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## NEW ZONE OF NICKEL SULPHIDES NORTH OF THE LONG NICKEL MINE

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Recent diamond drilling north of Independence's 100% owned Long nickel ore body has intersected 9.3m @ 6.0% Ni (3.9m true width) 300m north of 16 Level development.
- Multiple down-hole TEM anomalies identified from drill-holes.
- Nickel sulphides now identified 480m north of the Long Nickel Mine.
- Mineralisation remains open to the north and up and down dip.
- Potential to define new stoping blocks north of Long and increase resources and reserves.

Three diamond drill holes have been completed north of the Long Nickel Mine (200,000t Ni production to date) to test for extensions to the Long nickel ore body. Two holes intersected nickel sulphides and down-hole TEM surveying defined conductors in all three holes (Figures 1 and 2).

The 3.9m true width intercept at 6.0% Ni **(Table 1)** is consistent with the characteristics of the main Long ore body which has a 3.7% Ni historical head grade and average width of 2.6m. The numerous off-hole conductors generated by the company's unique high-powered transmitter require drill testing to determine whether they are also caused by massive nickel sulphides.

Table 1: Long North - Significant Recent Diamond Drill 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%
LG137-039	550753	374037	-392	8	320	512.5	458.85	460.11	1.26	1.3	2.4
							437.6	437.92	0.32	0.3	5.9
LG137-041	550751	374038	-393	-73	47	206.6	131.73	141.05	9.32	3.9	6.0

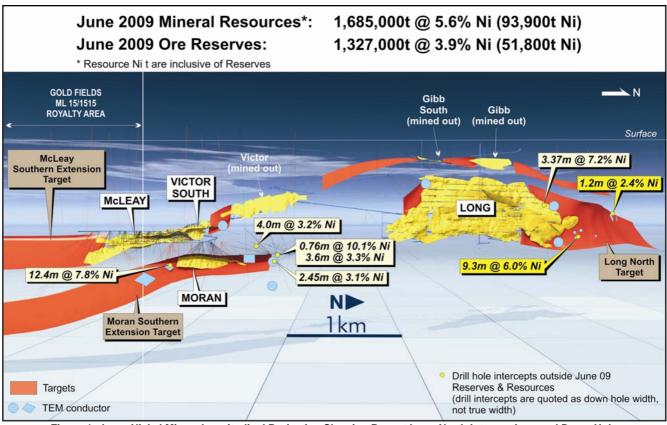


Figure 1: Long Nickel Mine – Longitudinal Projection Showing Recent Long North Intersections and Down-Hole TEM Conductors

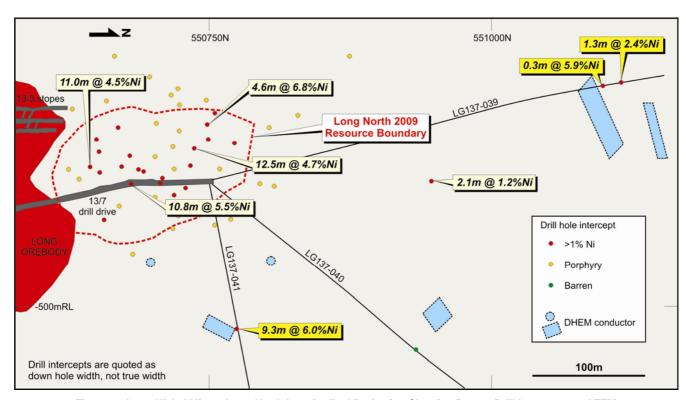


Figure 2: Long Nickel Mine – Long North Longitudinal Projection Showing Recent Drill Intercepts and TEM Conductors in Relation to the Northern End of the Long Nickel Mine

Independence considers that these results are highly significant, and combined with the continued success at Moran, are likely to lead to further resources and reserves growth at the mine in the coming years.

Further drilling and drill drive development is being planned to determine the scale of mineralisation at Long North. It is hoped that large blocks of nickel sulphide can be proven up which could lead to additional production headings and the potential to increase production.

## CHRISTOPHER BONWICK **Managing Director**

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