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TRADITIONAL owners of the Cape Bedford area north of Cooktown have announced "strong" support for a silica sand mining operation planned for a 542sq km area of Western Cape York.

In partnership with project developer Diatreme Resources, the Hope Vale Congress — on behalf of affected native titleholders — will hold a 12.5 per cent stake in the Galalar Silica Project to ensure economic benefits flow directly to the region's traditional owners.



Thiithaarr clan representative Eddie Deemal said the Hope Vale Congress had worked with Diatreme for four years to ensure the feasibility of a silica sand mine on traditional country.

"The aim is to utilise a small part of our country to create a real economy that reduces welfare dependency for our people and the wider community of Hope Vale," he said. "This will also create intergenerational wealth that gives young people the opportunity to build a strong future."