



Explorer finds the good stuff in PNG

YOU can't really criticise a company for doing exactly what they said they would do.

Which is why shareholders in Coppermoly should be happier than many others who put money into small exploration floats over the past couple of years.

While the timing of its \$8 million float — in January 2008 — was not great in market terms, the company has very quickly firmed up three large, well defined copper-molybdenum-gold deposits on the Papua New Guinea island of New Britain.

Its Simuku prospect already has an inferred mineral resource of 200 million tonnes at a cut-off grade of 0.3 per cent copper, while results from its early holes at Mt Nakru are crying out for some follow-up drilling

of what could be two large, high-grade copper deposits.

Unlike many of PNG's potential or existing copper mines, Coppermoly's prospects are all accessible by road and are quite close to the deep-water port at Kimbe.

Chief executive Peter Swiridiuk said Coppermoly was now searching for strategic investors or joint venture partners to help fund more drilling and start pre-feasibility studies for a mine.

Finding a partner shouldn't be too hard, even in the current tough investment environment, given the upside potential for the three projects to generate plenty of early cash flow.

Particularly at Simuku, high copper grades are relatively shallow, which is always helpful given the

capital costs of starting a mine.

Peter said once more advanced drilling was under way on Coppermoly's three prospects, he would dearly love to explore and unearth some further riches on New Britain.

"We have completed a tremendous amount of drilling and trenching in a short time there and the population are really supportive," said Peter.

Coppermoly shares closed steady yesterday at 5¢.

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