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PROSPECTIVE miner Diatreme Resources has moved its focus from the Galalar silica project to a nearby dune complex, with updated estimates showing the Northern Silica Project's deposits are triple that of Galalar.

Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre said the Si2 dune complex within the Northern Silica Project would now be the company's focus, with an estimated 235 million tonnes of silica sand available.

"Our ongoing exploration of the Si2 dune continues to provide outstanding results," he said.

"We look forward to ongoing exploration and further feasibility studies. Diatreme has an exciting year ahead as we move towards development of a critical minerals project that will advance global decarbonisation."

The Northern Silica Project would benefit from its proximity to the existing Cape Flattery Port, with Diatreme signing a memorandum of understanding with the state government for use of the port late last year.

A scoping study due to be released within weeks will examine the feasibility of establishing a silica sand operation at Si2 with the potential to fast track the operation, which would be run independently of Galalar.