

Ozmin makes its mark in NQ

A NEW Townsville-based explorer is making its mark with high-quality exploration areas in North Queensland.

Ozmin Resources, a wholly owned subsidiary of Axiom Mining, has established an office, core shed and warehouse complex in Townsville.

Exploration general manager John Weil said the city and port of Townsville had proven to be an ideal base for a large inventory of quality exploration areas to the north and south.

The company last month announced that its diamond drilling program at Cardross, near Chillagoe, had intersected a multiple vein system containing commercially significant concentrations of copper, silver and gold.

Mr Weil said drilling had also begun at the OK Mine tenement, 75km north-north-west of Chillagoe, and promising copper and gold intersections had already been identified.

Mr Weil said the Cardross and OK Mine tenements both lay over major mineralised structures sub-parallel to the mineral-endowed Palmerville Fault.

"The prime places to search for new deposits are wherever other structural zones cross these systems," he said.

Mr Weil said Kagara Zinc's development projects of Red Dome, Mungana and King Vol also lay in the Palmerville Fault corridor.



● The Cardross smelter, near Chillagoe, in operation in 1913.

Ozmin Resources chief executive officer Lincoln Gray said the company's strategy in North Queensland was initially based on the rejuvenation of old mining tenements.

He said the Cardross and OK Mine tenements contained historic workings that once had smelters on site and the company was applying new technology towards the goal of production.

Mr Weil said exploration results proved that significant mineral value remained in the ground.

"There is a huge area to the south of OK Mine where we intend doing regional drilling," he said.

"The OK Mine lies on a large magnetic anomaly that extends 60km southward towards Chillagoe.

"At Cardross, every hole we've drilled has hit mineralisation, and we're looking forward to the time when an exploration permit for

minerals is granted to us for the adjacent tenements so we can drill there.

"The whole system at Cardross is probably about 3km long."

Mr Weil said a 1000m drilling program at the company's Mount Molloy copper-zinc tenement,

near Mareeba, was planned for this month.

He said the drilling would test the old mine workings for extensions in both depth and strike.

Mr Gray said an infill drilling program was scheduled at Cardross for the middle of next year in order

to produce a Joint Ore Reserve Committee Code (JORC Code)-compliant resource statement.

He said the statement would be a step towards feasibility and the commencement of mining operations, but the company would not rush the process.



● An aerial view of Ozmin Resources' Cardross tenement.