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All that glitters in Kazakhstan

IF you believe Borat, Kazakhstan's potassium is the world's best.

Unlike the fictional and highly controversial Kazak journalist, Angela Dent wants the country to be more famous for its gold.

A director of Central Asia Resources, which floated in June, she said the company has been sticking to its drilling since then.

The results should become clear early next year when the first interim JORC compliant results start to be reported to the market.

The news flow so far has been positive, with a series of extensions and new zones being identified at some of the seven prospect areas.

Initially Soviet geologists estimated a resource of around a million ounces of gold, so completing a lot of infill drilling to firm up and expand resource numbers has been the top priority.

Kepken, Kengir and Altynas are emerging as the most promising prospects at this stage and Angela said the company is keen to progress to the mining stage.

Unlike Borat, she reports that Kazakhstan is actually a terrific place to do business with excellent road and rail infrastructure and a political environment that is positive towards mining development.

Unlike the Australian mining scene, Central Asia Resources has had little trouble getting hold of drilling rigs to punch holes in the billiard table flat landscape.

However, having the drill cores assayed has been a little more problematic because of a backlog in the local labs.

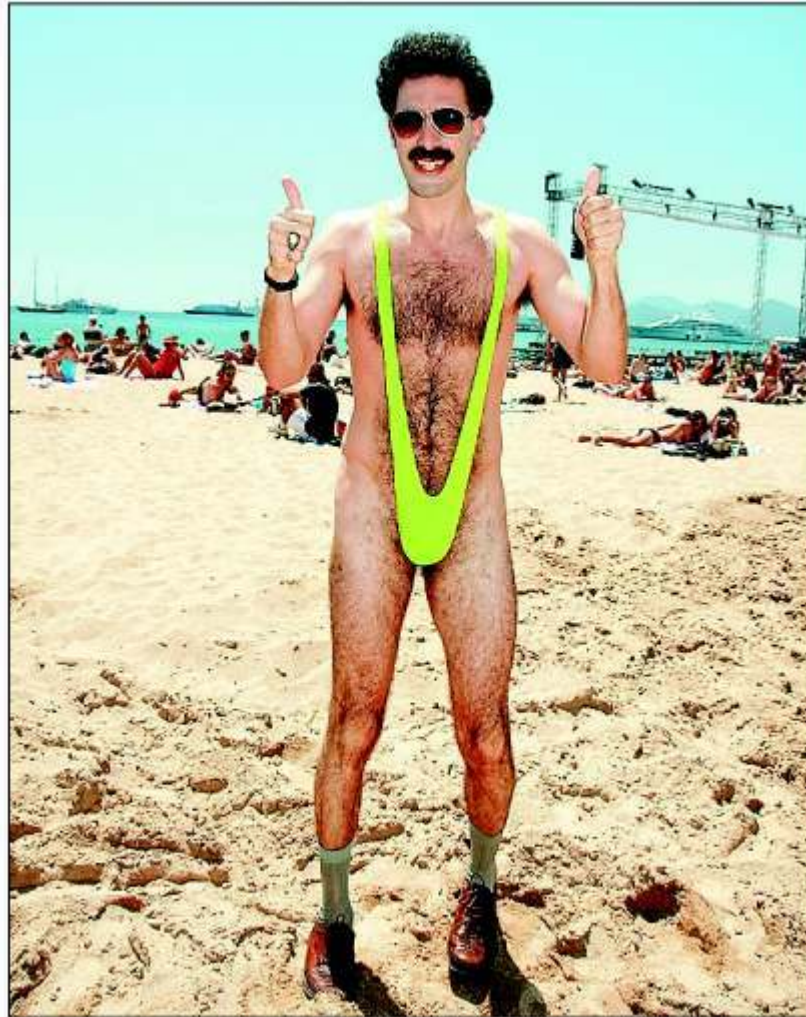
Angela said tests so far showed that the ore would be suitable for heap leaching and further tests would also be done to see if a portable gravity circuit would be a better answer for processing.

"We are building a mining company so we have a production focus," said Angela.

Fellow director and geologist Waldemar Mueller is one of the company's biggest assets, given his expertise and contacts in Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics.

That has resulted in other tenements being offered to the company but for now the effort is going into drilling and preparations for the production phase.

Central Asia Resources shares closed steady at 13.5¢.



Dig it: Borat says potassium but Kazakhstan goes for gold .