



Mindax closer to proving Yilgarn project viable

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Mindax will move a step closer towards a resource upgrade over its Mt Forrest iron ore project in WA's Yilgarn region, with the release of the final batch of drilling results due out as early as today.

The junior already claims to have a billion tonne-plus magnetite resource at Mt Forrest, grading 31.4 per cent iron.

But Mindax is thought to have had some success in uncovering a new category of soft higher-grade magnetite material close to existing direct shipping ore, which would potentially require comparatively little beneficiation.

The news comes days from the release of a scoping study over Mt Forrest.

Both the scoping study and the

resource upgrade are due by the end of the month, with Mindax expected to move straight into a pre-feasibility study.

Mindax has put a tentative \$1.8 billion price tag on developing Mt Forrest by 2015. With a modest 4.5mt hematite resource, Mindax is likely to develop it first as a small hematite project before moving on to magnetite.

Shares in the group had a big day on the market yesterday, up 4¢, or 10 per cent, to 42¢.

- Kagara shares rose 0.5¢ to 56¢ on the strength of the latest drilling results from its Griffiths Hill copper discovery beneath the historical Red Dome open pit in north Queensland.

Reported intersections included

17m at 4.3 per cent copper, including 8.4m at 7.4 per cent copper, 0.93 grams-per-tonne gold and 192g/t silver.

