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SOME big news for the **Brian Flannery**-backed miner Diatreme Resources with the company signing a memorandum of understanding with Ports North for the export of its silica sand via Cape Flattery Port. Diatreme chief executive **Neil McIntyre** says it was another key milestone for Diatreme as it worked to unlock the export market. The company's mine near Cooktown aims to supply high-quality premium-grade silica and mineral sands for use in global solar panels and ceramics markets.

"Getting our high-grade silica product to market is crucial and we look forward to working closely with Ports North to achieve this through the Port of Cape Flattery," says McIntyre.

Flannery is the company's largest shareholder through his family company Ilwella.