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Explorer joins hunt for uranium in Wheatbelt

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The Wheatbelt could be WA's next uranium hotspot, depending on the results from a unique three-way alliance between Perth explorer Mindax Resources, the CSIRO and US-controlled uranium miner Heathgate Resources.

Under the innovative deal announced yesterday, Mindax will provide \$100,000 in funding over two years to the CSIRO's Co-operative Research Centre for Landscape

Environments and Mineral Exploration to follow-up uranium anomalies discovered during an extensive groundwater sampling program already being conducted by the CRC-LEME.

Heathgate, the local arm of US group General Atomic which operates the Beverley uranium mine in South Australia, will also become Mindax's 50 per cent partner in exploration within WA's Yilgarn region, including the area subject to the CRC alliance.

Mindax chief executive Greg Bromley said the venture arose out of a CRC study into salinity under way in the Avon Basin, which had identified numerous uranium anomalies during groundwater sampling.

"We decided it might be worth becoming involved, and took it by the horns," he said.

Mindax has already applied for eight exploration licences in the Yilgarn with Heathgate based on an initial review of the CRC's data.