



Active Impact reaps rewards

Impact Minerals Ltd managing director Mike Jones believes his company's decision to remain active across its three projects has allowed it to raise capital and maintain a market cap of \$20 million.

Several juniors have closed ranks around exploration in the wake of the malaise currently engulfing the resources industry, but the team at Impact stayed true to its instincts and continued its push for a discovery at Mulga Tank in Western Australia and Broken Hill and Commonwealth in New South Wales.

The decision appears to have paid off given Impact's market cap has held firm over the past six months and the company has twice gone to the market in the last year to raise a total of \$4.4 million.

"For us it's almost been like there hasn't been a crash and that's because we've had a philosophy...to continue putting money into the ground," Jones said.

"We've been fortunate that the projects we have [in our portfolio] have returned results on which we've then been able to raise money and continue on our quest."

One person who has been keeping a close eye on Impact is mining magnate Andrew For-

rest, who has committed to invest up to \$7.3 million in the versatile junior via his private investment vehicle Squadron Resources Pty Ltd.

Squadron's initial cash injection of \$3 million comprises a \$2 million convertible note and a \$1 million placement. Impact will also have access to unlisted options of up to \$2.3 million and a further \$2 million worth of JV funding as part of Squadron's investment pledge.

Impact must spend \$2.5 million over the next three years on exploration at Broken Hill and Commonwealth. The company will direct its other funds towards the Mulga Tank nickel project, east of Kalgoorlie.

A field camp was set up at Mulga Tank on the eve of the Australian Nickel Conference ahead of a proposed drilling campaign to possibly start as early as next month.

Soil geochemistry and geophysical surveys were in progress at the time of print and Im-



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Impact was anticipating a flood of results from project over the next six months.

A HeliSAM survey to map black shales was also due to be flown over the 420sq km project following the conference.

"We're going to take a different approach and we're actually going to map the black shales first and then we're going to do the geophysics and the EM around it," Jones said.

"It's a bit of an innovative approach to try and solve the problem. It remains to be seen what happens...but it's only a matter of time and money before we're going to find a major discovery here."

Drilling at the Broken Hill PGM-copper-nickel project began in September. Impact is also preparing for another round of drilling at the Commonwealth gold project in early 2016.

- Michael Washbourne