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## MORAN NICKEL DEPOSIT – HIGH GRADE MAIDEN MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

Independence Group NL is pleased to announce a JORC compliant resource estimate of the recently discovered Moran Nickel Deposit at the Long Nickel Mine. The initial resource for Moran is **456,000t @ 7.1% Ni (32,400 Ni t)**, which currently has a strike extent of 480m and is up to 110m wide. The deposit remains open.

Undiluted Resource at 1% Ni Cut-off at 30 June 2009				
		Tonnes	Ni%	Ni Tonnes
Moran	Measured	-	-	-
	Indicated	401,000	6.9%	27,800
	Inferred	55,000	8.3%	4,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>456,000</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>32,400</b>

The Competent Persons and Members of the AusIMM or AIG with the appropriate experience in reporting the above resource are Somealy Sheppard of Lightning Nickel Pty Ltd and Mark Zammit of Cube Consulting Pty Ltd. Resource tonnes have been rounded to the nearest thousand tonnes and nickel tonnes have been rounded to the nearest hundred tonnes.

The Moran deposit is located in a Kambalda-style, open contact (ultramafic hangingwall and basaltic footwall) komatiite lava channel position, and consists of massive and matrix nickel sulphides (**Figure 2**). The nickel sulphides are medium to high tenor, with grades ranging from 1% to 23% nickel.

The deposit remains open to the north (limited), south and east.

The current northern resource limit is located 200m south of the end of the Long South decline and is 70m east of a 30m x 50m geophysical down-hole TEM target (Northern EM target).

The current southern resource limit is located 25m north of a 50m x 50m geophysical down-hole TEM target (Southern EM target) and is 1.4 km north of the lease boundary (**Figure 3**).

### Moran Development Program

The Company is well advanced in planning the development and mining of the Moran deposit, with first ore production expected to be in the June 2010 quarter. The board has approved an exploration and development budget to provide lateral and horizontal development and ventilation requirements and to test for further extensions south of Moran.

## June 2009 Resource Estimation Parameters

Resource drilling consisted of fanned underground diamond drill holes collared in the recently established Moran North Drill Drive. The drive is located approximately 150m directly above the Moran orebody. Holes were drilled to intersect the mineralized surface on a 40m x 40m grid spacing, with local areas drilled on a 40m x 20m grid spacing.

The Moran resource was estimated using 2D metal accumulation of grade, thickness and density interpolated by kriging projected to 3D grade blocks. Drill hole data was the only source of geological information used in the estimation process, however interpretation of geophysical down hole EM data has been used to support the continuity of mineralisation between drilling sections.

Cut-offs, Modelling Technique and Cell Size are as listed below:

Lower cut offs	1.0% Ni
Modelling technique	Horizontal 2D planar kriging
Parent cells 2D model	20mN x 20mE
Parent cells 3D model	10mN x 4mE x 4mRL
Block discretisation points (metres)	5 x 5 x 1 (XYZ)

Subsequent to kriging, wireframe models of interpreted igneous intrusion were used to assign background grade and density values to model blocks (0.01% Ni, 2.7t/m<sup>3</sup>) where the ore has been stoped out by late igneous intrusions.

## Current activities

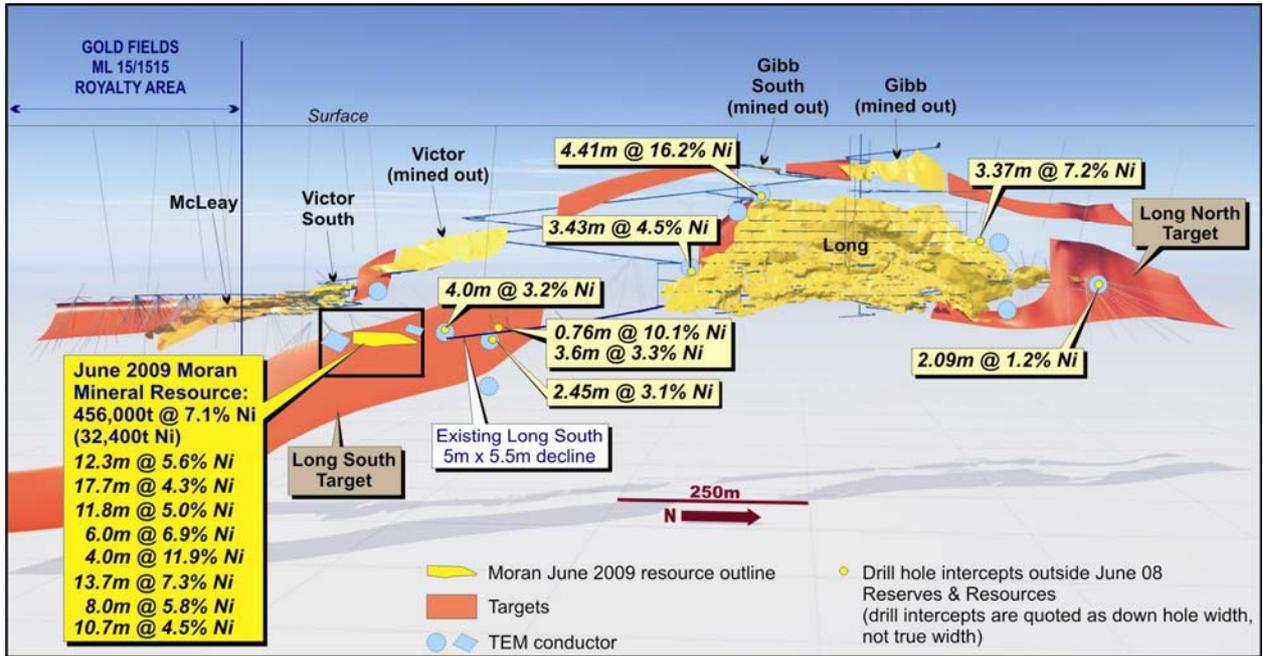
The Moran North Drill Drive is currently being extended 200m to the south to facilitate ore definition and further extensional drilling. A program of wildcat drilling from a near-completed southern drill drive (McLeay 570) is designed to locate the prospective Moran lava channel to the south of the Southern EM target.

Assay results for Moran that have not been previously released are summarized in the following table:

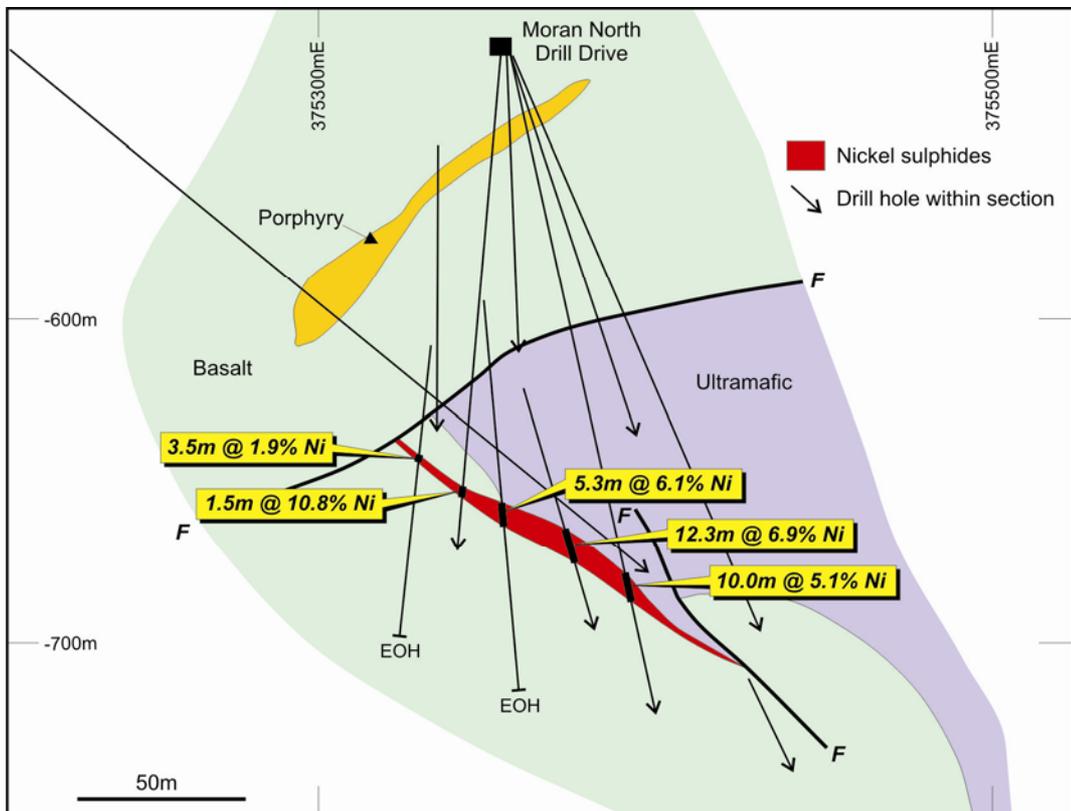
**Table 1: Long Nickel Mine – Latest Significant Moran Drilling Results**

Hole No.	Northing (m)	Easting (m)	RL (m)	Dip (degr)	Azi (degr)	EOH (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width (m)	Ni%
LSU-204	547672	375356	-517	-71	45	210	192.85	195.61	2.76	2.6	12.6%
LSU-208	547672	375356	-517	-76	68	215.2	169.18	179.06	9.88	6	5.3%
LSU-212	547611	375368	-524	-84	318	137.6	114.2	116.4	2.2	2	12.7%
LSU-213	547611	375368	-524	-70	78	196.6	174.95	182.9	7.95	7	5.8%
LSU-214	547593	375360	-523	-77	120	143.5	117.7	123.17	5.47	5	5.4%
LSU-225	547672	375356	-517	-72	20	210	178.8	185.83	7.03	4.9	6.8%
LSU-227	547595	375363	-523	-65	101	201	162.9	173.55	10.65	8.7	4.5%
LSU-235	547672	375353	-520	-58	326	183	163	165.5	2.5	2.5	4.6%
LSU-236	547593	375360	-523	-37	146	317.6	199.65	203.61	3.96	3.2	12.1%
LSU-237	547666	375350	-519	-85	232	150	129.62	131.74	2.12	1.5	10.8%
LSU-239	547670	375357	-520	-71	74	211.2	197.8	200.45	2.65	1	8.9%

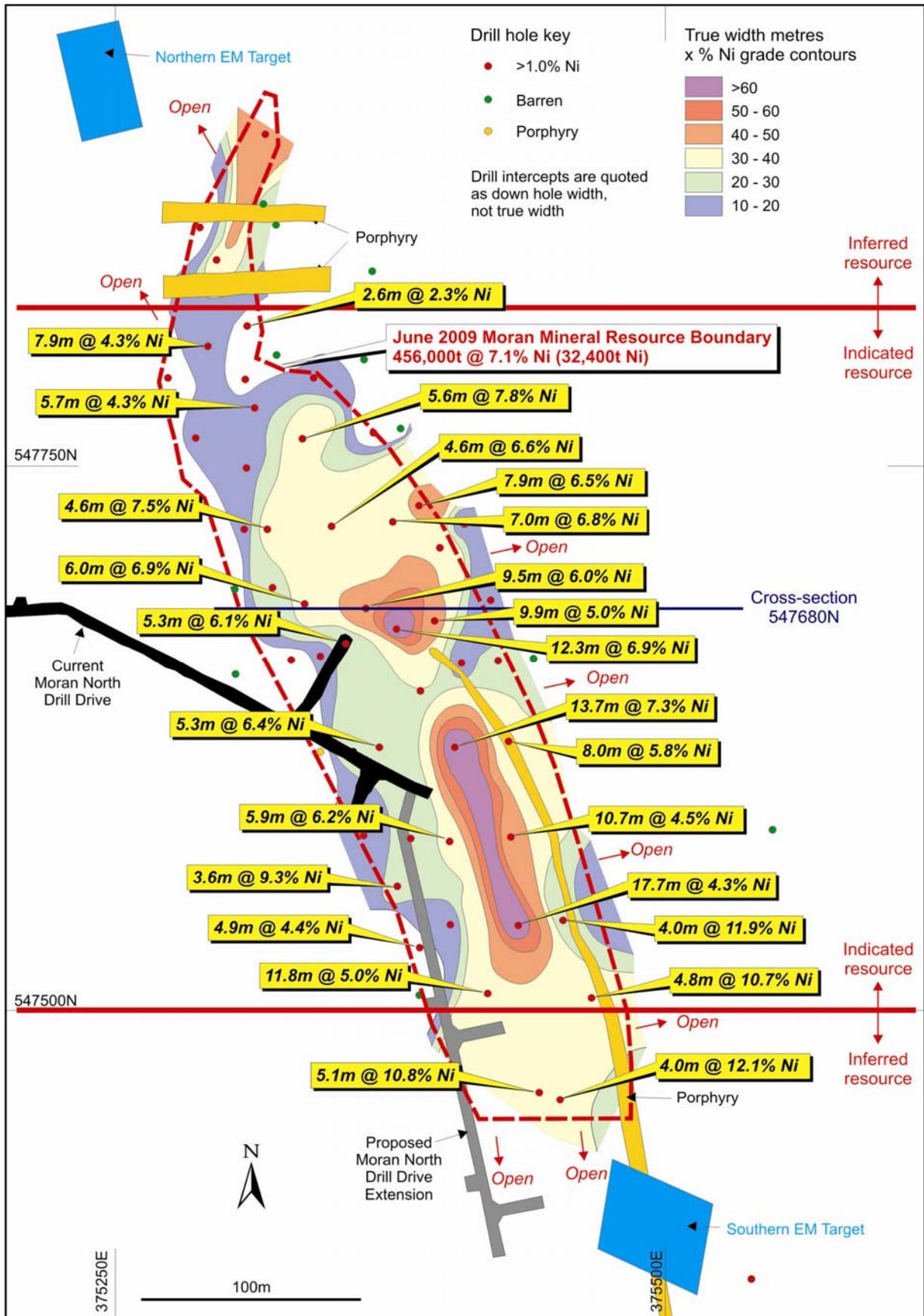
*(Intersections calculated by the specific gravity method)*



**Figure 1: Long Nickel Mine – Longitudinal Projection Showing Moran Location, TEM Conductors, Significant Intercepts Outside June 2008 Resource and Figure 3 Location**



**Figure 2: Moran Deposit – 547,680mN Cross-Section**



**Figure 3: Moran Deposit – Mineral Resource Plan Showing Significant Intercepts, Untested Down Hole TEM Anomalies and Proposed Southerly Drill Drive Extensions**



**CHRISTOPHER BONWICK**  
Managing Director

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