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### Freddie Well zinc project lives again!

*Metals Australia has been re-drilling the Freddie Well zinc prospect (now renamed Manindi) in Western Australia with high metal prices may mean this project may at last reach the development stage.*

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One of the first significant discoveries of volcanogenic massive sulphide zinc deposits in Western Australia has taken on a new lease of life with the owners determined to optimise high metal prices to reach development.

The Freddie Well deposit, now renamed Manindi, was the spark that started a late 1970s exploration rush to the Murchison and Yalgoo mineral fields of Western Australia, but while a nearby project, Golden Grove, is now a major mine, Freddie Well never made the grade, and had a succession of owners.

Today Metals Australia released new drill figures for the Mulgara zone at Manindi, near Yalgoo, and exploration director David Putt told *Mineweb* more assays were due.

The latest drill hits included 2.25 metres grading 31.55% zinc from 20m depth, 5.92m @ 17.67% from 14m and 3.95m @ 17.22% from 22m.

Metals Australia which owns 80% of Manindi (with unlisted Pan Pacific holding 20%) said the Mulgara zone shows near surface high grade zinc that will be amenable to open pit mining.

There are a series of deposits on a 6 kilometre strike and the current JORC Code resource is 1.052 million tonnes @ 7.64% Zn, using a 1% cut-off grade.

Latest drilling on the Mulgara Main Lode has given a series of high grade zinc as well as significant copper values, including 9.4m from 82m at 7.79% Zn and 0.51% Cu. In the Footwall Lode at Mulgara there were a series of high grade zinc, medium copper and also medium silver grades.

Putt said high grade zones would be probed at the Kultarr prospect where deeper drilling is underway while a first phase programme has just been completed on Kowari. All the prospects now bear the names of Australian marsupials.

Metals Australia's exploration team is using the currently dormant Youanmi gold mining camp, 20 kilometres away, and hopes to maintain using this facility which was taken over last week by Apex Minerals Ltd which has acquired three new gold assets in WA.

The project takes in two mining leases covering about 780 hectares and six prospecting licences covering 800 Ha.



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