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**DRAKE TO EXPLORE FOR URANIUM IN EASTERN
GOLDFIELDS**

KEY POINTS

- Potential for calcrete type uranium
- 115 kilometres of uranium mineralised channel
- 50 kms south of the Yeerlirrie uranium deposit
- Majority of the channel unexplored

Drake Resources Limited (ASX: DRK) has applied for two uranium exploration licences covering 115 kilometres of calcrete bearing channels in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields region, between Wiluna and Leonora.

BHP Billiton's (ASX: BHP) Yeerlirrie uranium deposit lies approximately 50 kms north of the applications. Yeerlirrie has a reported resource of 35 million tonnes at 1.5 kg/tonne uranium.

Exploration in the 1970s on the Bungalow Well property by Le Nickel (Australia) Pty Ltd down channel from the Drake applications has demonstrated this channel system contains uranium mineralisation.

The channel was partially explored in the 1970s by BP Minerals, Western Mining Corporation; however 80% of the channel has had little or no testing.

Le Nickel's Beta Prospect is approximately 6 kilometres from the Drake exploration license application. Exploration indicated the presence of uranium values up to 0.47% at surface, and 0.2% uranium in auger drill samples. There is no record of past uranium exploration for the 36 kilometres of the channel up-gradient of this mineralisation in the Drake applications.

Managing Director Dr Bob Beeson, who has extensive uranium exploration experience in Australia, South Africa and the Middle East, said "Drake considers that these prospective and under-explored tenements represent an outstanding opportunity to establish a uranium exploration presence in Western Australia."

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