



Cover Story



**Talisman Mining Limited is focused on it's 100% owned Wonmunna iron ore project in WA's Pilbara region, which has the potential to be come a world class iron ore deposit.**

*Companies such as BH and Rio Tinto have operations and infrastructure nearby, and the company has completed a AU\$9 million capital raising to fund resources drilling for 2008 and beyond.*

Managing director Steve Elliott told The Australian Investor that the key sector driver for Talisman Mining is the demand for iron ore. "This is the age of the new wonder metal – iron ore", he said.

"Our success this year is largely attributed to our refocusing of the company on iron ore instead of gold. We did this six months ago and our investors have been extremely supportive. This is apparent from the significant increase in share price over this time."

Wide spaced drilling has encountered near surface intercepts to 20m at 61.41% iron ore in Marra Mamba Iron Formation – amenable to rapid and low cost evaluation.

"It is early days still, as we only initiated a programme of reconnaissance drilling 3 months ago. Within 6 weeks we were achieving significant grades, and we are confident of more positive results before we complete the programme around the end of January."

Earlier in December the company completed a capital raising of \$9 million to act as working capital. The total of AU\$10 million in the bank will fund the next 18 months of operations.

"February sees the start of resource drilling. Right now our focus is almost exclusively on firming-up the ore body. We still retain interests in our gold and copper projects, as well as some additional iron ore projects, as we believe it is prudent to ensure we are not a one-project company."

"We are taking this one step at a time, but with so many big players in iron ore nearby, and Rio Tinto-owned railway only 8km away, we have options available when it comes to mine development and transport."

"Prospects for the year ahead are very exciting. We are in the right market at the right time, and we are well placed to take advantage of the high demand for iron ore. In this business, a lot of luck is involved, as well as hard work, and I have to say that after 30 years in this industry I never dreamed of being in the iron ore business."

My new year's resolution is to have maiden resource of 50 million tones of iron ore by this time next year. We could even get there earlier", concluded Mr Elliott.

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