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QLD Government recognises Minotaur through CEI grant for Osborne JV, Cloncurry

Minotaur Exploration Ltd (ASX: MEP) has been awarded exploration funding, from the Queensland Government's Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI), for a ground EM¹ geophysical survey at the Osborne JV in northwest Queensland.

Minotaur will receive up to \$112,750 towards the survey (50% of the estimated survey cost). The survey will cover a 22km long section of a key structural corridor (Figure 1), targeting conductive sulphide zones that may be associated with Cannington-style silver-lead-zinc mineralisation or Iron Sulphide Copper Gold (ISCG) style mineralisation similar to that developed at the Eloise copper-gold deposit further north. The survey will be conducted early in 2018 after the northern Australian wet season abates.

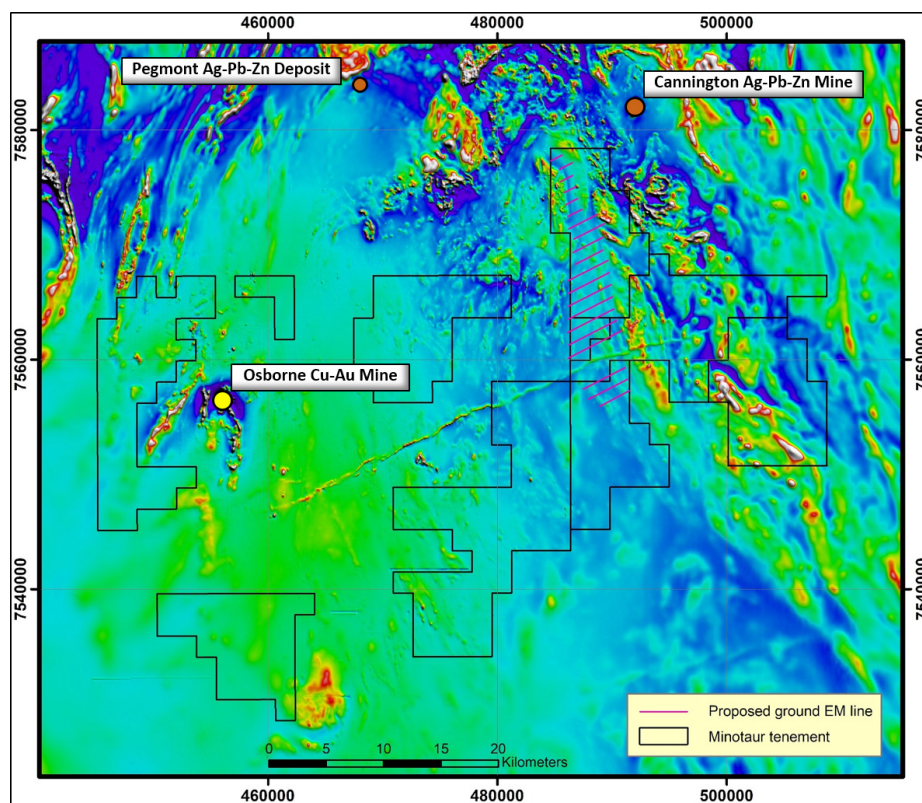


Figure 1: Regional airborne magnetic image (TMI RTP) with proposed EM survey lines in red

¹ Electromagnetic – a geophysical tool used to locate electrically conductive responses within basement formations

About the CEI

The Collaborative Exploration Initiative is designed to increase exploration investment in Queensland and provides funding assistance to test innovative exploration concepts aiming to develop a new understanding of the geology and prospectivity, and expand exploration into under-explored areas.

Under the CEI, drilling and non-drilling activities are funded jointly by industry and government. The CEI is designed to directly support companies in developing high quality, innovative exploration targets into potential economic deposits. The first round of CEI funding, totaling \$1.13M, was awarded in December to 9 companies, supporting a total of 12 projects.

Company comment

Minotaur applauds the Queensland Government for its continued funding support for innovative exploration activity, particularly in the northwest Queensland region. Government funded programs were introduced originally via the Collaborative Drilling Initiative (CDI), with 9 previous rounds of funding. The CEI, a welcome extension of the CDI, is designed to assist explorers with the collection of new data to assist targeting prior to drilling. This is particularly beneficial to the Minotaur-JOGMEC JV as we deploy our exploration tool box into substantially underexplored areas such as the Osborne JV tenements.

Minotaur appreciates the Government's recognition of its project generation capabilities and track record in the Cloncurry region.

About the MEP – JOGMEC JV

The Osborne JV, centred 175km south of Cloncurry, is a joint venture between Minotaur and Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC). JOGMEC may earn up to 51% equity in the project by spending up to A\$3.5M.