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Phosphate potential boosts Syndicated Metals

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NEWLY listed Syndicated Metals' share price soared as much as 67% on news it has begun evaluating the phosphate potential of its Exmouth project in the Cardabia area, 100km south of Exmouth in Western Australia.

The Perth-based company said previous exploration by CRA Exploration in the Cardabia area from 1988 to 1991 located phosphate nodule-bearing horizons with grades ranging between 25-30% phosphate.

"CRA concluded at the time that the thickness of the mineralised zones and the density of the phosphate nodules within these horizons did not meet economic specifications," Syndicated Metals said.

"However, the recent substantial (four-fold) increase in phosphate prices in response to fundamental changes in the supply and demand equation for phosphate indicates that the potential for economic phosphate accumulations at Cardabia warrants reappraisal."

Syndicated Metals has the rights to a 100% interest in three granted exploration licences covering an area of 480 square kilometres.

Results of historical exploration on the tenements including drilling for phosphate occurrences are being compiled and a field assessment will begin soon, the company said.

Syndicated Metals listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in December last year.

Shares in the stock soared as much as 12c to hit an intraday high of 30c before slipping back to 26c in afternoon trade.

