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**FIRST RESOURCE ESTIMATE FOR
YUINMERY COPPER – GOLD
PROJECT IN W.A.**

A JORC-compliant Resource of 1,070,000 tonnes grading 1.82% copper and 0.78% gold has been announced by Empire Resources Ltd (ASX Code: **ERL**) for its Yuinmery project south of Sandstone in Western Australia.

The estimate is the first for Empire's wholly owned Yuinmery copper-gold project and follows a round of drilling by the Company on the project's Just Desserts prospect last year and at shallow depths of only between 50 – 250 metres.

Empire's Managing Director, Mr David Sargeant, said the potential to readily upgrade the resource was significant as the mineralisation remained open at depth and along strike and the compliant resource was restricted to sulphide and transitional mineralisation types. The Company is investigating toll treatment development options for the prospect.

Just Desserts Classified Mineral Resources – March 2009

	Category	Tonnes	Grade*	Grade*	Grade*
			Cu%	Au g/t	Ag g/t
1%Cu cutoff	Indicated	104,000	1.65	0.86	1.32
	Inferred	966,000	1.84	0.77	2.12
	TOTAL	1,070,000	1.82	0.78	2.06
1.5%Cu cutoff	Indicated	46,000	2.11	1.14	1.58
	Inferred	536,000	2.34	0.92	2.68
	TOTAL	582,000	2.33	0.93	2.61

**High assays have been cut to 9%Cu, 20g/tAu and 10g/tAg.*

Just Desserts is a deposit of volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) style copper-gold mineralisation. The resources of primary and transitional copper-gold sulphide mineralisation above a 1% and a 1.5% copper cutoff are summarised in the table above.

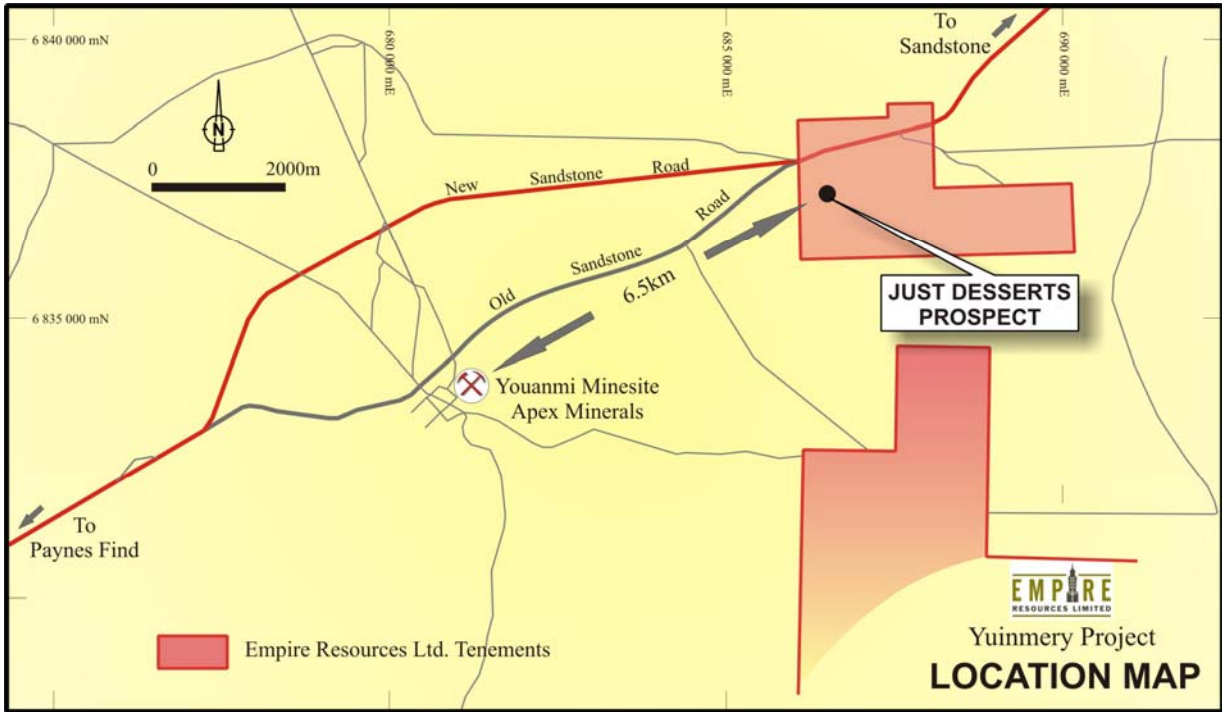
Resource modeling consultancy, Datageo, was engaged to estimate a JORC compliant in-situ resource utilising all drill hole information from the Just Desserts prospect within the Yuinmery project. This resource estimation was restricted to primary sulphide and transitional mineralisation where initial metallurgical testwork indicates the likelihood of high copper and gold recoveries. Insufficient metallurgical testwork has been completed on oxide mineralisation to enable the preparation of a resource estimate for this material.

The resource grade was estimated using ordinary kriging based on drillhole data composited downhole to 1m intervals within constraining shapes representing the mineralization. Assumed specific gravity values used were 2.7t/m³ for transitional mineralisation and 3.2t/m³ for fresh. Empire Resources' Reverse Circulation (RC) samples were assayed for copper and silver by mixed acid digest, ICP-AES/MS finish and for gold by 40gm fire assay. Previous explorers' RC and diamond core samples were assayed for copper, gold and silver by perchloric acid digest, AAS finish.

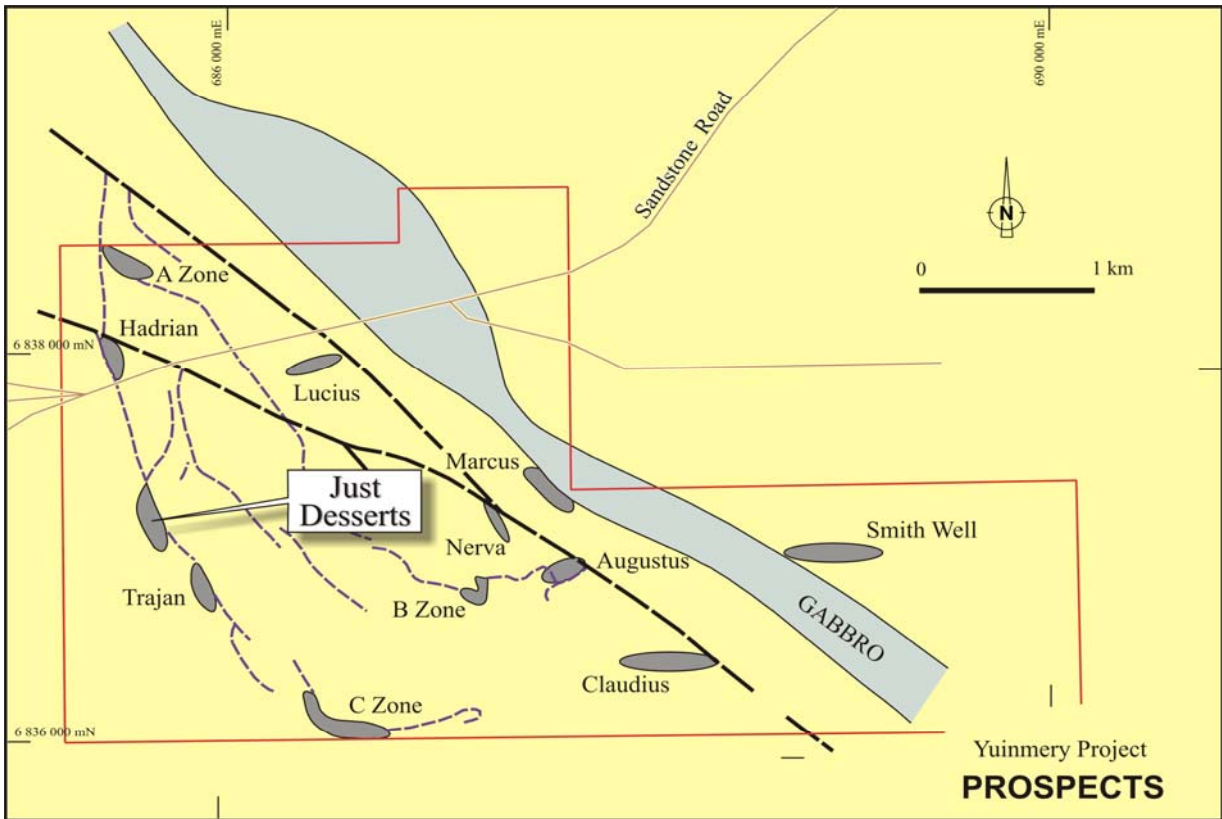
Mr Sargeant added: "We are very pleased with this initial resource estimate, which, based on a 1.5% copper cutoff and current gold and copper prices, has a copper equivalent head grade of **3.05% copper**[#]. There is significant potential for increasing the tonnage at the grades reported as the estimated resource, which lies between 50 and 250 metres below surface, is open at depth and along strike to the south. Elsewhere in the world, other VMS deposits commonly occur in clusters and have been mined to great depths. We expect deeper drilling at Just Desserts to increase tonnages significantly".

Mr Sargeant added that Empire was looking at development options for the Just Desserts mineralisation. These include the possibility of treating material at the nearby Youanmi processing plant owned by Apex Minerals. During 2008, Empire and Apex entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to undertake commercial negotiations relating to the Yuinmery project.

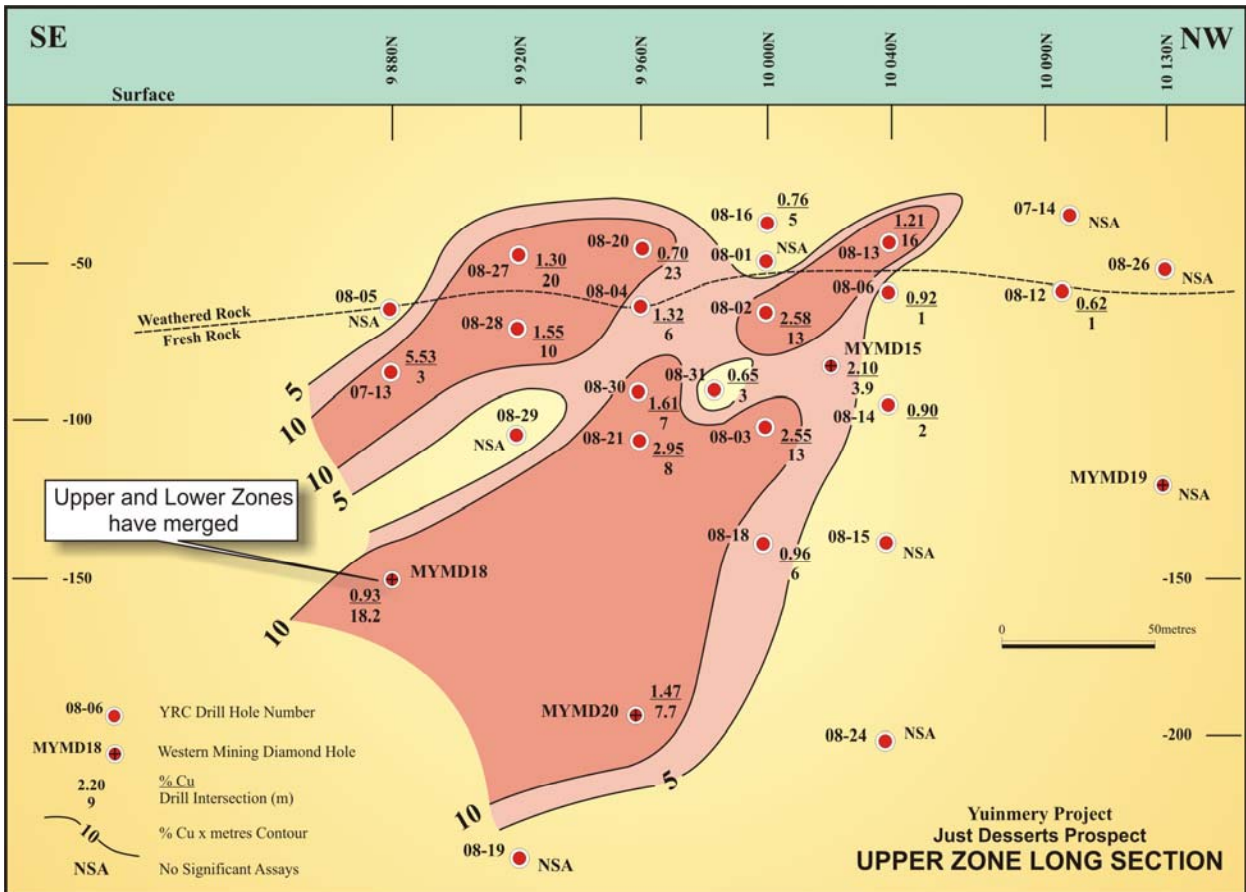
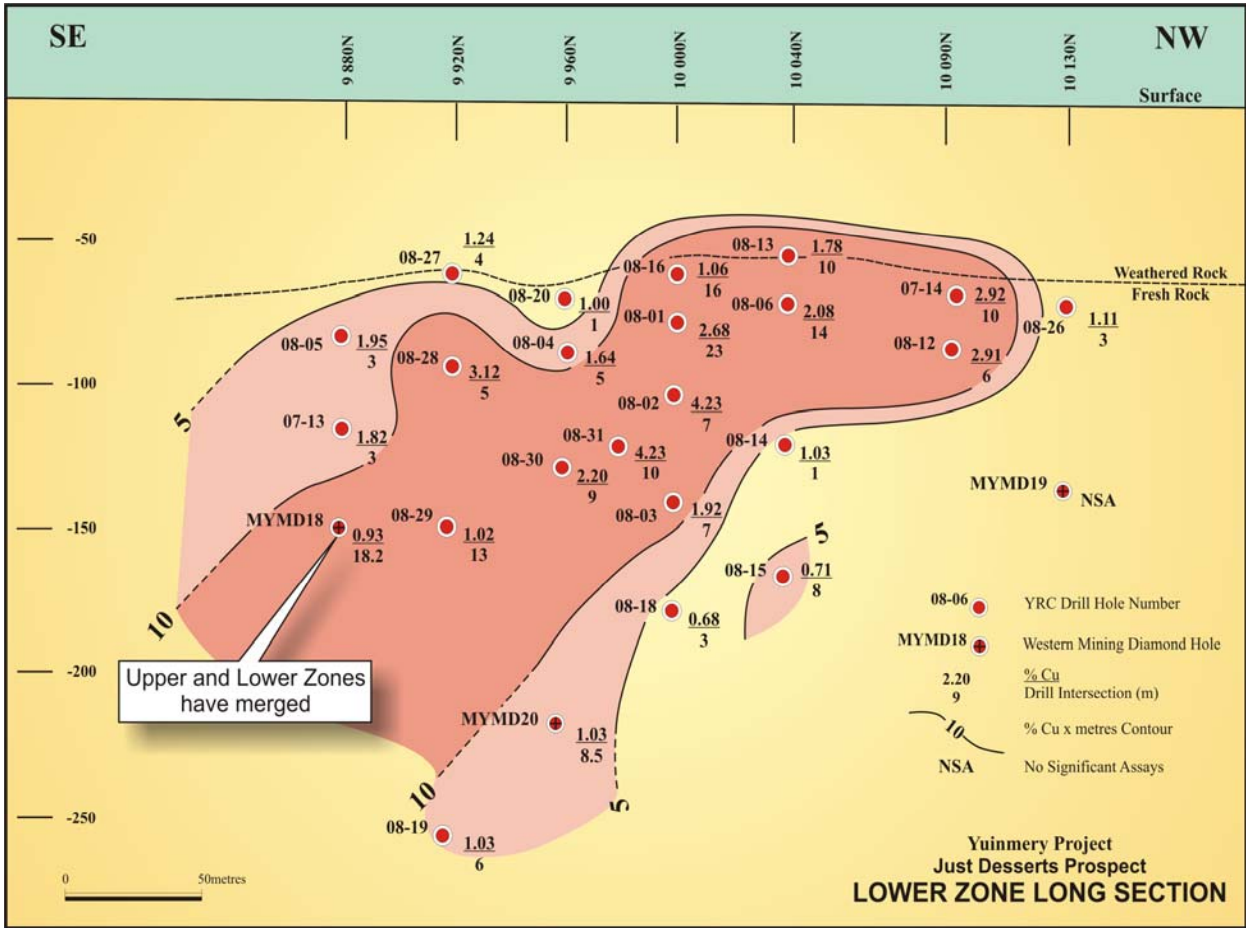
[#]. *Copper equivalent head grade has been calculated using a copper price of A\$5.77/kg and A\$45/gm for gold based on Australian spot prices for the metals on March 17, 2009.*
Copper equivalent head grade = ((23.3xA\$5.77)+(0.93xA\$45))/57.7

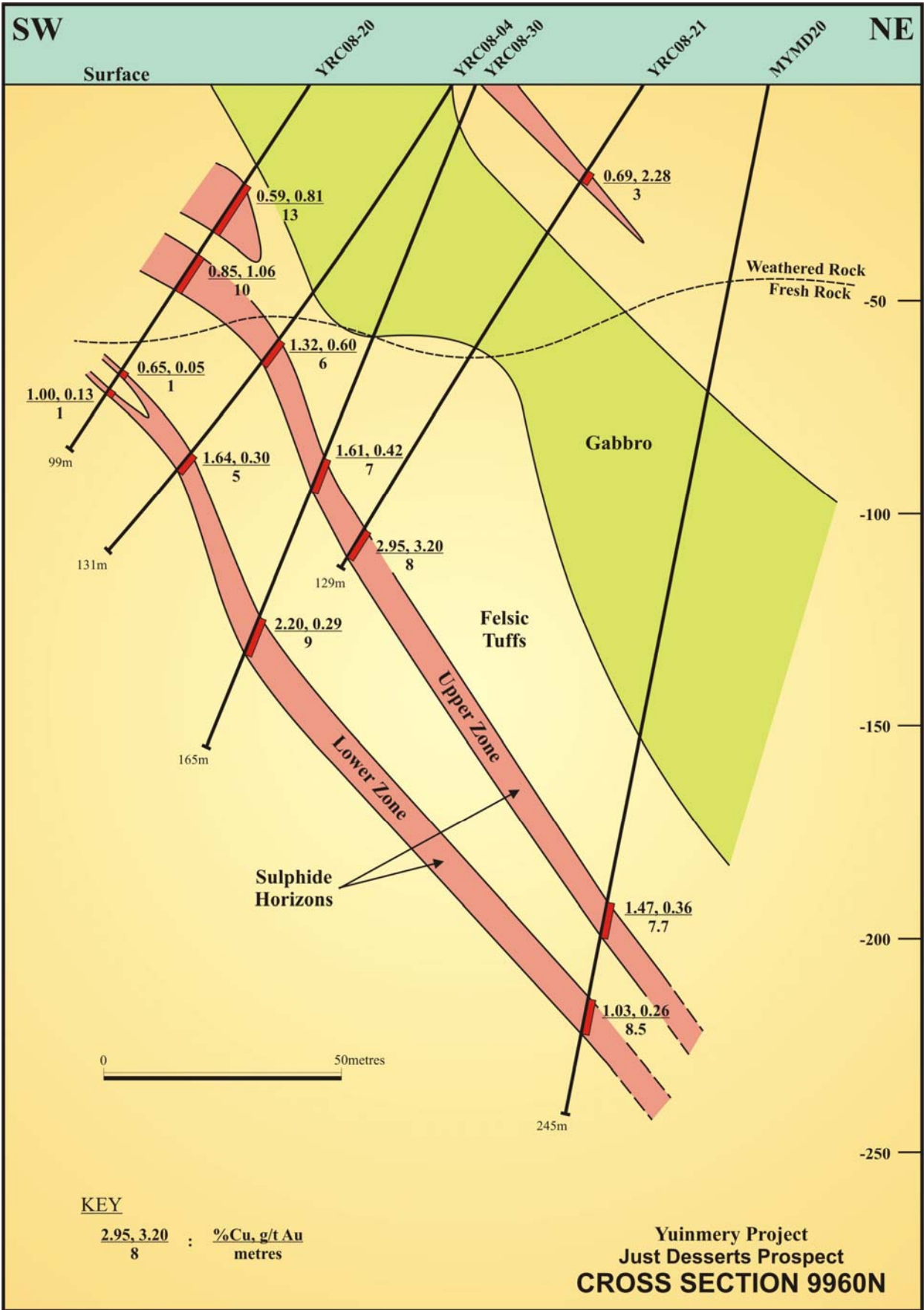


Location Map for Yuinmery and Youanmi Projects



Copper – gold prospects within the Yuinmery Project





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The information in this report concerning the Mineral Resource for the Just Desserts prospect has been estimated by Mr Peter Ball B.Sc who is a director of DataGeo Geological Consultants and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AIMM). Peter has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the “Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves”. Peter consents to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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