

# Legend makes its mark in Cameroon

Legend Mining Ltd's first foray into Africa is set to be a company maker, according to managing director Mark Wilson.

Legend started drilling on its Ngovayang project in Cameroon in August, a milestone in itself according to Legend which claims they are the first-ever holes drilled in the area.

"To put it in scale, if you were to put it on a Western Australian map, our tenement runs the equivalent of Perth to Pinjarra, 30km wide. Now, if you can imagine, not one single drill hole has been drilled in that in man's presence on the planet," Wilson said.

However, the campaign is encountering difficulties caused by the Cameroon weather.

"We are in the wet season, and we are not entirely able to go wherever we want at this point in time. By all indications that has got another month or two to go, and the areas should open up."

Due to the topographic challenges in Cameroon, Legend is using portable drilling rigs from South Africa, as according to Wilson they are far more economical than RC rigs.

Projections from Legend tip the potential iron ore contained within an unnamed anomaly in the Eseka target area to be 60mt, providing it can get 100m out of a 1km-long by 200m-wide area. Furthermore, Wilson believes that the whole project could yield a potential 24bt of material. "I genuinely believe that Legend has a world-class opportunity in its asset base here," Wilson said.

Geological reports reaffirm the company's



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enthusiasm, with rock chip samples indicating the presence of 60%+ iron magnetite, DSO upgradable shipping ore. Further geological tests also made apparent to Legend that a natural upgrading process of this magnetite itabirite to a DSO material had occurred in numerous locations, Wilson said.

Positive results from the aeromagnetic/radiometric survey flown over the whole 2,566sq km Ngovayang project in February encouraged the company to start exploring the tenement, as the survey indicated the presence of magnetite.

"One of the wonderful things about an aeromagnetic survey is that it doesn't lie about magnetite; it will show up like the proverbial Christmas tree, and that's what we found from the first images to come from our survey," Wilson said.

Legend announced in September 2009 the signing of a heads of agreement (HOA) with Camina SA to explore for iron ore in Cameroon, which gave Legend the right to acquire a 90% interest in the project via a 90% ownership of Camina.

As well as the high prospectivity of iron ore in the project, the people, the project size and the existing infrastructure all attracted Legend to the project, Wilson said.

"When I first went to Cameroon, the main opportunity that attracted me was the people who were being offered with the project. If you go to Cameroon, you don't see the presence of Legend, you see our 90%-owned subsidi-

ary, Camina SA."

One of the company's major shareholders, prominent Cameroonian Dr Emmanuel Sue, helped Legend staff Camina's field team with six local geologists, so the only expat presence in the country is one exploration manager.

"The other key element that attracted me to the project was existing infrastructure.

"We are actually the absolute reverse of what most of these other African iron ore opportunities are, where they have got magnificent resources, and very large capital challenges to bring those resources to market."

Ngovayang is 80km from the coast, with an existing railway, and is only two hour's drive from two international airports. The railway divides the country, connecting the nearby port of Douala to neighbouring Chad. Wilson believes the Douala port has the potential to load Panamax vessels and upgrade capability.

"On my observation, there is adequate space on the wharf for a DSO 2 mtpa loading facility, which is one of our initial targets."

Project size was the final critical factor for Legend going into the Cameroon project.

"When I got the company into a position with a reasonable cash balance, which was \$10 million, I was determined that the project that I was going to put in there was going to be one which had the ability to be a company maker. And I think that's what this Cameroon iron project has," Wilson said.

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## Sabre has more tricks up its sleeve

Sabre Resources Ltd hopes to be more than a "one trick pony" in Namibia.

Despite being an early stage exploration company with a market cap of \$30 million it is banking on its Ongava polymetallic project bearing the fruits of historic production.

The theme of Sabre's Africa Downunder presentation was "exploring in the shadow of the giant", with the giant being the Tsumeb deposit, northern Namibia.

Sabre's Ongava project is 40km north of the Tsumeb deposit, which produced 24.9mt @ 5.5% copper, 11.48% lead, 4% zinc and 171.6 g/t silver.

Tsumeb has volcanic origins and it is believed more than 200 different minerals have been discovered and mined in the region.

Sabre will have a hard task emulating that and is content to focus its efforts at the Kaskara and Border deposits within the On-



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gava project.

An initial drill programme at the Kaskara copper-lead-zinc deposit was to start last month, exploration general manager Matt Painter said.

"We defined a couple of mineralised trends that we are using in our exploration models to follow up and really define what is going on in the area. Early indications are that the metal signature is similar to Tsumeb," he said.

"We've just started exploratory drilling and are drilling water bores in preparation for diamond rigs in order for drilling to characterise the style and distribution of the mineralisation."

The company is targeting surface and geophysical targets on flat ground, with a current rock chipping programme being completed to identify more obscure secondary minerals.

While drilling continues at Kaskara the company will be assessing the latest drilling

results from the Border deposit within the 20km strike length of the Pavian Trend.

"About 40-50% of the strike length is outcrop, which corresponds to the very high lead-zinc in soil values.

"Most work has been done on the Border deposit itself. Metallurgically it doesn't get any simpler as it contains galena and sphalerite only."

Sabre has set an exploration target at Border of 12-15mt @ 5-6% lead and zinc.

According to Painter, Border will be the start of operations along the Pavian Trend. He said the company was targeting high-grade tonnage to offset the moderate lead-zinc-silver grades with the potential of unearthing some copper.

In the near future the Driehoek lead-zinc, Uitsab copper-lead-zinc, Rooikat copper and EPL4574 (pending licence application grant) are targets for further exploration, Painter said.

- Mark Andrews