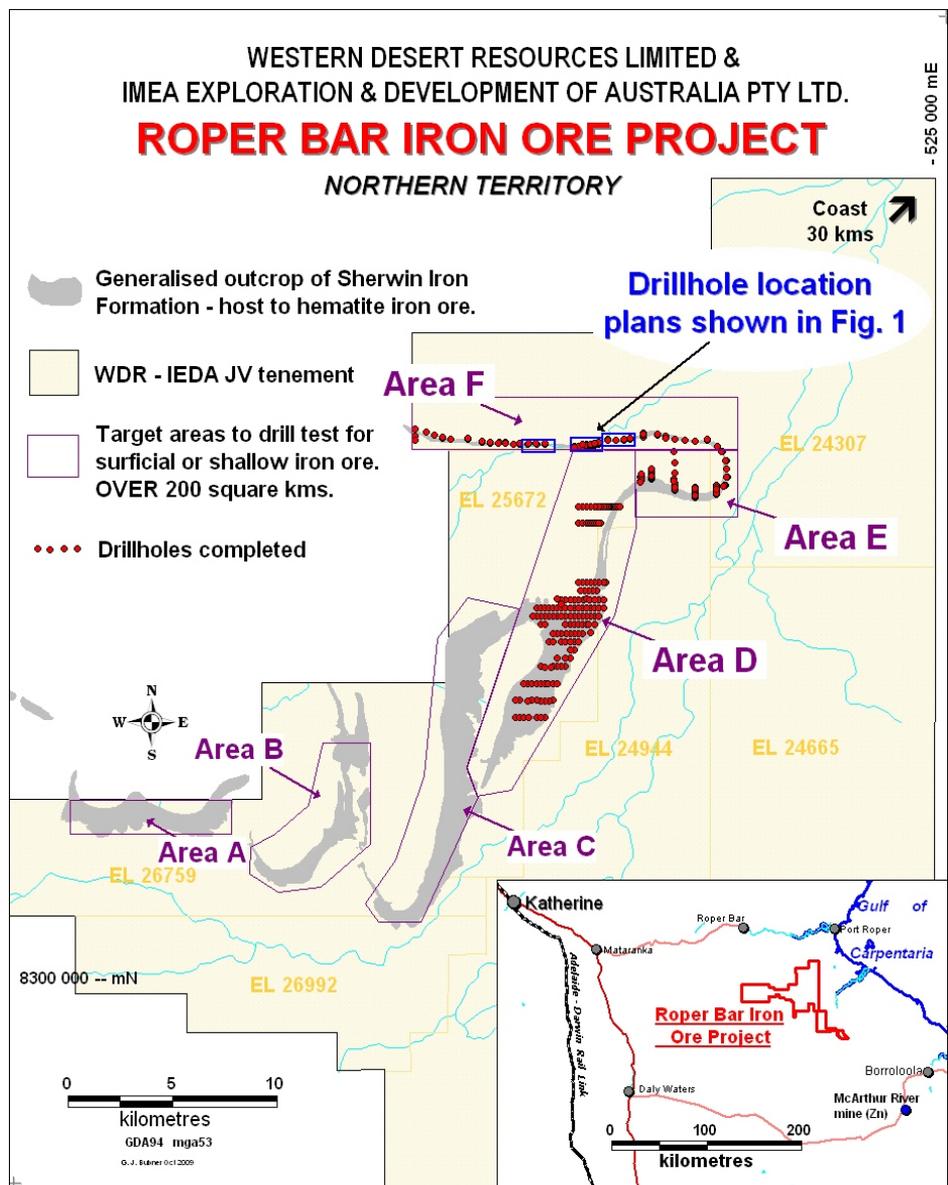


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## NEW RESULTS EXTEND HIGH GRADE MINERALISATION IN AREA "F" OF ROPER BAR IRON ORE PROJECT IN NT

- Further intersections of Direct Shipping Ore (DSO)
- Best intersection of 5m at 65% Fe in drillhole RBRC188
- High grade iron mineralisation now extends over 2.7km of strike length and continues to at least 90m depth
- The mineralised zone is still open at depth and along strike
- Resource estimate for Area D to be released shortly



Further assay results have now been received from the current drilling programme at Area “F” 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).

Assay results have been received for the last two sections at the eastern end of Area F (East) – figure 1. The single hole on section 510200E (RBRC192) intersected moderate to strong hematite mineralisation (16m at 47%Fe) with a narrow zone of high grade material (2m at 65%). The next section line to the east (510500E) had two holes completed on it (RBRC193 and 194). The results show that the iron mineralisation is about 8m wide in these holes with a grade of about 51%Fe. Further drilling has recently been conducted approximately 600m east of 510500E where there is no outcropping mineralisation and significant widths of ironstone were encountered. No assay results are currently available for these intersections.

Drilling has also been carried out in area F West – Figure 1. The first section line in this area is approximately 1400m west of the most western section in area F east. Results have been received from one hole (RBRC247) from section 506400E. Two intersections of hematitic mineralisation were made with 4m at 57%Fe from 28m and 5m at 58%Fe from 39m. The ground between areas F west and F east is covered by alluvium and no drilling has been done there.

Significant drilled intersections of >60% Fe include:

RBRC187	49 to 52m	3m at 65.0% Fe, 0.01% P, 2.7% SiO <sub>2</sub> , 1.7% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and 1.9% LOI
RBRC188	47 to 52m	5m at 65.2% Fe, <0.01% P, 3.1% SiO <sub>2</sub> , 2.1% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and 1.7% LOI
RBRC191	59 to 64m	5m at 64.4% Fe, <0.01% P, 3.7% SiO <sub>2</sub> , 2.1% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and 1.3% LOI
RBRC192	21 to 23m	2m at 65.4% Fe, <0.01% P, 4.8% SiO <sub>2</sub> , 0.8% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and 0.6% LOI
RBRC247	29 to 31m	2m at 65.2% Fe, <0.01% P, 3.2% SiO <sub>2</sub> , 1.3% Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and 1.0% LOI

The dip of the Sherwin Ironstone Member varies along the area drilled from vertical to steeply dipping either to the north or the south. Further infill angle drilling may be required on existing sections to understand the structure of the area, true thickness of the Member and included high grade zones.

A resource estimate for Area D is currently being carried out by AMC Consultants Pty Ltd and should be released shortly. Work will begin on the resource estimate for area F east now that all assays have been received.

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 confirm continuity of high grade zones both east and west of our original Area F east drilling and strengthens our belief that this zone could extend for the entire strike length of Area F’, Managing Director Norm Gardner said.

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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, gold, molybdenum, and tungsten.

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

WDR holds a strategic (11.53%) stake in Thor Mining Plc, which is listed on the United Kingdom AIM market and the ASX. 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.

Table 1: Intersections Area F. RC drilling July - August 2009

Hole No	Coordinates		Dip	Azi (True)	Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Fe %	P %	SiO2 %	Al2O3 %	LOI %
	East	North											
RBRC153*	507802	8325251	-90	0	60	20	30	10	44.8	<0.01	32.9	1.0	1.6
					incl	27	29	2	53.6	<0.01	18.8	1.2	2.3
RBRC154*	507805	8325227	-90	0	30	no significant intersections							
RBRC155*	507800	8325176	-90	0	18	no significant intersections							
RBRC156*	508001	8325258	-90	0	48	26	29	3	46.5	<0.01	30.0	1.6	1.3
RBRC157*	508000	8325207	-90	0	30	no significant intersections							
RBRC158*	508006	8325183	-90	0	18	no significant intersections							
RBRC159*	508202	8325276	-90	0	54	7	8	1	47.2	<0.01	29.6	1.3	1.2
					and	10	12	2	46.2	<0.01	30.1	2.2	1.1
					and	18	20	2	43.2	<0.01	36.2	1.1	0.6
					and	29	33	4	51.3	<0.01	21.6	1.9	2.2
					and	44	50	6	49.9	<0.01	14.5	7.6	3.4
RBRC160*	508191	8325295	-60	180	54	32	45	13	54.5	<0.01	13.9	4.1	2.6
					incl	36	43	7	64.3	<0.01	4.0	2.1	1.4
RBRC161*	508208	8325249	-60	360	78	42	54	12	54.2	<0.01	14.8	3.2	2.3
					incl	46	53	7	64.6	<0.01	3.2	1.8	1.2
					and	57	59	2	54.1	<0.01	17.0	2.1	1.4
RBRC162*	508400	8325261	-60	360	68	no significant intersections							
RBRC163*	507805	8325231	-60	360	60	0	26	26	48.3	<0.01	21.8	4.3	3.2
					incl	16	25	9	62.7	<0.01	4.3	2.0	3.6
					and	41	47	6	42.6	<0.01	34.5	0.8	2.1
RBRC164*	507997	8325273	-60	180	64	45	52	7	61.1	<0.01	6.5	2.2	2.5
RBRC165*	508003	8325233	-60	360	42	21	39	18	53.2	<0.01	16.1	3.1	2.5
					incl	29	39	10	65.3	<0.01	2.7	1.6	1.0
RBRC166*	508405	8325278	-90	0	30	3	18	15	58.9	<0.01	7.2	4.4	2.6
					incl	9	15	6	64.5	<0.01	3.3	2.0	1.2
RBRC167*	508392	8325292	-80	180	36	16	27	11	62.2	<0.01	5.6	2.3	2.5
					incl	17	24	7	66.2	<0.01	3.1	1.2	0.7
RBRC168*	508604	8325276	-65	360	90	no significant intersections							
RBRC169*	508607	8325316	-90	0	42	0	32	32	54.2	<0.01	13.8	4.6	2.4
					incl	0	2	2	61.9	<0.01	5.8	2.8	1.6
					incl	9	13	4	62.8	<0.01	5.1	2.6	1.4
					incl	21	29	8	64.9	<0.01	2.9	1.9	0.9
RBRC170*	508603	8325343	-90	0	96	55	96	41	60.9	<0.01	7.2	2.5	1.9
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RBRC171*	508800	8325395	-90	0	24	no significant intersections							
RBRC172*	508798	8325412	-60	180	30	no significant intersections							
RBRC173*	508800	8325379	-60	360	30	0	11	11	57.0	<0.01	9.7	5.2	3.1
					incl	5	11	6	61.8	<0.01	5.4	3.8	2.3
RBRC174*	508801	8325350	-70	360	54	15	20	5	60.6	<0.01	9.3	2.7	1.3
					and	25	37	12	64.3	<0.01	3.7	2.1	1.7
					and	39	42	3	58.2	<0.01	7.2	4.1	3.6
RBRC175*	509001	8325448	-70	360	30	1	8	7	57.9	<0.01	10.5	4.2	2.2
					incl	4	8	4	64.3	<0.01	4.0	2.7	1.4
					and	10	14	4	47.2	<0.01	25.5	3.6	2.8

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Hole No	Coordinates		Dip	Azi (True)	Depth (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Fe %	P %	SiO2 %	Al2O3 %	LOI %
	East	North											
RBRC176*	509001	8325410	-60	360	75	17	25	8	60.9	<0.01	7.8	2.6	1.7
					incl	19	24	5	65.9	<0.01	3.0	1.8	0.9
					and	27	29	2	62.5	<0.01	2.7	1.7	4.3
					and	33	65	32	55.9	<0.01	8.1	3.7	5.3
					incl	44	58	14	64.2	<0.01	2.8	1.8	2.5
RBRC177*	509002	8325349	-90	0	77	no significant intersections							
RBRC178*	509000	8325370	-60	360	105	no significant intersections							
RBRC179*	508806	8325310	-60	360	99	no significant intersections							
RBRC180*	508800	8325347	-80	180	47	no significant intersections							
RBRC181*	509000	8325430	90	0	60	11	22	11	59.6	<0.01	6.4	3.6	2.7
					incl	12	18	6	65.6	<0.01	3.1	1.9	0.9
					and	30	47	17	59.0	<0.01	5.6	3.0	4.6
					incl	38	44	6	65.1	<0.01	2.5	1.6	2.1
RBRC182*	509400	8325575	-60	180	48	14	18	4	47.9	<0.01	28.5	1.8	0.7
					and	20	33	13	59.6	<0.01	8.3	2.6	2.8
					incl	21	28	7	65.0	<0.01	3.5	1.9	1.3
RBRC183*	509400	8325580	90	0	84	no significant intersections							
RBRC184*	509402	8325543	-60	360	90	30	56	26	61.6	<0.01	6.9	2.4	1.8
					and	62	67	5	45.8	<0.01	30.7	1.9	1.4
RBRC185*	509802	8325567	-60	180	48	12	16	4	54.6	<0.01	19.0	1.6	0.9
					and	18	30	12	52.0	0.04	18.9	2.3	2.7
					incl	20	24	4	65.6	0.05	2.9	1.6	0.9
RBRC186*	509795	8325579	-75	180	78	44	48	5	53.1	<0.01	22.6	0.6	0.7
					and	53	61	8	61.3	0.03	7.5	2.3	1.5
					incl	55	61	6	63.8	0.04	3.9	2.3	1.5
RBRC187	508998	8325475	-60	180	78	47	63	16	57.9	0.01	6.6	4.8	3.5
					incl	49	52	3	65.0	<0.01	2.7	1.7	1.9
					incl	55	59	4	65.0	<0.01	2.8	1.6	1.9
RBRC188	508596	8325357	-60	180	102	43	55	12	53.9	<0.01	16.0	3.6	2.0
					incl	47	52	5	65.2	<0.01	3.1	2.0	1.2
RBRC189	508199	8325339	-60	180	102	to be completed with a diamond tail							
RBRC190	508403	8325362	-60	180	98	to be completed with a diamond tail							
RBRC191	508797	8325413	-60	180	86	53	68	16	51.1	<0.01	19.9	3.1	2.3
					incl	59	64	5	64.4	<0.01	3.7	2.1	1.3
RBRC192	510197	8325502	-60	180	42	14	30	16	47.0	<0.01	27.5	2.5	1.7
					incl	21	23	2	65.4	<0.01	4.8	0.8	0.6
RBRC193	510499	8325627	-60	180	36	22	29	7	50.9	<0.01	20.0	1.9	3.6
RBRC194	510499	8325640	-60	180	48	34	42	8	52.2	<0.01	19.7	1.8	2.7
RBRC247	506399	8325384	-60	180	60	28	32	4	57.7	<0.01	11.0	2.2	1.9
					incl	29	31	2	65.2	<0.01	3.2	1.3	1.0
						39	46	7	51.9	<0.01	17.4	3.6	3.0
					incl	40	42	2	64.5	<0.01	4.4	1.1	0.9

\*Assay results have been previously reported to ASX for holes RBRC153-170 on 31-8-09 and for holes RBRC171-186 on 14-9-09.

New assay results reported for holes RBRC187-194.

RC drill samples collected every metre. Intersections quoted at >40% Fe and >60% Fe.

All coordinates in GDA94 MGA zone 53 and collected using hand held GPS. XRF results by Amdel.

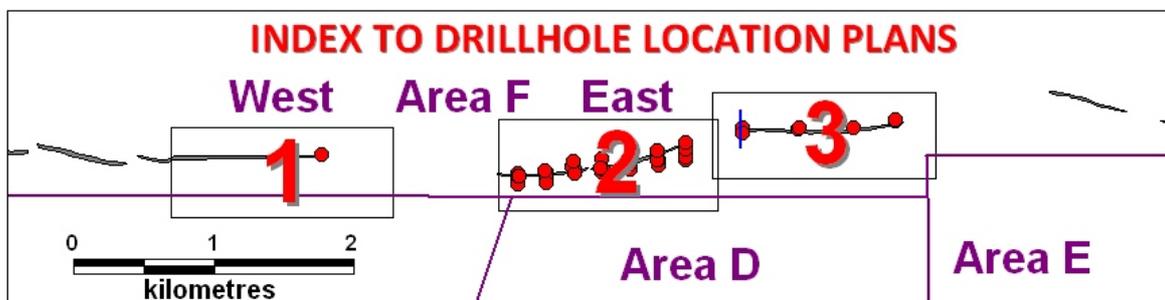
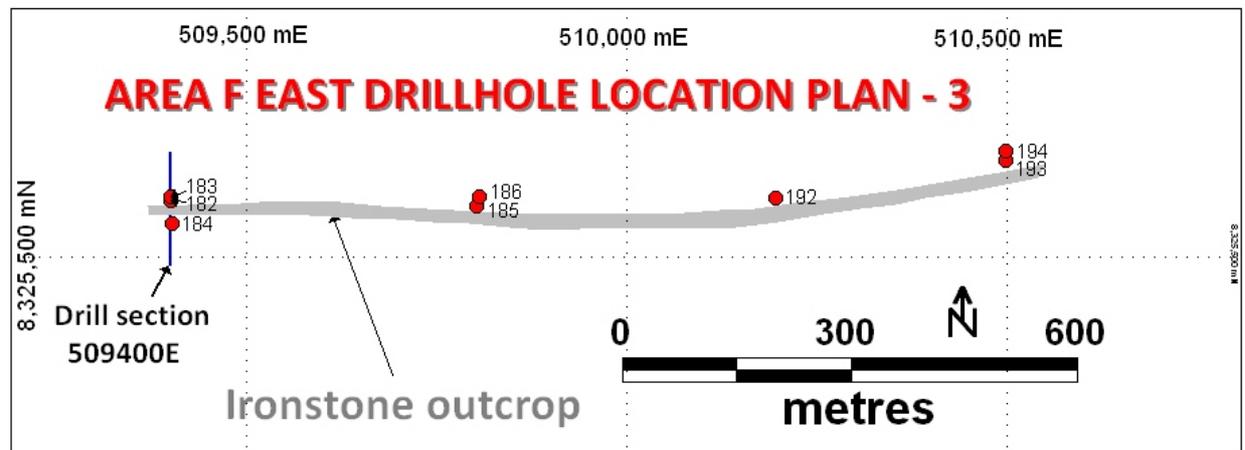
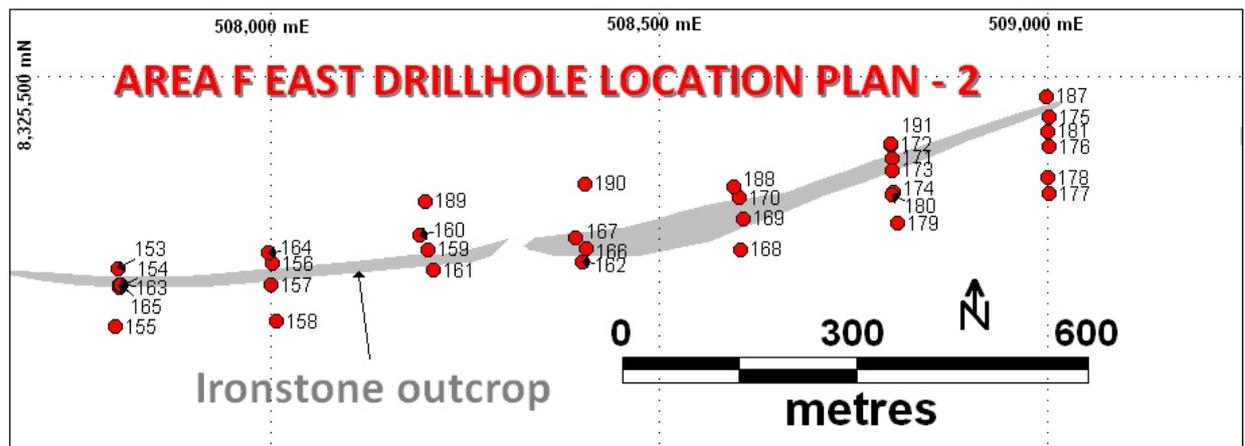
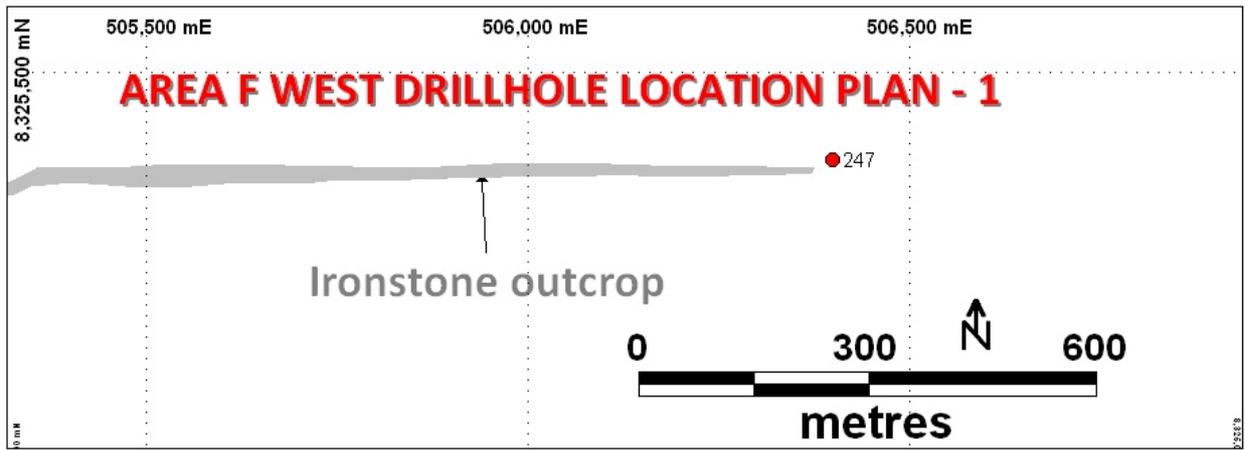
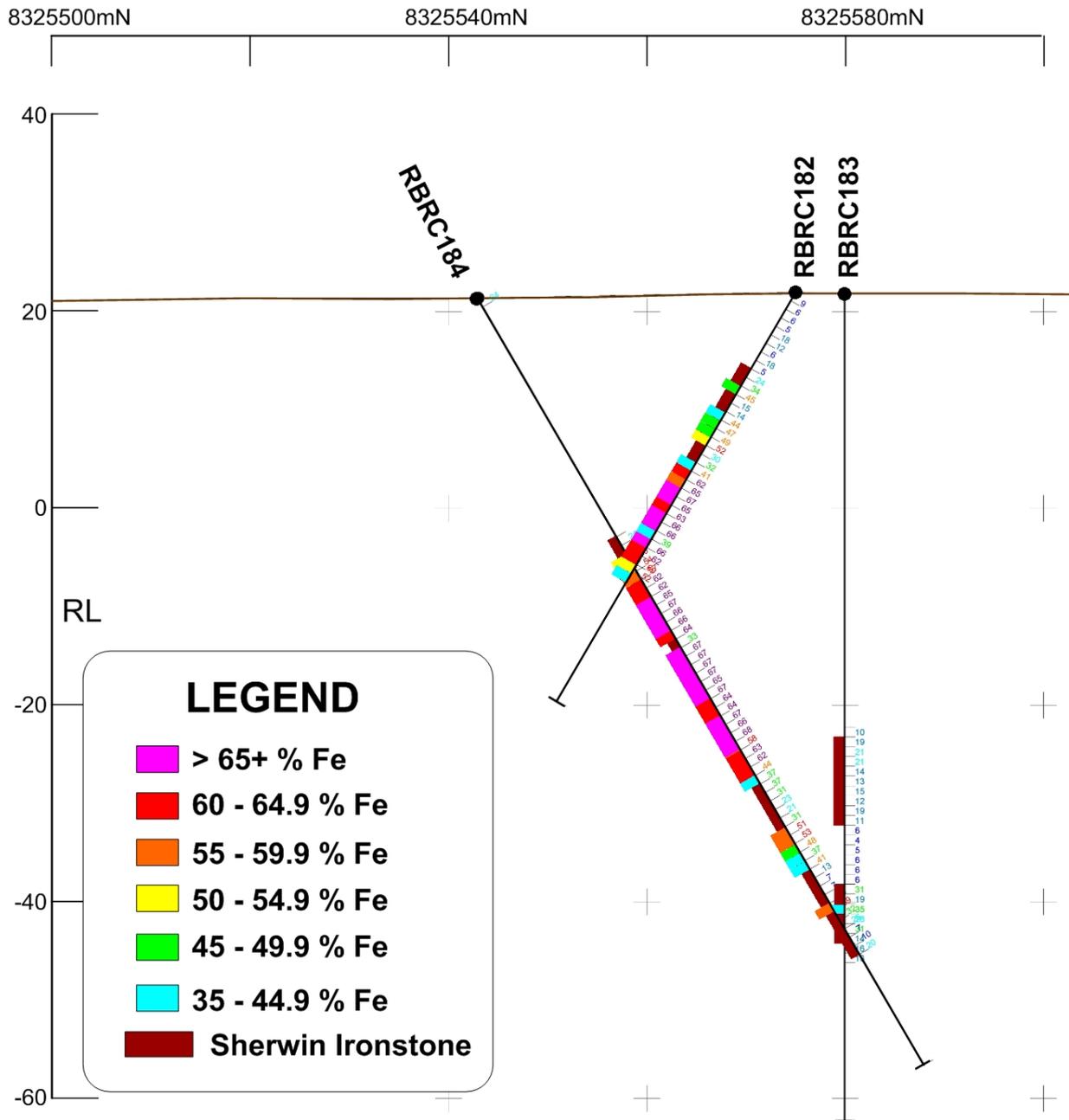


Figure 1. Roper Bar Area F - plan showing drillholes reported in this release.



**AREA F. DRILL-SECTION ON 509400E**