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Latin on the trail of a copper-gold giant in Peru

The identification of a large new anomaly with potential for significant copper-gold mineralisation has become an exciting prospect for **Latin Resources Ltd (ASX:LRS)** at its Ilo Norte project in southern Peru.

The project, which is just 20km from the Port of Ilo and 10km from an operating copper smelter, was previously focused on iron, however project manager Sam Garrett says there is now compelling evidence for considerable base-metal potential.

Latin is preparing Ilo Norte for a diamond drill program to test that potential in the coming months.

“We drilled eight holes there for looking for iron and did find some iron but also intersected some anomalous base metals and gold mineralisation, so the work we have done since then is following up on that base metal potential and we believe we have mapped out a large zone of replacement style skarn alteration consistent with iron oxide-copper-gold mineralisation,” he said.

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“That type of deposit is well known in the geological terrain in that region, so we’re not reinventing the wheel. But we have basically changed our model for that project.

“We have recently completed three induced polarisation lines which identified the anomaly and we are now about to commence 2,500m of diamond drilling to test the geology of that anomaly.

“What’s important to note here is the size of this anomaly. We’ve mapped the alteration now over a strike

length of 10km and the area we’re drilling is over about 1.5km, so there is still a lot of ground to cover. “While we can’t speculate on the mineralisation at this stage there are, within a couple of hour’s drive of the project, a number of large porphyry copper deposits already being mined.”

In 2011, Peru was the world’s second largest copper producer exporting more than 1.2Mt of copper, half of which was mined within 100km of Ilo Norte. Garrett said that while the focus at the project had shifted to copper-gold this did not automatically exclude the iron potential of the ground.

“After all, the giant Marcona iron-copper mine is just down the road,” he said.

“It’s not a case of one or the other, it could potentially be both, but we are favouring the base metal model at this stage.

“The area is predominantly covered by sand but we have nice outcrops along the west coast which give us a pretty good idea of what’s going on.



“All of the original drilling intersected oxidised rocks, so our aim with the diamond drilling is to get behind and underneath those early holes and try and get into the sulphide part of the system.”

Latin’s managing director, Chris Gale, said the IP results added enormous weight to the company’s conceptual model for copper-gold at Ilo Norte.

“We now have a fantastic drill target which we will begin testing almost immediately having now received drill permit approval,” he said.

