

'Massive' Mawson hit lifts Legend

■ Jason Mennell

Legend Mining is going from strength to strength, with the nickel explorer yesterday reporting more visible nickel-copper sulphides at its Mawson prospect in the Fraser Range.

Legend yesterday emerged from a trading halt to reveal it had hit two zones of nickel-copper sulphides in another drill hole at its Rockford project 225km east of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Nickel-copper sulphide intervals from diamond hole 11 hit 12.4m of "massive nickel-copper sulphides" within a 21.6m mineralised intercept.

The announcement came a day after Legend unveiled promising assays from a drill hole just 20m to the south.

Highlight intersections at hole 8 included 5.6m at 2.85 per cent nickel, 1.86 per cent copper and 0.15 per cent cobalt from 199.4m and 12.8m at 2.76 per cent nickel, 1.36 per cent copper and 0.14 per cent cobalt from 234.9m.

Managing director Mark Wilson yesterday told the Kalgoorlie Miner it was even better than the explorer had expected and had him drawing parallels with Sirius Resources' famous Nova discovery in 2012.

"I think the important reference point is the Nova mine

because that's the other one that has a proven operation," he said.

"The resource number is 2 per cent nickel, 0.8 per cent copper and 0.07 per cent cobalt.

"So clearly when you look at the numbers that we returned they're well above that and if anybody cares to look at our announcement you will see they are terribly consistent in every metre of that massive sulphide.

"It's not a case where you get a really rich slug in the middle carrying lower-grade either side, it's consistent, it's thick and it's grading — it's just as good as we could have expected."

Mr Wilson said there was still work to do to find the "Holy Grail".

"If you put a tube of toothpaste on your bathroom bench, give it a bit of a thump with your fist with the top off, something will squirt out the top and land on the bench," he said. "Now it will probably be the diameter of the aperture in the toothpaste tube, that's what we think we've hit in both of these holes. The other bit that we shouldn't undersell is the fact that we've tagged a second time in hole 11 and so what we're looking for now is the tube."



Legend Mining boss Mark Wilson with a core from Mawson.