A drilling campaign at BC Iron’s Mulla Mulla tenements in the Pilbara has returned its first results, and the Fortescue Metals Group-backed iron ore venture said work on native title and heritage work to support a resource estimate is in progress.

The results include 16.5m at 57.5% iron from 6.5m, and 16m at 58% iron from 8m at Mulla Mulla 2; and 22m at 58% iron from 4m, and 19.5m at 57% iron from 8m at Mulla Mulla 3.

Reverse circulation drilling at Rimfire Pacific Mining’s Sorpresa gold and silver project has returned 1m at 54.2 grams per tonne gold and 121gpt silver; 1m at 36.1gpt gold; and 2m at 31.35gpt gold.

The company is seeking to define a measured resource with ongoing drilling and continued metallurgy.

Platypus Minerals is targeting a new area at its Bridget prospect in Western Australia after a big copper hit returned 19.25% copper from a 2-3m gossanous zone.

The company will pursue further exploration in the first quarter of next year. Finally, Iron Road has received $A2 million in short-term funding from its major shareholder, The Sentient Group, so it may continue to advance its Central Eyre iron project in South Australia.

The funds were delivered interest-free and without fees, and will be applied towards outstanding debt which the company says will be addressed following “a corporate transaction” in 2016.