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Miner Navarre Minerals explores deep copper potential

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A Stawell-based mineral company has begun drilling to identify more copper potential in western Victoria.

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Navarre Minerals says its secondary copper source is located at its Eclipse site near Cherrypool.

Drilling started on the weekend in more than 12 holes over 1,000 metres.

Navarre's managing director, Geoff McDermott, says testing for a deeper target is an exciting development.

"We've got these opportunities to look for big deposits that can be game-changers for the region," he said.

He says strong copper consumption means the global economy is healthy.

"There's a huge demand for copper and transmission of power. We ... see copper being one of the minerals of the future," he said.

Previous drilling has identified the copper potential but more testing is needed to confirm the full extent of the mineral, at least 20 metres below the surface.

The results of a geophysics survey mapping the footprint of the copper deposit are due out next month.

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