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Frontier Mining's Benkala copper project in Kazakhstan could eventually generate £75m annual cash flow says chairman Erian Sagadiev.

Entrepreneur Sagadiev, who sold central Asia's largest dairy company Asia Foodmaster to a French group, says the London-headquartered company plans to start producing from an initial open-cut oxide 'cap' at Benkala in 2011 at the rate of 20,000 tonnes a year. Later, AIM-quoted Frontier intends to tackle Benkala's chief sulphide deposit, which Sagadiev says could contain an estimated two million tonnes of copper at a grade of 0.6% and yield 250,000 tonnes a year.

Sagadiev, who became president and chairman in February, led a £10m re-financing in May and says the company has enough money to proceed with the first part of the plan. A pre-feasibility report by consultant Wardell Armstrong indicates cash costs for the first phase of some 90 US cents/lb, against a current London Metal Exchange price of \$2.80/lb.

Frontier, which owns 50% of Benkala, has a wholly owned producing gold asset at Naimanjal with copper and molybdenum too. But Sagadiev and his board regard Benkala as the 'company maker'.

Floated at 15p five years ago, Frontier shares collapsed from 35p in 2006 to a nearly invisible 0.15p last December, before Sagadiev took the helm and sorted things out. Highlighted by *Growth Company Investor* at 4.88p in May, they have now reached 7.63p and should rally some more if his strategy bears fruit.