



Rusina flags large resource increase

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PLATINUM hopeful Rusina Mining plans to investigate the potential for a substantial increase in resource tonnes following the discovery of a wide zone of primary mineralisation at depth at its Acoje platinum-nickel project in the Philippines.



Diamond core drilling at Rusina's Acoje PGM project in the Philippines.

Deeper drilling within the northern part of the Central Block has returned assays of platinum nickel-sulphides up to 28m-wide containing individual grades up to 5.58 grams per tonne 3E (platinum, palladium and gold). Rusina said the intercepts were recorded 50m down dip from previously defined mineralisation and extended 200m along strike.

Better hits include 28m grading 3gpt 3E and 0.65% nickel, including 8m at 4.88gpt 3E and 0.87% nickel; 24m at 1.75gpt 3E and 0.49% nickel, including 12m at 2.53gpt 3E and 0.58%, and; 8m at 2.14gpt 3E and 0.58% nickel.

Rusina said the majority of the drilling at Acoje to date had been confined to the zone within 100m of the surface, but a new deeper drill program had begun testing down to 180-200m in order to reach the target mineralisation.

The Perth-based junior is currently conducting feasibility work, including metallurgical testwork core drilling and a geotechnical work program at Acoje, in a bid to prove up around five million platinum equivalent ounces.

Meanwhile, industry consultants Snowdens has completed a quality assurance review of the geological methods, sampling and logging practices, database and assay protocols, and geotechnical data collection and processing at Acoje. The consultancy reportedly liked what it saw at Acoje, saying data collection is conducted in a "systematic and comprehensive" way.

Shares in Rusina remained unchanged during early trade at 19.5c.