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SILICA sands explorer and developer Diatreme Resources Limited is to launch a new consultation process with the community following recent stakeholder meetings in Cairns.

The meetings were co-ordinated by the project's key development partner, traditional owners Hopevale Congress, and included representatives from Queensland Government agencies the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council and Cook Shire Council.

In further positive news for the project's environmental credentials, Diatreme was advised by its potential offtake

partner, China's Fengshan Group, that the silica would likely be used domestically as part of China's program to reduce dependence on coal-fired power, particularly in areas of low air quality.

CEO Neil McIntyre said the green credentials would strengthen the environmental case for the mining project.

Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation central manager Ivan Deemal said: "We will shortly commence a detailed consultation process with the community and key stakeholders to seek input to ensure the operation does not disrupt the community, respects and sustains our traditional country and maximises economic benefits for the whole region."