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SILICA sands developer and explorer Diatreme Resources says it has made progress at its Northern Silica Project in Cape York.

Positive results from infill and step out drilling at the Si2 deposit in 2022 confirmed the continuity and quality of silica sand in the dune system, CEO Neil McIntyre said.

Engagement with Traditional Owners and other members of the Hope Vale community has continued to be at the forefront of Diatreme's exploration campaigns, with Diatreme working closely with Native Title representatives to ensure maximum community benefits while minimising environmental impacts.

"The significant additional drilling and apparent extension to the Si2 dune evaluation is a great result, delivered for a sec-

ond year in a row by the Northern Silica Project development team," Mr McIntyre said last week.

"The team has worked closely with Native Title representatives, providing mentoring and training to field teams, to ensure long-term benefits to the local community, as per our commitment to Traditional Owners.

"The drilling results have improved confidence in the Northern Silica Project, boosting the potential for a mineral resource upgrade in the new year.

"Diatreme is now progressing a scoping study focused on the results from the Si2 dune system, which is expected to be delivered in late Q1 2023.

"These are exciting times for Diatreme as we work to unlock this valuable, high-grade silica resource for the fast-growing

solar PV industry, contributing to the world's decarbonisation drive while delivering genuine, long lasting economic benefits to the FNQ community."

