



Miner Navarre reveals gold find

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A mineral explorer based at Stawell has uncovered shallow copper and an unexpected broad zone of gold in western Victoria.

Navarre Minerals announced its further findings to the Australian Securities Exchange yesterday.

The company says it is hoping the results at its Eclipse prospect near Black Range will lead to a large gold and copper deposit.

Managing director Geoff McDermott says he wants to secure the first copper and gold mine in western Victoria.

"Exploration is a confidence game, what we've been doing is giving us confidence along the way," he said.

"We've sort of been working at this area for around about four or five years now and we're really starting to see the rewards of our hard work and effort coming through.

"If this turned into a mineral deposit and a mine then we've really achieved a great thing."

He says it will talk to the Victorian Government about a mining licence after two more years of drilling.

"If we're successful this will be the first copper and gold mine in western Victoria ever," he said.

"We're hoping this will build on the back of all the infrastructure that we have in western Victoria with the roads, the rail network, the deep-water port, the power, the water and also to bring in a lot of jobs in western Victoria."

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