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EMPIRE AWARDED TWO GOVERNMENT CO-FUNDED EXPLORATION DRILLING GRANTS

Perth-based explorer, Empire Resources Limited (ASX: "ERL") is the recipient of two separate funding grants from the Western Australian Government's Exploration Incentive Scheme Co-Funded Drilling Program. Empire was awarded a total of \$125,000 which it is required to match dollar-for-dollar on direct drill spending

The first ever drilling of a new copper target in the northern Gascoyne region of Western Australia is to be shortly undertaken by the Company with the co-funded backing from the Western Australian Government. The copper target lies within the Wynne project which covers an area of 90 square kilometers and \$75,000 has been awarded to evaluate widespread outcropping mineralization that extends over a distance of five kilometers.

Empire was also backed by the Government in the Company's plans to drill a single deep diamond hole on its newly discovered Constantine PGM-nickel discovery which lies within its flagship Yuinmery copper-gold project near Sandstone in the State's central west. A grant of \$50,000 has been allocated to test a newly identified concept on this previously under explored zone of mineralization. The Constantine discovery lies just six kilometers to the northeast of the copper-gold resource outlined by the Company at the Just Desserts prospect.

Empire's Managing Director, Mr David Sargeant, said: "*We are very pleased to receive two separate grants for drilling programs. The Government's assessment criteria this year was extremely rigorous so securing the co-funding reflects a high level of endorsement of the exploration potential at Wynne and Constantine.*"

"We believe that this is an affirmation of the overall quality of the exploration projects that the Company has identified. Since listing four years ago we have made three significant gold and copper-gold discoveries and have proven resources at two projects. We believe that the Wynne and Constantine projects can add to this record."

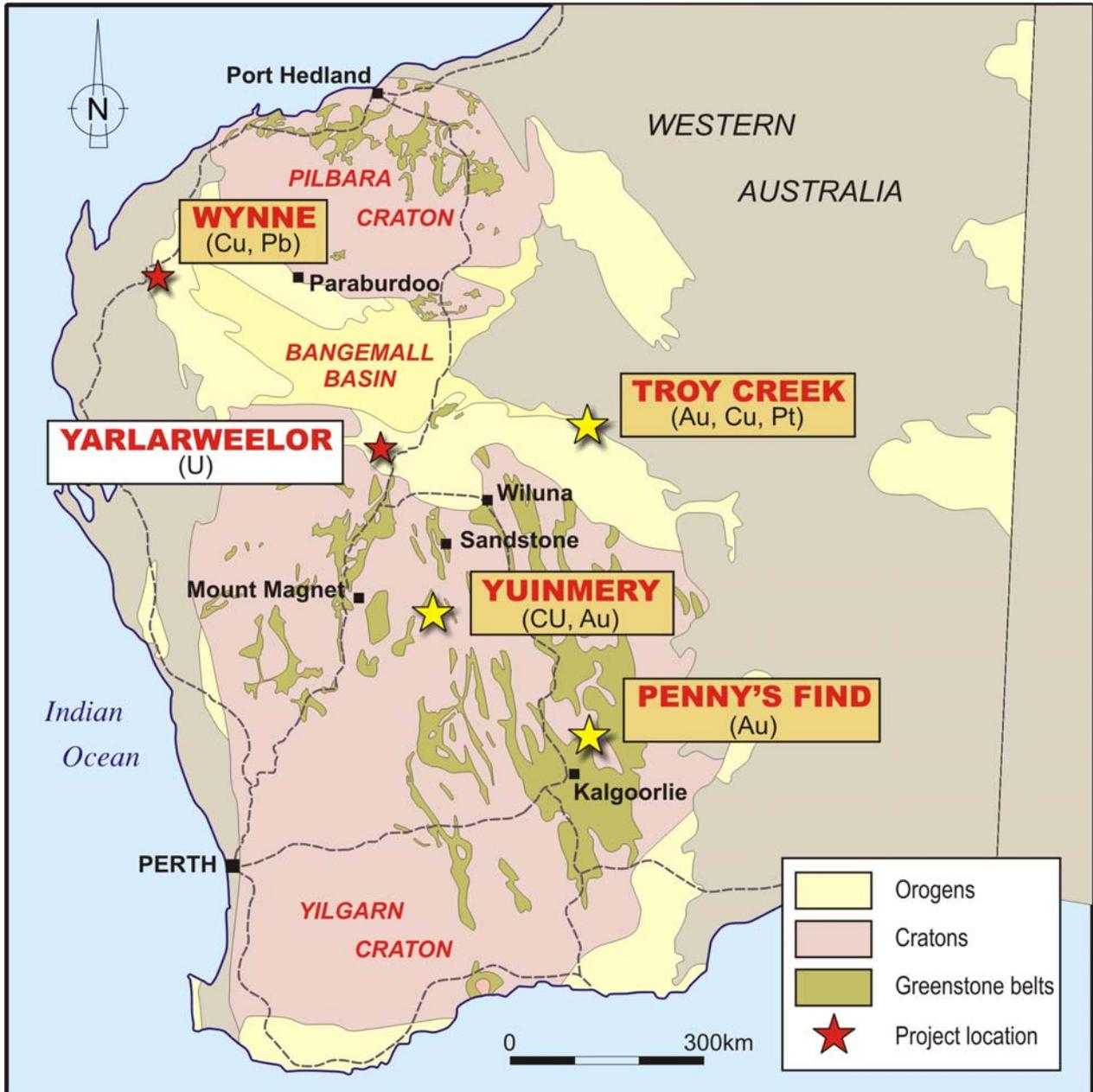
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