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ANGEL NICKEL PROJECT WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The Directors of Nickel Mines Limited ('Nickel Mines' or 'the Company') are pleased to advise that first Nickel Pig Iron ('NPI') production from its 80% owned Angel Nickel Project ('ANI') within the Indonesia Weda Bay Industrial Park ('IWIP') is now expected in the first quarter of 2022, well ahead of the October 2022 contractual delivery date for the commencement of commissioning.

The revised commissioning timetable is expected to see the first of four ANI RKEF lines commissioning in March 2022 with the other three RKEF lines to be commissioned progressively over the following 60 to 90 days, resulting in all four RKEF lines producing NPI by June 2022.

The ANI power plant is scheduled to commence commissioning by the end of September 2022, ahead of the October 2022 contractual delivery date, with the ANI project utilising power from the existing IWIP electricity grid in the interim. During this period NPI production from ANI's RKEF lines will run at less than 100% of the 36,000 tonnes of nickel metal production nameplate capacity per annum depending on power availability. Full NPI production capacity is expected to be achieved around one month after the commissioning of the ANI power plant.

As with the Company's existing HNI and RNI projects, ANI will require the issuance of an Industrial Business Licence (*Izin Usaha Industri*) ('IUI') to commence commercial sales of NPI. Any NPI produced ahead of the IUI issuance will be stockpiled (as was the case with initial HNI and RNI sales) however it is presently anticipated ANI's IUI will be in place to allow first commercial sales to be recorded in Q2 2022.

Commenting on the revised ANI commissioning schedule Nickel Mines' Managing Director Justin Werner said:

"We are delighted with the progress that has been made in recent months at ANI. The ability of Shanghai Decent to exceed expectations with regard to its construction timeframes never ceases to amaze and we applaud our partner for their professionalism, diligence and commitment to delivering this project."

The result of this fast-tracked commissioning is increased attributable nickel production and the bringing forward of valuable cash flows at a time when NPI prices are trading near record highs. The delivery of ANI will be truly transformative for the Company, more than doubling our attributable nameplate production capacity and firmly entrenching us as one of the largest pure-play nickel producers globally.”

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