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LONG NICKEL MINE – MCLEAY DEPOSIT – SHOOT 2 DISCOVERY

Independence is pleased to announce the discovery of a fault-controlled remobilised high-tenor nickel sulphide shoot (Shoot 2) above the McLeay Shoot 1, announced on 8 June 2005. Two holes have tested the surface as follows:

Table 1: McLeay Significant Extensional Drilling Results – Shoot 2

Hole No.	Northing	Easting	RL	Azimuth	Dip	E.O.H	From	To	Width	True Width	Grade
	(m)	(m)	(m)	(degr.)	(degr.)		(m)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(Ni%)
VS15-135	547418	375180	-439	179	2	142	31.5	36	4.5	2.2	4.0
VS15-138	547418	375180	-439	153	-7	150	33.7	37.6	3.9	2.6	7.1

(Intersections calculated by the specific gravity method)

Down-hole 3 component TEM interprets Shoot 2 dimensions in the order of 100m (NS) x 30m (EW) and open to the south (Figure 1). It is probable that the McLeay Shoot 2 represents the southern continuation of the fault controlled Victor South Shoot 2.

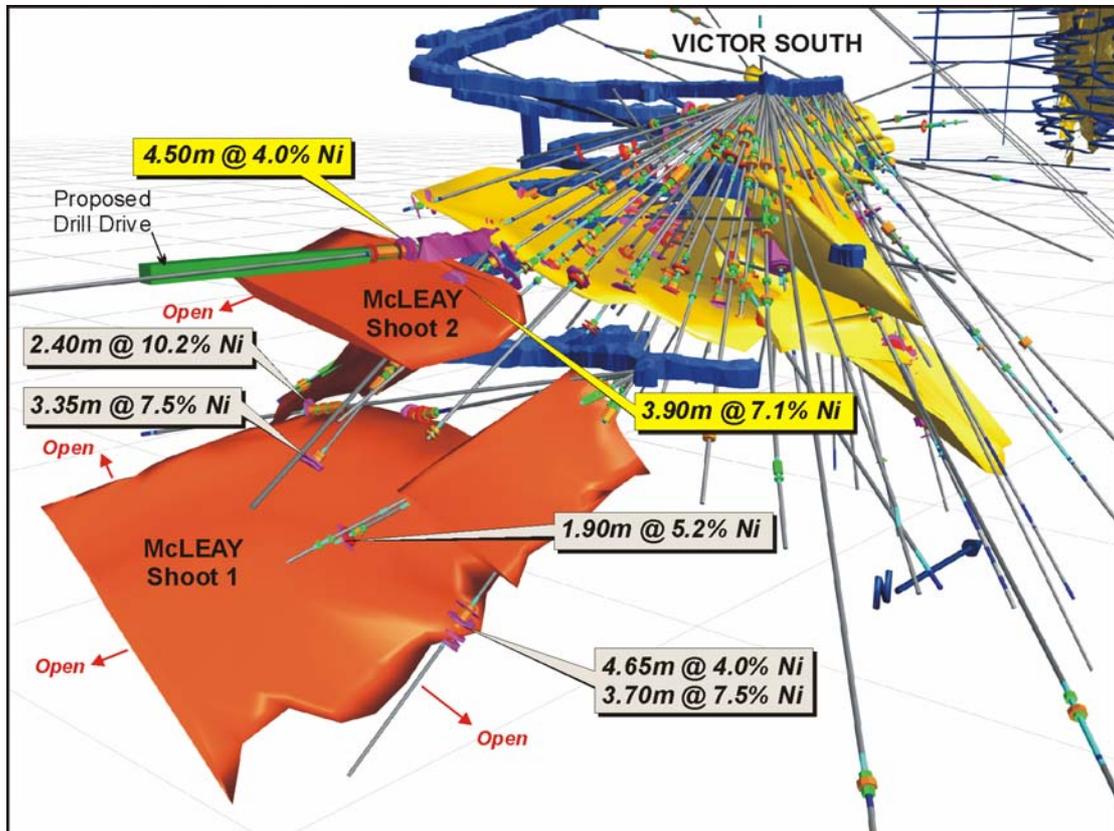


Figure 1: McLeay Deposit isometric projections looking to the north west.



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The discovery of this shoot confirms the geological complexity of McLeay and its similarity to Victor South, which also contains high-tenor primary and fault remobilised nickel sulphides.

The McLeay drill drive has advanced 30m (total planned length 140m), has intersected Shoot 2 massive nickel sulphides and is advancing along the shoot.

The drill drive is expected to be completed in late July to enable an intense drillout. Independence expects an initial resource calculation for McLeay to be completed in September.

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Note: Information in this report relating to geological data has been compiled or reviewed by Mr Christopher M Bonwick who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient relevant experience in the reported fields of activity

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