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IN TODAY'S *Mining Briefs*: Hastings seeks NAIF cash; Musgrave encouraging scout drilling; MRC awards early contract; Sipa moves on Moho nearology; Strandline intercepts flag big resource rise; and Galaxy advances Quebecois option.



Moho's discovery near Croydon has enticed Sipa into Qld.

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Hastings Technology Metals is lusting after some of the A\$5 billion Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility funding for its Yangibana project, with the company preparing to lodge a formal investment proposal with the taxpayer-backed fund, hoping it can finance the majority of the rare earths development.

The would-be miner says development of its neodymium and praseodymium deposit should bring benefits to Western Australia's Gascoyne, Carnarvon and Meekatharra regions.

Hastings hopes to begin development in the second half of the year.

Scout aircore drilling by **Musgrave Minerals** at Lake Austin North within its Cue project, in WA's Murchison district, has highlighted the potential for additional discoveries with hits such as 5m at 14.8 grams per tonne in a potential extension to the D-Zone, which remains open to the north.

Many of the scout aircore drill holes terminated in mineralisation highlighting basement targets for follow-up drill testing, with a diamond hole to spud this week.

The company believes there is a large gold system is hidden below the salt lake.

Mineral Commodities has awarded an early start engineering contract to **Monadelphous** and **Lycopodium's** Mondium joint venture for work on the Munglinup graphite project in WA's south.

The company hopes early contractor involvement and front-end engineering and design contracts will help with progress to a final construction decision.

MRC is close to completing a definitive feasibility study and is advancing permitting for the project, which is located near Esperance.

Leveraging some promising drilling by **Moho Resources** in Queensland's Croydon region, **Sipa Resources** has applied for a new entirely unexplored 995sq.km area, Clara, which is along strike, of the recent virgin gold discovery which returned 10m at 1gpt at Empress Springs.

Sipa's leases are focused on a 60km-long major crustal fault just to the south of Moho. The fault is noted on gravity data and recent Commonwealth seismic data that runs across the terrain just to the north of Sipa's tenements.

Sipa intends to trial fine fraction soil sampling and review recent regional airborne EM lines over the next few months.

Strandline Resources expects to significantly grow its Tajiri mineral sand project in Tanzania from 147Mt at 3.1% total heavy minerals after hitting thick intersections in the Tajiri channel target such as 42m at 4.1% and 54m at 6.9% THM.

The company said the titanium-dominated domain discovered from surface and is about 30-40m thick, comprising high-value mineral assemblage averaging 60% Ilmenite and 10% combined rutile and zircon and define a potential game changer for the company.

Tajiri is the second-most advanced project in the company's mineral sands portfolio behind the development-ready Fungoni, also in Tanzania.

Finally, **Galaxy Resources** has advanced its James Bay lithium project, Canada, entering into pre-development agreements with three groups representing Cree traditional owners, pledging to maximise employment and training opportunities in report for support of the development project.

The company has also completed the James Bay environmental and social impact assessment, which now needs to go through Quebec's regulatory review process - a crucial step in allowing the commencement of mine construction.



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