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FAR North silica sands developer Diatreme Resources has signed a memorandum of understanding with a potential Chinese offtake partner for its Galalar silica project.

The MOU with Jiangxi Kangjia New Material Technology Co Ltd relates to the supply of 250,000 tonnes per annum of photovoltaic-grade silica from a proposed mine at Cape Bedford, about 20km north of Cooktown.

The agreement adds to previous MOUs signed with China's Fengsha Group and

Wan Zhong Investment Group.

Diatreme chief executive Neil McIntyre (below) said the latest agreement should give investors and other project partners increased confidence in the future of the project.

"Galalar is now positioning itself as a leading supplier of premium-quality silica product to Asia amid a global solar energy boom that shows no sign of slowing," Mr McIntyre said.

He said he looked forward to providing valuable new jobs and investment for the Hope Vale and Cooktown region.

