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Tin, iron hits continue at Mount Garnet

Australian tin explorer Consolidated Tin Mines Ltd (CTM) has struck further significant tin and iron mineralisation during a recent drilling program at its flagship Mount Garnet tin project, 200km south-west of Cairns in north Queensland.

The company has been encouraged by the results achieved to date from the Mount Garnet programme, according to Consolidated Tin executive technical director John Sainsbury, who said the grades were better than the company expected and in particular the first intercept in **Hole-4** – 13m @ 2.02% tin and 44.8% iron from 14m – was of very good width.

“Also, the iron results we continue to achieve, mostly occurring as magnetite, are very encouraging for the company, and we will now also investigate the potential for iron concentrate at the project area,” Sainsbury said.

The recently completed programme targeted Consolidated Tin’s three key deposits – Gillian, Pinnacles and Deadmans Gully – and was designed to provide verification of existing data

and obtain material for metallurgical testing.

Other highlights from the latest assay results from Gillian included: **Hole-3** 2m @ 1.65% tin and 18.8% iron from 31m; **Hole-4** 4m @ 0.89% tin and 43.3% iron from 37m; **Hole-5** 20m @ 0.55% tin and 25.3% iron from 46m; **Hole-7** 21m @ 1.14% tin and 32.7% iron from 14m; **Hole-8** 5m @ 0.97% tin and 51.2% iron from 11m.

The standout intersection at Deadmans Gully was in **Hole-25** 21m @ 0.49% tin and 37.5% iron from surface.

Consolidated Tin had its foot on the best of the Mount Garnet tin exploration ground, according to managing director Ralph De Lacey, which was historically one of the premier tin producing fields of Australia.

De Lacey said the company was initially aiming at a commercial operation based on a target resource of 45-50,000t tin metal, producing 5,000 tpa over a 10 year mine life.

Paydirt misreported Consolidated Tin’s annual production target on page 6 of the July edition, where it incorrectly read 500 tpa instead of 5,000 tpa