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PROSPECTIVE silica miner Diatreme Resources has signed an agreement with one of the world's largest solar panel glass manufacturers.

Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre said the memorandum of understanding with FLAT Glass was a strong vote of confidence in the proposed Northern Silica Project, which he hopes will be under construction by 2025.

The site is located north of Cooktown and the closest community is Hope Vale.

“Diatreme’s potential supply of product for FLAT’s planned future expansion confirms our belief that the Northern Silica Project is truly a world-class project with an important role to play in the global renewable energy drive,” he said.

Following the release of its scoping study last month, Diatreme Resources has started the permit process.

If approved, the proposed \$1 billion silica mine could produce 5 mega tonnes of silica annually for 25 years.