



Drill rig rush delays exploration

The rush for drill rigs in Western Queensland is holding up a new exploration program on Queensland Gold & Minerals' Top Camp gold-copper project south of Cloncurry.

QGM has finalised a reverse-circulation program to test Top Camp's features.

The project is about 40km from the CuDeco copper deposit.

QGM's director of exploration, John Nethery, is eagerly awaiting the first available drill rig that will

enable the company to get on with the job of following up the results of extensive survey work already undertaken at Top Camp.

"The timing of rig availability in the area is unknown at this stage with the unprecedented exploration work currently underway in the Cloncurry region, including the build-up of drill activity at the CuDeco project," he said.

Mr Nethery said QGM had acquired detailed helicopter-borne

magnetic survey data over the 4sq km of the company's Top Camp mining leases and surroundings.

"While previous less detailed surveys showed strong magnetic anomalies, modelling and interpretation of this more detailed data – combined with surface geochemical trends – has highlighted several structural orientation features not previously apparent." ■