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DIATREME'S Far North Queensland silica sand resource just keeps on getting bigger. The Brisbanebased miner, which is chaired by former treasurer Wayne Swan, has announced a near doubling of the estimated silica sand resource at its Si2 deposit, near Cape Flattery Port. The company has a strategic partnership with global material solutions provider Sibelco, which is set to speed the development of this resource for the booming solar PV industry.

And with Prime Minister Albanese calling for the development of solar panel manufacturing in Australia, this is an increasingly strategic resource. Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre says the ongoing successful exploration of the Si2 dune complex continues to provide outstanding results. "Diatreme has an exciting year ahead as we move towards development of a critical minerals project that will advance global decarbonisation," says McIntrye.