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Market Update - North Queensland Tenement Acquisition

On 9 October 2012 Forte Consolidated Limited (ASX : FRC) announced that it had entered into an agreement to secure new tenement ground, EPM 18986 (Johnnycake), at the northern end of the Bowen Basin in Queensland from Adept Solutions Limited, since re-named Emerchants Limited (ASX : EML).

The agreement with Emerchants Limited required that the tenement, which is currently under application, receive grant approval from the Queensland Department of Mines and Energy on or before 17 December 2012 (unless both parties agree to an extended date). Based on information provided to the Company by Emerchants Limited, it now appears more likely that the grant application will be processed during the first quarter of 2013. Accordingly, the parties have mutually agreed to extend the grant condition to 31 March 2013.

Upon grant approval, the Company intends to commence a field trip including field mapping and rock chip sampling and a re-interpretation of the historical aeromagnetic data of the tenement area (Figure 1).

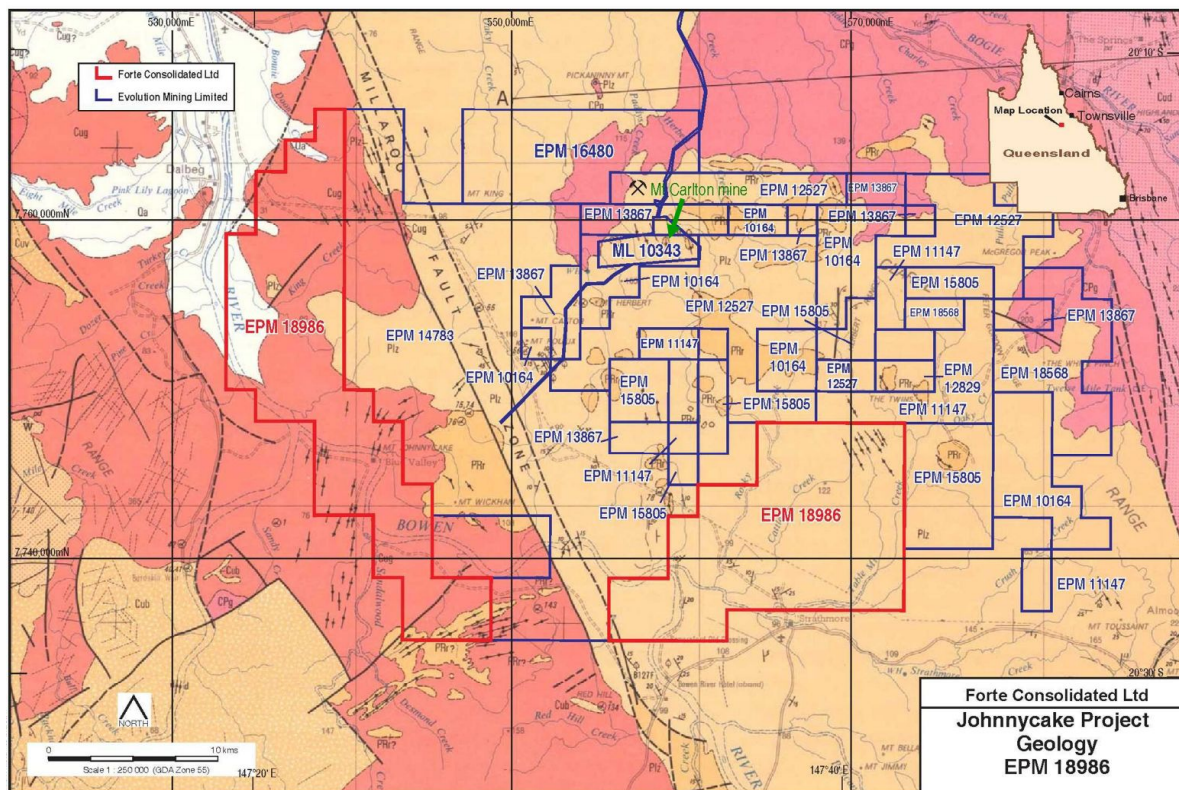


Figure 1.