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The drill

Drilling can either make or break a miners' dreams. Here's the latest:

Northern Star Resources (NST) has reported high-grade zinc intersections at its Emull Prospect in the East Kimberley. A 3m intersection from a depth of 39m returned a grading of 9.58 per cent zinc, which also included 2m at 13.75 per cent. The Emull target is within the broader Red Billabong project where Northern Star has completed the first phase of its 2007 drill program. It still awaits assay results for nine of the 13 RC holes at Emull.

Perth-based Azumah Resources (AZM) has pressed the go button for a 3000m, multi-pronged, campaign looking for gold intercepts at its Wa-Lawra project in Ghana. Wa-Lawra covers 2857sq km of ground in northwest Ghana. Azumah is looking to improve, or at least be consistent with, previous intercepts at the Yagha North and South and Doggo targets. A previous intercept at Yagha North returned 4m at 25.5 grams of gold per tonne from 28m.

For the energy buffs, Key Petroleum (KEY) is about to start drilling its first well at Kiliwani 1 as part of its Nyuni project, offshore from Tanzania. The estimated drilling time is 40 days.

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