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HD CuDeco encouraged by preliminary tests in processing foray with Ernest Henry

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GOLD Coast-based **copper** miner CuDeco says it has had impressive preliminary results from trial **ore** processing at the Glencore-owned Ernest Henry **copper** mine processing plant.

The company said the initial testwork results were "outstanding and surpassed expectations".

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CuDeco last month teamed with mining giant Glencore to supply 22,000 tonnes of ore from its Rocklands project near Cloncurry for treatment at the Ernest Henry processing plant.

At the time, CuDeco said the agreement could result in a long-term supply agreement. The **company** yesterday said the primary sulphide **ore** was processed in a 30-hour window over two days, testing handling, crushing, milling, flotation and filtration character-istics through a full-size pro-duction mineral processing facility.

"CuDeco metallurgists conclude the result demonstrates that the Rocklands primary **ore** is amenable to high recovery and as having good metallurgical characteristics through flotation treatment," the **company** said in a statement.

It said the tests found there were no problems processing the **ore**. The results were "exceptionally pleasing, given that normally a much longer time is required to settle the circuit down".

CuDeco at present is **mining** around 30,000 tonnes of **ore** a day for supply to **China** through an agreement with the government-owned Sinosteel Corporation.

It said it had stockpiled about one million tonnes of material. The company believes four million tonnes of primary sulphide ore is easily accessible if it locks in favourable long-term sale agreements.

CuDeco has made its first shipment to **China** of 170 tonnes of various forms of **copper** concentrate for testwork in **Chinese** smelters.CuDeco's shares closed 2.5¢, or 1.79 per cent higher, at \$1.42.

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