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DRILLING results at the Toomba Prospect, north of Pentland, are showing encouraging figures according to China Yunnan Copper Australia Limited (CYU).

The company has announced encouraging results from the first pass reverse circulation drilling program undertaken in October and November last year.

Further drilling is being planned to generate sufficient understanding and extent in mineralisation for preparation of a maiden gold resource estimate later this year.

The Toomba prospect has extensive historic workings and traces of mineralisation over an area of 1.5 x 1km.

The early drill results will be extended at depth to test a link between the structural mineralisation intercepted to date and potential high tonnage intrusive mineralisation at depth.

In a report to the ASX, CYU managing director Jason Beckton said mapping and sampling of the historic workings confirmed the reported greater than one ounce gold values and strong base metal anomalies in spoil reported historically.

Sampling was carried out on veins in outcrop and on old mullock heaps showing a coarse-grained banded quartz, sulphide veins with abundant iron oxides hosted within the granite.

Previously reported CYU surface rock-chip/grab samples returned peak values of 44g/t gold, 128g/t silver, 0.65 per cent copper, 3.41 per cent lead and 4.8 per cent zinc.

CYU is an Australian company formed to explore for and develop minerals in Australia and overseas, with the corner stone investor Yunnan Copper Industry Group – one of China's largest copper producers.