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EMERGING silica sands explorer and developer Diatreme Resources Limited has announced the lodgement of a mining lease application with the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy for the company's Galalar Silica Project in Far North Queensland.

The Galalar project, near the world's largest operating silica sand mine at Cape Flattery, has the potential to become a near-term, low-cost and premium quality silica producer for fast-growing Asian markets, generating new jobs and investment.

Chief executive Neil McIntyre said the announcement was a significant milestone in the development of "a valuable new silica sand mine for north



**FNQ PROJECT: Diatreme CEO Neil McIntyre.** Picture: SUPPLIED

Queensland, which we are developing in partnership with the traditional owners, Hopevale Congress".

"We are focused on advancing the Galalar project as quickly as possible through the next step permitting and approvals processes to ensure the maximum economic and social benefits are unlocked for all our stakeholders," he said.