dip	Azi (True)	Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Fe %	P %	SiO2 %	Al2O3 %	LOI %
	East	North											
RBRC212	514677	8325254	-60	90	48	8	43	35	45.5	<0.01	23.7	1.7	8.1
					incl	29	40	11	53.4	<0.01	17.9	1.2	3.5
RBRC213	514655	8325249	-60	90	66	32	60	28	42.3	<0.01	24.9	2.0	10.6
					incl	51	57	6	55.1	<0.01	14.7	1.6	4.0
RBRC214	514883	8325001	-60	90	60	0	48	48	49.5	<0.01	19.3	1.6	6.9
					incl	30	44	14	58.8	<0.01	11.2	0.7	3.4
RBRC215	514856	8325002	-60	90	66	27	53	26	48.6	<0.01	18.8	1.7	8.1
					incl	39	50	11	57.2	<0.01	11.9	1.3	4.0
RBRC216	515075	8324600	-60	90	48	assays in progress							
RBRC217	515061	8324597	-60	90	66	assays in progress							
RBRC218	515117	8324204	-60	90	48	assays in progress							
RBRC219	515099	8324200	-60	90	48	assays in progress							
RBRC220	515128	8323803	-60	90	48	assays in progress							
RBRC221	515092	8323808	-60	90	66	assays in progress							
RBRC222	515037	8323400	-60	90	48	10	27	17	43.1	<0.01	28.8	2.8	5.3
					incl	10	14	4	54.1	<0.01	17.5	1.0	3.5
RBRC223	514984	8323397	-60	90	48	17	27	10	45.2	<0.01	28.6	1.4	4.6
RBRC224	514940	8323392	-90	0	48	20	28	8	49.1	<0.01	24.4	1.0	3.7
					incl	21	27	6	53.1	<0.01	21.2	0.9	1.6
					and	32	39	7	36.5	<0.01	28.5	2.5	13.1
RBRC225	514604	8323072	-90	0	30	0	11	11	46.2	<0.01	25.6	2.7	4.5
					incl	1	9	9	50.2	<0.01	21.1	2.2	3.9
RBRC226	514601	8323111	-90	0	30	2	13	11	49.1	<0.01	22.8	2.0	4.1
					incl	4	11	7	53.4	<0.01	18.9	1.3	2.8
RBRC227	514603	8323141	-90	0	30	4	14	10	43.2	<0.01	30.0	2.3	4.8
RBRC228	513600	8322997	-90	0	30	0	12	12	42.6	<0.01	29.5	3.7	5.1
					and	14	19	5	34.9	<0.01	40.2	3.0	5.3
RBRC229	513600	8323048	-90	0	30	4	19	15	43.4	<0.01	29.3	2.7	4.9
					incl	6	10	4	56.8	<0.01	15.5	0.9	2.0
RBRC230	513600	8323100	-90	0	36	12	22	10	48.1	<0.01	23.3	1.9	4.9
					incl	13	17	4	57.4	<0.01	14.4	0.7	2.3
RBRC231	513600	8323164	-90	0	36	14	25	11	47.2	<0.01	22.9	1.6	6.6
					incl	16	20	4	59.7	<0.01	11.9	0.6	1.8
RBRC232	512600	8323347	-90	0	30	5	18	13	35.8	<0.01	33.2	3.9	9.7
RBRC233	512607	8323399	-90	0	36	13	22	9	31.2	<0.01	32.7	4.0	15.0
RBRC234	512600	8323447	-90	0	36	14	21	7	38.0	<0.01	26.4	2.7	14.2
RBRC235	512600	8323500	-90	0	36	assays in progress							
RBRC236	512603	8323999	-90	0	90	57	75	18	39.6	<0.01	30.7	2.3	8.3
RBRC237	512600	8324505	-90	0	90	SIM not intersected							
RBRC238	512592	8324998	-90	0	90	SIM not intersected							
RBRC239	511502	8323898	-90	0	42	10	20	10	39.9	<0.01	31.0	1.8	8.6
					and	24	30	6	38.3	<0.01	29.9	0.8	12.8
RBRC240	511502	8323947	-90	0	42	14	32	18	36.8	<0.01	30.8	2.2	11.8
RBRC241	511501	8323999	-90	0	48	20	34	14	37.0	<0.01	28.3	2.1	14.0
RBRC242	511499	8324101	-90	0	47	27	39	12	38.0	<0.01	31.1	2.4	9.5
RBRC243	511000	8323693	-90	0	30	0	11	11	39.3	<0.01	33.6	2.6	5.8
RBRC244	511002	8323757	-90	0	30	5	15	10	39.4	<0.01	30.7	2.3	8.7
RBRC245	510993	8323803	-90	0	36	9	18	9	37.0	<0.01	30.0	2.6	11.6
RBRC246	510997	8323853	-90	0	42	13	22	9	37.1	<0.01	29.1	2.7	11.8

RC drill samples collected every metre. Intersections quoted at >30% Fe and >50% Fe.
All coordinates in GDA94 MGA zone 53 and collected using hand held GPS. XRF results by Amdel.

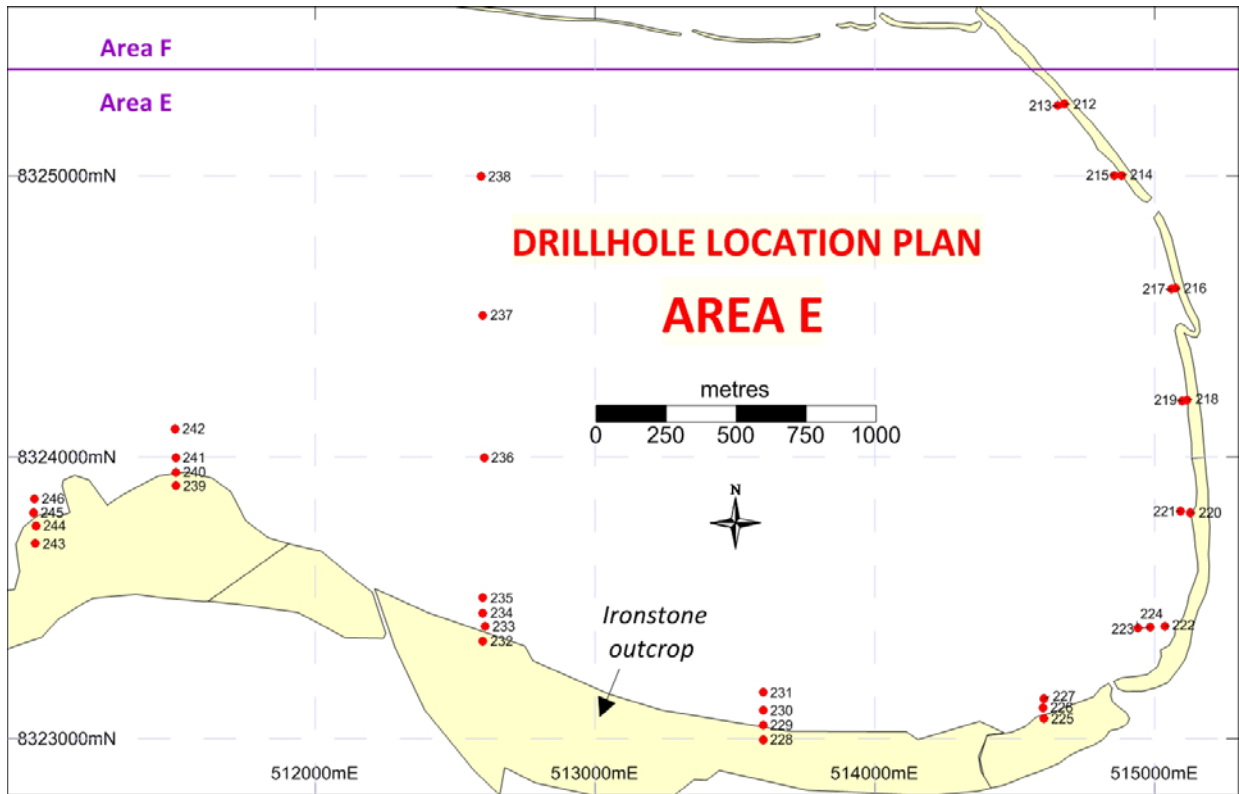
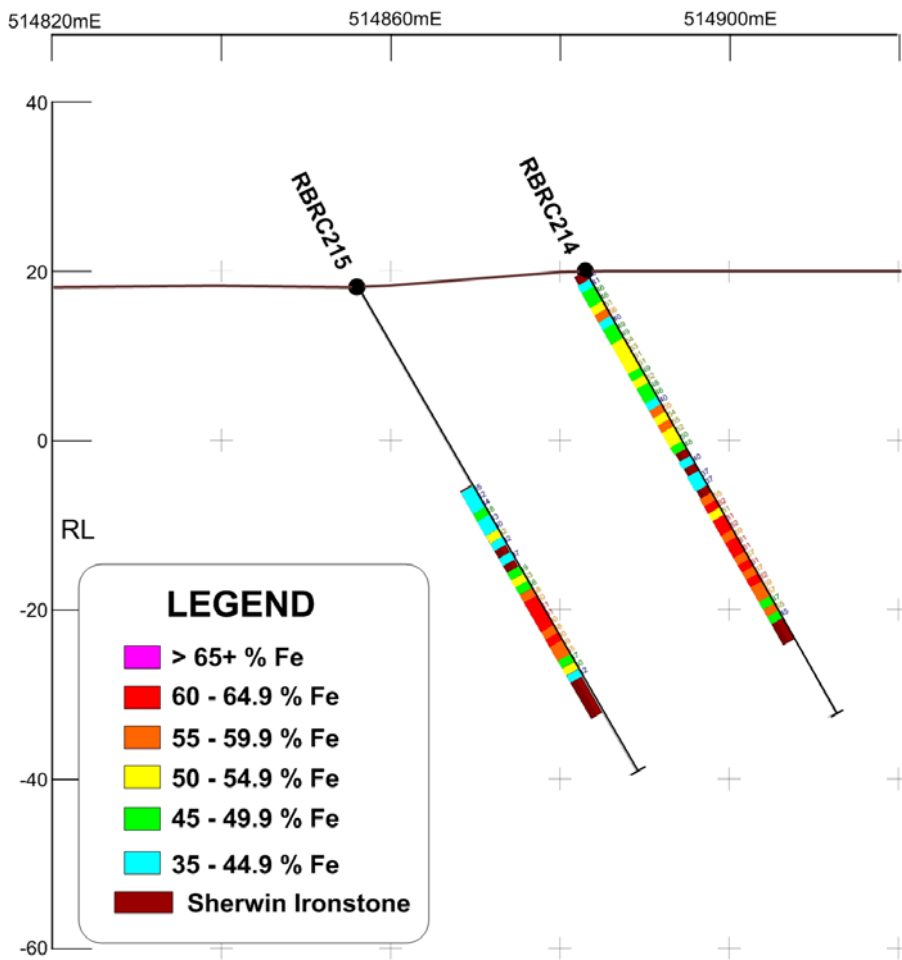


Figure 1. Roper Bar Area E - plan showing drillholes reported in this release.



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