

Drilling commenced at the Paperbark Project

Highlights

- o Drill program commenced at Grunter North target within the Paperbark Project
- The program is supported by **\$275,000 awarded to Rubix** as part of Queensland's competitive CEI program
- The funding will support testing of geophysical targets with **copper mineralisation potential at Grunter North**
- Modelled dimensions of the Grunter North chargeability anomaly are approximately 600m in length, 300m in width and 200m in thickness
- The Paperbark Project is surrounded by Anglo American, Rio Tinto, Mount Isa Mines, FMG Resources and 29 Metals



Figure 1 – Section showing three proposed drillholes at Grunter North. Coloured image shows 3D modelled density, while contours show modelled 3D chargeability. Hole GN25-01 aims to test the approximately coincident chargeability and density features, while hole GN25-02 will test a 2D chargeability anomaly on-line. GN25-03 projected onto section (shown in part).



Rubix Resources Limited (ASX: RB6) is pleased to announce the commencement of drilling at its Paperbark project in northwest Queensland to test the Grunter North chargeability anomaly. In April, the Company was awarded a grant of \$275,000 (incl GST) from the Queensland Government as part of the Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI) program to support testing the Grunter North target.

The large, chargeable anomaly beneath significant surface copper mineralisation at Grunter North represents a compelling drill target, and the Company is encouraged by its close association with surface mineralisation. Two other chargeable features represent additional targets, with the JB Zone target closely associated with zinc and lead-sulphide mineralisation.

At the time of writing, drilling has commenced with hole GN25-01 (planned EOH 450m). The main geophysical target area is expected to be intercepted in the coming days.



Figure 2 – The rig being set up at Grunter North.

Exploration Thesis

The Company believes that sufficient data exists to suggest that mineralisation at Grunter North, if present, would most likely be of a sediment-hosted (stratiform) and/or structurally controlled style. Previous work has typically suggested a footwall position for mineralisation at Paperbark, which has guided past exploration. This interpretation is inconsistent with the hanging-wall position of mineralisation known at Mount Isa and Walford Creek. An understanding of the mineralisation model at Walford Creek was only realised in 2016, reflecting the need for a more recent revision of the exploration model at prospects including Paperbark. The apparent hanging-wall position of the chargeability target found by Rubix, and its tabular geometry, provide an obvious opportunity to test the hanging-wall position for sediment-hosted copper mineralisation at Grunter North.

At both Mount Isa and Walford Creek, copper mineralisation is closely associated with the faulted contact which juxtaposes the Eastern Creek Volcanics (ECV) and Peters Creek Volcanics (PCV), respectively, with reactive carbonaceous, sandy, shaly and dolomitic units. Sulphide mineralisation is



zoned away from the fault, from copper to lead-zinc sulphide mineralisation. The Company considers that the zinc mineralisation present at the JB Zone may represent the distal expression of a similar mineralising system, dissected from associated copper-sulphide mineralisation by later faulting. Likewise, there are examples of Cu-only zones at Walford Creek (Amy Zone), and seemingly disarticulated copper and lead-zinc deposits (Lady Annie – Lady Loretta system) represent alternative models to test.

Grunter North

The Grunter North target occupies an interesting structural position associated with the regionally significant, northeast-striking Barramundi and Grunter Faults. It is characterised by a shallowly NNE-dipping chargeable anomaly starting at ~250m depth. The anomaly is associated with a break in resistivity and overlies a conductive feature beneath the Barramundi and Grunter Faults. Shallow workings and previous drillholes occur in the area, though holes are mainly shallow, with just a handful of deeper, south-east plunging holes which do not intercept the target.

The Grunter North anomaly was the largest and most persistent chargeability anomaly uncovered in the 2024 IP survey. Its spatial association with surface copper mineralisation meant that this target was the focus of Rubix's CEI co-funded drilling application. Two other chargeability features represent additional targets for future follow-up work. One of these additional targets, beneath the JB Zone zinc mineralisation, is closely associated with sulphide mineralisation and lends support to the thesis that the chargeability features may be mapping sulphide mineralisation at depth.

Magnetic susceptibility modelling suggests that the Grunter North chargeability anomaly is associated with weak induced magnetic susceptibility, while the magnetic vector inversion (MVI) model in this area indicates a zone of possible magnetite-destructive alteration. A linear, northeast trending gravity feature locally approximates the position of the Barramundi Fault.

Historical mapping includes a broad zone of silica alteration at surface. Hematite has been noted in outcrops at the surface above the chargeability anomaly, close to the high-grade surface copper mineralisation.

In the area, units including the Gunpowder Creek Formation are host to copper mineralisation at Mount Oxide and are locally cupriferous at Paperbark (e.g. 1.85% Cu over 0.94m from 388m in KD03). In the project area to the east, volcanic units intersected in historic drilling (referred to as the Fiery Creek Volcanics but more recently attributed to the Kamarga Volcanics) are also notably elevated in copper and interpreted as a possible copper source at Grunter North. The Mount Isa copper deposit is widely regarded as being sourced from volcanic rocks (the Eastern Creek Volcanics "ECV"), which are juxtaposed by the Paroo Fault against the carbonaceous Urquhart Shale. The assignment of the Kamarga Volcanics is equivocal, but it is possible that they are equivalents of the ECV in the Paperbark area.

The Collaborative Exploration Initiative

The CEI is a competitive state government program designed to encourage discovery of critical minerals in Queensland. The grant awarded to Rubix, in Round 9 of the initiative, represents the maximum available funding that can be awarded to a company. This highlights the merit of the Paperbark Project and the strategic significance of critical minerals exploration in northwest Queensland, located a short distance from Mount Isa and the Century lead-zinc mine.



Paperbark Project Overview

The Paperbark Project in northwest Queensland comprises EPM 14309, held 100% by Rubix, and is situated in the Lawn Hill Platform of the Western Mount Isa Inlier, a highly prospective copper and base metals region. The Northwest Minerals Province (NWMP) in which the Paperbark Project is located, is a key pillar of both Queensland and Australia's economic and renewables strategy, representing one of the richest mineral provinces in the world. The project benefits from generally good access from Mount Isa in the dry season and is proximal to significant regional infrastructure including the mine camps at Century and Gunpowder. The geology of the Paperbark Project is broadly comparable to the Mount Isa region and is similarly considered prospective for mineralisation.

The information in this announcement relating to exploration results at the Paperbark Project were previously reported in the announcements set out below, which are available to view on the Company's website at https://rubixresources.com.au/investors/asx-announcements/

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.23, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. No material exploration data or results are included in this announcement that have not previously been announced.

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About Rubix Resources

Rubix Resources Limited (ASX: RB6) has a diversified base metal and gold asset portfolio providing opportunities for new discoveries in proven districts. The company's assets comprise ten exploration licenses across four projects in Northern Queensland and Western Australia, and the Ceiling Lithium Project in James Bay, Quebec.

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The information in this announcement is based on, and fairly represents information compiled by Dr. Casey Blundell, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which she has undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Dr Blundell consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.



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Figure 3 - Location of Rubix's Paperbark Project and neighbouring projects