

ASX Release and Media Announcement

## Commencement of Resource Drilling Central Eyre Iron Project, South Australia

**Iron Road Limited** (Iron Road, ASX:IRD, IRDO) is pleased to announce that resource expansion drilling at the Company's wholly owned Central Eyre Iron Project has commenced. This is the first drilling programme of several planned for 2010 as detailed in the ASX Release of 15 December 2009.

## Highlights

- Commencement of first drill programme for 2010, comprising 54 holes for 12,600m at the Boo-Loo and Dolphin prospects.
- Programme to define the extent of this prospective area and to expand the existing JORC inferred mineral resource estimate of 110Mt at Boo-Loo.
- As outlined at the 2009 Annual General Meeting, Iron Road's corporate objectives include increasing the mineral resource across the Central Eyre Iron Project to 500Mt in 2010. Additional drilling programs have been planned utilising results from the recent detailed aeromagnetic survey and structural study.



Figure 1 – Iron Road Project Geologist Michael Tschaban and vacation student Kathleen Lane on site at the commencement of drilling, Boo-Loo prospect, Central Eyre Iron Project.

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The first of several drilling programmes planned at the Central Eyre Iron Project commenced on 05 January 2010 (Figure 1). This programme will aim to better define the extent of the prospective Boo-Loo and Dolphin area and in so doing expand the existing 110Mt mineral resource estimate.

The drilling programme will be undertaken by Gomex Drilling for the RC component and Coughlan Drilling for the diamond drilling component. The programme will be achieved using one RC drill rig and two diamond drill rigs.



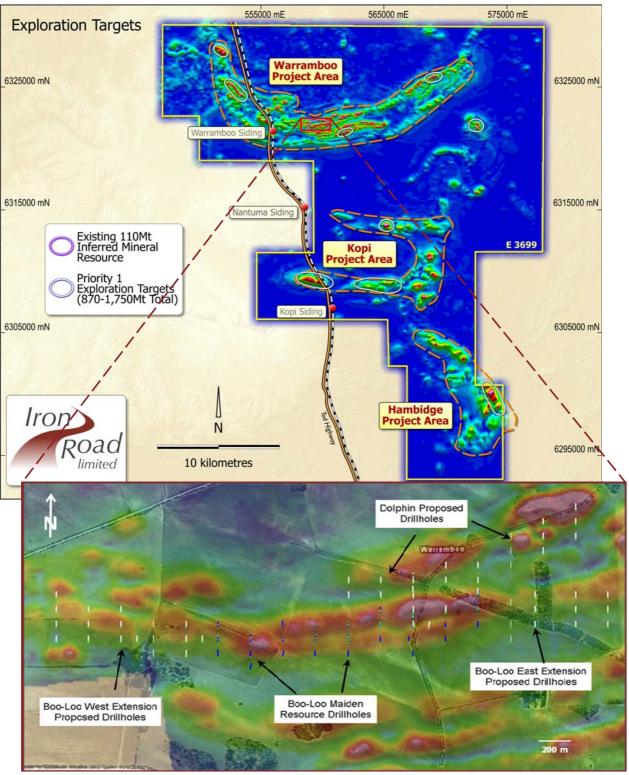


Figure 2 – Central Eyre Iron Project, highlighting Boo-Loo and Dolphin Resource expansion drilling – existing holes shown in blue, current programme holes in white. Image shows Total Magnetic Intensity (TMI) superimposed on satellite image.



The extension of existing pattern drilling at Boo-Loo and the addition of new pattern drilling at Dolphin aims to define the extent of magnetite mineralisation along strike and down dip in these areas, within the Warramboo cluster (Figure 2). Individual drill holes vary from 125m to 400m depth at an inclination of -60 degrees to the north. All drill hole planning has been done in conjunction with Coffey Mining, who will calculate the upgrade to the existing Boo-Loo JORC Mineral Resource estimate report.

This drilling programme forms part of a planned strategy to establish a long-life +10Mtpa magnetite concentrate export operation. Test work from the Stage I and II drilling programmes indicates that a high quality concentrate may be produced from the Warramboo project area grading ~70.3% iron with low impurities. In addition metallurgical test work indicates excellent beneficiation characteristics with good potential for optimisation leading to a reduction in operating costs.

The Warramboo cluster currently under investigation forms only part of the Central Eyre Iron Project. Further magnetic anomalies occur to the south at the Kopi and Hambidge clusters.

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Iron Road's principal project is the Central Eyre Iron Project in South Australia (Figure 3). This project is complemented by early stage projects prospective for iron ore mineralisation in Western Australia (Windarling, Murchison) and South Australia (West Gawler).



Figure 3 - South Australia project location map