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AN emerging Cape York silica miner is looking to expand a high-grade sand resource amid planned marine surveys for waters south of Cape Flattery port.

In an ASX announcement last week Diatreme Resources announced a ramping up of drilling to locate increased silica at the Galalar and Northern Silica projects, north of Hope Vale.

Hand augering assays from Point Lookout Track return high-grade silica results, according to the report to shareholders.

Diatreme's CEO Neil McIntyre said the company looked forward to results of the latest drilling campaign across both northern and southern leases.

"With demand increasing due to the solar power revolution, we are confident in the outlook for our Far North Queensland projects, which have the potential to become long-life operations delivering enormous benefits for the local community, including Traditional Owners and all other stakeholders," he said.

In June Belgium-based silica miner and glass recycler Sibelco became a significant shareholder in a Cape York sand mine slated to go ahead at a Cape Flattery lease.



Neil McIntyre