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## **AUZEX RECORDS POSITIVE RESULTS IN SILICA TESTWORK**

Exploration company Auzex Resources has recorded positive results in its initial investigations into the potential for mining silica (quartz) at its Kingsgate project in northern New South Wales.

The Kingsgate project, which is located 20km east of Glen Innes, has focused on the recovery of molybdenum, bismuth and silver but current testwork has highlighted a significant quantity of high-value silica.

Quartz, in the form of quartz pipes, is intimately associated with the molybdenum and bismuth mineralisation at Kingsgate and from a future mining perspective would be mined and processed during the normal course of operations.

Auzex Resources Executive Chairman John Lawton said further testwork due at the end of the quarter would confirm the value of the Kingsgate silica.

“Should these investigations prove to be fruitful, there will be a major positive impact on project profitability, resource potential and longevity,” he said.

Auzex Resources is currently completing a feasibility study of the Kingsgate project assuming an overall plant process rate of 250,000tpa and given the style of mineralisation, it is estimated that silica production could represent 100,000-150,000tpa.

Silica is used in the electronic, lighting, fibre optic and semiconductor industries, as well as in silica production.

Mr Lawton said a consultancy firm had advised the company that based on initial testwork assay data the Kingsgate silica material may be suitable for high-value markets such as thin film transistor (TFT) and liquid crystal display (LCD) applications.

“Material for such applications has an indicative value of US\$400 per tonne,” he said.

Auzex is an exploration company targeting world-class multi-metal ore bodies that occur within large granite systems. By using modern statistical techniques applied to state-of-the-art ore deposit models, it aims to increase the probability of discovery in the most efficient way.

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