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# **PT MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL**



# NICKEL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

Qualified Persons Report using JORC Code, 2012

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# <span id="page-1-0"></span>**1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1) PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel (MJN) nickel laterite project is located in Morowali Regency of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia
- 2) This report is the first nickel laterite Resource estimate for PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel using the JORC Code for estimating Mineral Resources
- 3) The MJN mining license covers 4,871Ha for mining and is valid until 12 November 2034 and can be renewed twice for 10 years if required
- 4) Since 2021 geophysical surveys totaling 387km using Ultra GPR technology has covered 3,608ha of the MJN license area and more than 1,000,000,000 wet tons of laterite has been interpreted from the results
- 5) Validated drill data, used in this Resource estimate totals 555 holes with a cumulative total depth of 14,070m.
- 6) To date, 14,184 XRF analyses have been performed on drill cores to document the grade characteristics throughout the Nickel Resource area at MJN
- 7) An Inferred Resource of nickel laterite covering 562ha, using a cut-off grade of 0.8% nickel, is as follows:



#### **Inferred Resource of Nickel Laterite**

8) Exploration Targets, where additional laterite is known to occur, is summarized below. These have been estimated using the statistical conversion rate of laterite per hectare encountered in the Ultra GPR surveys. Although, at this time, it is uncertain if further exploration will result in a Mineral Resource, the historical mapping and Ultra GPR surveys, within these areas, gives confidence that with further infill drilling and assay results will upgrade at least some of these areas for future estimates.

# **Exploration Targets for Nickel Laterite**

**(note: numbers are rounded to reflect accuracy)**



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### <span id="page-8-2"></span>**2.2 REPORT OBJECTIVES**

This report was prepared for PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel for the purpose of estimating nickel Resource based on exploration results to date. The report utilizes exploration drilling and assay data until 1 October, 2022.

### <span id="page-8-3"></span>**2.3 REPORTING STANDARD**

This report is intended to comply with the 2012 Code, of the Joint Ore Reserve Committee (JORC) of Australia for the reporting of Mineral Resources and Reserves [\(http://www.jorc.org/docs/jorc\\_code2012.pdf\)](http://www.jorc.org/docs/jorc_code2012.pdf). All the information used in this report was assessed for compliance with the JORC Code and only information that was considered compliant was included in the estimate of a Nickel Resource as specified in the JORC Code of 2012. The competent persons, contributing to this report, have memberships to the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy that are current and in good standing.

# <span id="page-8-4"></span>**2.4 AUTHORS QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources based on information compiled by Daniel Madre, member no: 100878 and Tobias Maya, member no: 304661.

Daniel Madre has a Master of Science degree majoring in geology and more than 40 years of experience as an exploration geologist of which more than 35 years has been working in Indonesia. Since 2003, Daniel Madre has been involved in numerous nickel laterite exploration and mining projects in Indonesia and has held several senior roles in nickel laterite projects including, Director of PT Telen Paser Prima, which opened the first nickel laterite mine in Kalimantan in 2005 and President Director of PT Itamatra Nusantara, that discovered nickel laterite in Morowali Regency in Central Sulawesi. Daniel Madre is currently a director of PT Danmar Explorindo and a consultant to PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel for the purpose of this study. PT Danmar Explorindo has also been the exploration contractor to PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel since Novemeber 2021, providing exploration management including geology, drilling, well site monitoring and core sample preparation.

Tobias Maya has a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Spatial Science from Charles Sturt University, Australia. Tobias Maya is a Mineral Resource modeling specialist with more than 18 years of experience in exploration and modeling lateritic nickel resources in Indonesia. Tobias Maya is currently a director of PT Geo Search and a consultant to PT Danmar Explorindo for the purpose of this study. PT Geo Search has also provided Ultra-GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) survey services to Hengjaya Mineralindo and PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel.

Daniel Madre and Tobias Maya have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that they are undertaking; reporting of Exploration Results and Mineral Resources. Daniel Madre and Tobias Maya consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears. Resumes for Daniel Madre and Tobias Maya are attached in Appendix 9.5

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**2.5 STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE**

Daniel Madre and Tobias Maya and PT Danmar Explorindo's partners, directors, substantial shareholders and their associates are independent of PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel, its directors and substantial shareholders, its advisers and their associates.

Neither Daniel Madre, Tobias Maya and or PT Danmar Explorindo nor any of its partners, directors, substantial shareholders, advisor's and their associates have any interest, direct or indirect in PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel, its subsidiaries, associated companies, or any related entities in Indonesia or elsewhere in the world.

Daniel Madre, Tobias Maya and PT Danmar Explorindo have no potential conflicts of interest that might affect their objectivity in writing this report. PT Danmar Explorindo's fee for completing this report is based on normal commercial terms and the payment is not contingent upon the outcome and findings of this report.

#### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**2.6 DISCLAIMER**

PT Danmar Explorindo has used the results of exploration programs provided by PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel as well as the results of exploration drilling done on their behalf for the purpose of writing this report. In making this Mineral Resource estimation PT Danmar Explorindo has assumed as follows:

- 1) all the relevant data available was provided without prejudice
- 2) key assumptions are accepted as described in this report

In view of the above assumptions PT Danmar Explorindo has made reasonable enquiries and exercised their judgment on the reasonable use and validity of the data and found no reason to doubt its accuracy and reliability. For this reason, we believe that this report is an objective, accurate and reliable representation of the nickel laterite at the MJN project based on the exploration results until 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022. PT Danmar Explorindo makes no warranty to PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel or any third parties with regard to any commercial investment on the basis of this report. The use of this report by PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel or any other parties shall be at their own risk. The report must always be read in its entirety so that all the data and assumptions are fully considered and properly understood.

# <span id="page-11-0"></span>**3 INTRODUCTION**

# <span id="page-11-1"></span>**3.1 BACKGROUND**

PT Danmar Explorindo (DEX) has been asked to provide an estimate of the Nickel Resources at the PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel (MJN) laterite nickel project.

Since November, 2021, Ultra GPR surveys have been completed in the MJN project area and drilling has started on the Ultra GPR targets. The objective was to delineate sufficient Resources of nickel laterite to support the mining operation into the future.

A haul road design, to link the MJN mine to the IMIP smelter facility, is well advanced. This will allow saprolite and limonite production to be trucked directly to IMIP nickel smelter complex. This greatly enhances the potential for economic extraction of the MJN nickel laterite deposit.

# <span id="page-11-2"></span>**3.2 LEASE DETAILS**

The MJN project mining lease (IUP) area covers 4,871Ha for operation and production of nickel and its associated minerals. The permit is valid until  $12<sup>th</sup>$  November 2034 and can be extented twice for periods of 10 years.

The MJN project is located within 40km, of one of Indonesia's largest nickel smelting and industrial hubs known as Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (IMIP), where the company's existing Rotary Kiln Electric Furnace (RKEF) and High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) operations are located. The MJN Project is also similar distance from the company's HM mine operations and immediately adjacent, to the south, of the Sulawesi Cahaya Minerals ('SCM') project which is 49% owned by the company's largest shareholder Shanghai Decent and has reported resources of 1,139,000,000 dry metric tonnes ('dmt') at 1.22% nickel for 13.9 million tonnes of contained nickel metal, making it one of the world's largest known Nickel Resources.

The concession map for the area is shown in Figure 3-1.



<span id="page-12-0"></span>Figure 3-1 PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel concession map

## <span id="page-13-0"></span>**3.3 LOCATION AND ACCESS**

The project area is within the village of Bahodopi VI, in the shire of Bahodopi, Regency of Morowali, in the Province of Central Sulawesi. Access to the MJN project location, from the city of Kendari, is shown in Figure 3-2.

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Figure 3-2 MJN project location map

MJN can be reached by vehicle on public road from Tetewati village located on the Kendari - Morowali main provisional road, 84km from MJN. The project is 22 km from the PT Bintan Delapan Mineral (BDM), nickel mine project (IUP) and then a further 34km on existing haul roads to IMIP nickel smelter. The project is also approximately 5 km north of PT Sulawesi Cahaya Mineral IUP (owned by Merdeka Battery Materials).



<span id="page-14-0"></span>Figure 3-3 Planned haul road access to MJN

## <span id="page-15-0"></span>**3.4 FORESTRY AND LAND USE**

The Forestry status of MJN is 100% "area for other uses" (APL) which has no Forestry restrictions for mining (see Figure 3-4).



<span id="page-15-1"></span>Figure 3-4 Forestry map of MJN

#### <span id="page-16-0"></span>**3.5 REGIONAL GEOLOGY**

The regional geology map shows that the MJN concession area is part of the Salodik and Tomata Formations. However, on the ground, the surface geology is almost entirely nickel laterite demonstrating that the regional geology, of the area, is dominated by ultrabasic complex geology which is the source rocks for nickel laterite. The geological structure in the area is complex and major faults intersect the MJN area, which may have increased permeability in the ultramafic bedrock and facilitated the development of thick nickel laterite.



Figure 3-5 Regional geology map of MJN

<span id="page-16-1"></span>The regional tectonic setting for Central Sulawesi is the result of a complex collision between 3 of the earth's major crustal plates namely, the Australian plate, the Pacific plate and the Eurasian plate. As a result, three smaller plates have formed in this collision zone known as the Sunda Plate, Philippine Plate and Caroline Plate. The collision between all these tectonic plates is the cause of sections of the seafloor to be obducted on to continental rocks in Sulawesi, North Maluku and Papua. This is the origin of the East Indonesian Ophiolite Belt which is one of the largest ophiolite regions in the world and the source of nickel laterite deposits in East Indonesia. Ophiolites are the result of the process of overthrust of oceanic crust and mantle to a position on top of continental rocks. This intense structural geological

setting is also the reason major geological structures such as the Palu, Matano and Lawanopo faults dissect the Central Sulawesi region and control the distribution of rocks in the area.



<span id="page-17-0"></span>Figure 3-6 Regional tectonic geology map of Sulawesi (R McCaffery 2009)

When ophiolite rocks are exposed to humid, tropical climates over a long period of time laterization can occur as the rocks are weathered. In this process of weathering by rain, soluble minerals are leached away and less soluble minerals such as iron, nickel and cobalt are left behind in the weathering profile. This laterization process is influenced by climate, geological structure, rock type, permeability and topography over long periods of time, to form a soil profile in which minerals containing nickel and other elements can be depleted in some places and concentrated in other areas. Within the ground, the leaching process is enabled by the permeability of the bedrock often as a result of tectonic movement causing fracturing and shearing creating conduits for the flow of mineral rich solutions leached from above.

Figure 3-7 shows the naming and correlation of rock units on the published Regional Geology Map of the MJN project area. According to the 1:250,000 scale Bungku Geology Map Sheet, most of the MJN concession area is covered by the Salodik Formation which is much younger than the Ultramafic Complex of the East Sulawesi Ophiolite Belt (see figure 3-7).



<span id="page-18-1"></span>Figure 3-7 Regional stratigraphy published in 1:250,000 scale Bungku Geology Map

# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**3.6 LOCAL GEOLOGY**

The local geology, on the ground, within the concession, does not reflect the Regional Geology map. Most of the concession is covered by nickel laterite indicating that the geology within the concession is predominantly ultrabasic rocks. In some parts of the MJN concession sediments overlay the laterite. These rocks consist of coarse sandstone and conglomerates, often containing fragments of ultrabasic rocks as well. A laterite distribution map provided by MJN is shown in Figure 3-8.



Figure 3-8 Local geology map (source MJN)

# <span id="page-19-1"></span><span id="page-19-0"></span>**3.7 PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS**

In 1999, Rio Tinto began exploring a large area that covered the northern part of Konawe and the the southern part of Morowali Regencies, which included the MJN area. Mapping, GPR and drilling were carried out in the areas where, PT Bintang Delapan and PT Sulawesi Cahaya Minerals are currently located. From the data available at the time of writing this report it appears that no previous work is documented within the MJN area.

# <span id="page-20-0"></span>**4 CURRENT EXPLORATION PROGRAM METHOD**

# <span id="page-20-1"></span>**4.1 ULTRA GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY**

Groundradar's Ultra GPR technology is a geophysical survey technique that can be used to detect subsurface geological layering and structure in nickel laterite. Relatively quick and easy to apply in the field, Ultra GPR enhances the exploration process for laterites by detecting laterite thickness and bedrock morphology. The use of the Ultra GPR survey is designed to increase the confidence of geological interpretation, provide a guide to thickness and depth of the target layers and help to optimize drill programs to focus on the best areas. As with all geophysical methods, Ultra GPR provides supportive data for points of observation provided by drilling for nickel Resource estimation.



Photo 4-1 Ultra GPR survey acquisition (source: Groundradar.com)

<span id="page-20-2"></span>At MJN, Ultra GPR has been a useful exploration tool to indicate the lithological contact between limonite (massive clays) and the saprolite (weathered rocks) as well as the bedrock. Results provide indicative volumes of potential limonite and saprolite located within the survey area. Results combined with drilling data can give greater confidence of nickel laterite ore body structure, dimensions and distribution. Figure 4-1 shows the close correlation of the interpreted GPR zones to the commonly named weathering profiles of nickel laterites.





<span id="page-21-0"></span>Figure 4-1 Diagrammatic representation of a typical laterite profile in Sulawesi Highly weathered laterite zones are typically structurally controlled. Geological structure can influence the distribution of where thicker, higher grade limonite and saprolite may be found. Although these structures can often be interpreted from the topographic surface relief, with the help of Ultra GPR, these structures can be delineated with relative confidence providing drill targets to optimize drill programs towards the thickest and most prospective locations. Figure 4-2 shows an example of typical survey results using Ultra GPR technologies on laterite deposits of Sulawesi.



<span id="page-21-1"></span>Figure 4-2 Example UltraGPR survey of a typical laterite profile in Sulawesi

## <span id="page-22-0"></span>**4.2 DRILLING**

In November, 2021, four units of Dexdrill 200 started to systematically drill the MJN nickel laterite project. The drills are ideally suited to laterite core drilling as they are quick, lightweight and man portable. They have the added advantages of providing local people employment and also have low environmental impact with no need for road access or dozer support. The drills use HQ triple tube core barrels.



Photo 4-2 Dexdrill 200

<span id="page-22-1"></span>Drilling was carried out using standard operating procedures designed to ensure drill data complies with the JORC Code to be used as points of observation in this study.

#### <span id="page-23-0"></span>**4.2.1 CORE RECOVERIES**

In the current drill program core runs are restricted to a maximum of 1meter intervals to optimize core recoveries. Core is extracted from the inner tube and directly transferred to the core box core based on the core run. The core is then immediately measured for length to determine core recovery and or swelling. Core is arranged in maximum 1 meter runs inside the core box with each run filling a new row in the core box. Consecutive core runs are also arranged in new rows starting on the left side of the core box, to avoid any mixing or contamination from other core samples. The bottom of each core interval is labeled for its depth so that it is clearly displayed. Core boxes that are partially filled at the wellsite, and not yet completed, are carefully covered so that the samples are kept free from contamination and damage while drilling of the hole is completed.

# <span id="page-23-1"></span>**4.2.2 DRILL COLLAR SURVEY**

The topography of the MJN IUP has been surveyed using LiDAR to produce a digital terrain model of the ground surface in the area. The accuracy of the LiDAR is within 15cm vertical and 40cm in the horizontal plain which is appropriate to support Resource estimates. Ground survey using E-Survey RTK GPS equipment is used to survey the drill hole collar locations.

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Photo 4-3 Drill collar survey using E-survey RTK GPS

# <span id="page-24-0"></span>**4.2.3 GEOLOGICAL LOGGING OF CORES**

Once drilling the hole is complete, wherever possible, the full core boxes are positioned in a level place in consecutive order. In this way the full hole section can be viewed for ease of describing each run and determining the geological boundaries. The description starts at the surface and follows each 1meter core run until the total depth is reached. Core that contains more than 20cm of solid rock is recorded as a geological boundary. The core length is checked against the actual depth recorded in the core box. The detailed description is completed as required in the logging form. The well site geologists follow a standard operating procedure for the core logging process so that all geological logs are standardized.

# <span id="page-24-1"></span>**4.2.4 CORE PHOTOGRAPHY**

With the core boxes in position, in a level place, with no cover, in consecutive order, core photos can take place. Checks are carried out to make sure that the depth labels are clearly visible and in position at the bottom of each core run. Cores with swelling or core loss are clearly marked as well as labels showing where density samples have been removed or will be taken. The well site geologist checks to make sure the core box label shows the correct Hole Identification, sequential arrangement, depth interval, date of start and finish drilling, EOH (end of hole), initials of the wellsite geologist and the rig identification number. When this is ready photos are taken in good light conditions making sure to minimize shadows and reflections.

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Photo 4-4 Core photo example from MJN

#### <span id="page-25-0"></span>**4.2.5 DRILL CORE SAMPLE HANDLING**

Plastic sample bags are always double layered to protect the integrity of the samples against accidental contamination, damage or loss. Samples are bagged according to the geological horizon from which they belong and or in 1meter intervals, if there is no geological boundary and the plastic identity label placed inside. After each core box is emptied the outer layer sample bag is tied with string in a bow so that it can easily be undone at the camp for rechecking and final labeling. During the sampling process, the sample form is continuously filled out so that as samples are bagged every sample is recorded. Checks are made to ensure the sample intervals and labels are correct. Rechecks are done so that the sample intervals can be reconciled and there are no gaps in the depth intervals. Samples are then packed in sacks and tied with flagging tape showing the hole identification. If stored in the field the sacks are covered for protection from the weather. Samples are delivered to HM core store at the MJN site.

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Photo 4-5 Sample packing at the well site

# <span id="page-26-0"></span>**4.3 LABORATORY SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS PROCEDURES**

Full cores were bagged, labelled and sent to laboratories for testing. Most of the samples, from MJN, were sent to PT Geoservices laboratory for certified XRF assay analysis. Some of the samples were tested in an internal laboratory operated by PT Hengjaya Mineralindo according to strict QA/QC protocols (see Appendix 9.4).

# <span id="page-27-0"></span>**5 RESULTS**

# <span id="page-27-1"></span>**5.1 GPR SURVEY**

Since November 2021, 387km of UltraGPR survey has been completed at the MJN project covering 3,608Ha within the MJN IUP permit.

The survey are lines shown in Figure 5-1 below. The UltraGPR survey data from all areas were of good quality and were easily interpretable. Maps were created showing the interpreted thickness of limonite and saprolite layer horizons and depth to bedrock (base of the weathering zone). Also observed, in several areas, an overalying thick sediment, possibly transported clays and rock materials are above the laterite soils. The total area surveyed was approximately 3,608Ha. The nominal spacing between radar lines was approximately 200m. The UltraGPR survey grid, where possible, is in the same location as the drill lines. Table 5-1 shows the resulting interpretation for laterite volumes using the UltraGPR data.



<span id="page-27-2"></span>Figure 5-1 Ultra GPR survey lines on topographic map

#### Table 5-1 Ultra GPR survey results interpretation

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\*Wet ton conversion RD 1.8sg sediments & massive clays (Limonite) RD 1.6sg weathered rocks (saprolite)

Based on simple statistical assumptions 275,000,000 -550,000,000ton (wet) of higher nickel grade laterite might be targeted by next phases of exploration, including core drilling with Lab assay sampling will be required to confirm the grades of the laterite ores distributed within the target zones

Limonite range based on 30 - 60% of the total Massive Clay volume could be converted into low grade ores suitable for HPAL markets

Saprolite range based on 10 - 20% of the total Weathered rocks volume could be converted into higher grade ores suitable for RKEF markets

An example of two Ultra-GPR section interpretations in the Block A area is shown in Figure 5- 2.



<span id="page-28-1"></span>Figure 5-2 Ultra GPR section line interpretation example from MJN Block A

Figure 5-3 shows the limonite thickness interpreted from the UltraGPR survey data. Figure 5- 4, 5-5 and 5-6 shows the saprolite thickness, depth to bedrock and thickness of sediments on top of the laterite, interpreted from the UltraGPR survey data.



Figure 5-3 Limonite thickness interpreted from the Ultra-GPR survey

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<span id="page-29-1"></span>Figure 5-4 Saprolite thickness interpreted from the Ultra-GPR survey



Figure 5-5 Depth to bedrock interpreted from Ultra-GPR

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<span id="page-30-1"></span>**Depth of Sediments** 

Figure 5-6 Thickness of sediments on top of the laterite

## <span id="page-31-0"></span>**5.2 DRILL RESULTS**

<span id="page-31-1"></span>Validated drill data used in this study is summarized below in Table 5-2.

<b>Project</b>	Area (Ha)	<b>Drilling Used in Resource</b>				
		<b>Drillholes</b>	<b>Cumulative</b> <b>Meters</b>	<b>Sample Assay</b> <b>Completed</b>		
<b>MJN</b>	562	555	14,070	14.184		

Table 5-2 Drilling results

For the purpose of this Resource estimate, a database of validated drilling data including 555 drill holes with a cumulative total depth of 14,070m and 14,184 analyses results, has been constructed. Until now, all of the drilling is on a systematic grid of 100 X 100m providing a regular spread of drill data over a portion of the laterite area in Block A only. The drilling has been focused on Ultra-GPR targets with the objective of Resource definition in these areas. The drilling locations, used in this study, are displayed in Figure 5-7.



<span id="page-31-2"></span>Figure 5-7 Drillhole location map (100 meter spacing)

Data from this drilling program was systematically recorded and includes core recovery measurements supported by core photography. Core recovery data for composites for each lithology is summarized in Table 5-3.

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<b>DATA SOURCE</b>	Lithology	<b>Samples</b>	<b>Recorded Core Recovery</b>				<b>Not Recorded</b>	
			$\geq 95\%$	$95\% - 90\%$	$90\% - 85\%$	< 85%		
	<b>SED</b>	35	100.0%		۰	۰		
	LIM	10.089	99.8%			0.1%		
DANMAR EXPLORINDO	<b>SAP</b>	2.769	98.5%	$0.2\%$	0.3%	1.1%		
	<b>BRK</b>	1.291	89.7%	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%		
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	14.184	98.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.9%		

Table 5-3 Core recoveries

# <span id="page-32-0"></span>**5.3 SURVEY RESULTS**

LiDAR topography survey covering the MJN IUP was completed in 2022. All of drillhole collars, which were surveyed by RTK GPS (Table 5-4), were included in the validated database as they very closely matched the LiDAR surface and correlated well to the topography for the geological modeling process. Figure 5-8 shows the location of the LiDAR survey extents which covers the enitre Mineral Resource area.

Table 5-4 Collar survey mis-close with LiDAR

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	<b>Total</b> Collar	Collar resurvey <b>RTK</b>	<b>Collar Survey Mis-close With LiDAR Topography</b>						
<b>Survey Method</b>			<b>Minimum</b> (m)	<b>Maximum</b> (m)	Average (m)	Std	$(-2)$ <b>Std</b>	$(+2)$ <b>Std</b>	
<b>RTK GPS</b>	555	100%	$-0.45$	0.65	0.00	0.10	0.09	0.10	

The data is considered sufficiently accurate and appropriate for use in this Resource estimation.



<span id="page-32-3"></span>Figure 5-8 LiDAR topography map of part of the MJN Block A drill area

#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>**5.4 ASSAY ANALYSIS RESULTS**

14,184 XRF sample analyses have been performed on drill core samples to document the grade characteristics throughout the Block A, Nickel Resource area at MJN. Sample interval has been predominantly 1m as per each core run. 98.5% of sample intervals were taken from drilling cores at 1m intervals while the remaining 1.5% of samples where placed in separate samples where geological boundaries were intersected. Where the sample interval is less than 1m the analysis result has been weighted for the interval that it represents. Table 5-5 displays the sample interval data and statistics.

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## <span id="page-34-0"></span>**5.5 DATA COMPILATION**

#### <span id="page-34-1"></span>**5.5.1 DATABASE**

The MJN database compilation, validation and correlation uses Surpac® mining software with Microsoft® Access Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) providing the storage of collar, downhole survey, lithology and assays.

# <span id="page-34-2"></span>**5.5.2 DATA VALIDATION PROCESS**

The collar survey, assay and geology tables of the dataset was validated to correct data error issues such as:

- missing or duplicate collar records
- overlapping intervals in the assay records
- collar elevation errors compared to current LiDAR topography
- downhole survey accuracy issues, total depths, from/to intervals
- core recoveries and swelling
- lithology description from wellsite geologists
- reconciliation of lithology with laboratory assay results
- moisture records from core lab analysis
- downhole statistical analysis

All of the drill data met the accuracy standards during the validation process.

#### <span id="page-34-3"></span>**5.5.3 RECONCILIATION OF LITHOLOGY AND ASSAY RESULTS**

During the database validation process, the downhole lithological description provided by the wellsite geologists was reconciled once the lab assay results were available. These corrections were then applied to lithology and composite code to be used in the modeling process.

Limonite (LIM) zones were relatively homogenous, due to the highly weathered laterite layer consisting mostly of massive clay formations, with only minimal boulders of bedrock. This layer was divided further for the extraction of composites into Topsoil and Limonite as several different characteristics can be identified in assay, density and moisture content. It is generally assumed in the mining process that the Soil layer is waste (overburden) due to the nickel grade cut-offs used. The Limonite layer is designed to meet the specifications for supply to a HPAL(high pressure acid leach) facility at the IMIP smelter.

The underlying Rocky Saprolite (SAP) zone is in a less homogeneous geological environment. Compared to the Limonite it is only moderately weathered. The Saprolite layer often includes a transition zone, from the overlying Limonite, fresh rock boulders and weathered bedrock which are all composited into the Saprolite (SAP) code to provide an unbroken composite within the modeled laterite horizon.

Bedrock (BRK) definition was given to intersections of the fresh ultramafic rock zone intersected at the bottom of drill holes, defining the lower boundary to the total extent of the laterization process. Some nickel grades were encountered in the bedrock but at this time it was not included in the current Resource.

# <span id="page-35-0"></span>**5.5.4 DOWNHOLE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

Downhole descriptive statistical analysis was conducted on the validated database used in the Mineral Resource, in order to check the distribution and ranges of the analyzed elements and identify any anomalous or outlying data before the interpreted lithological surface horizons were correlated into the final model.

These simple statistical checks were completed for Ni, Co, Fe, MgO, SiO2, Al2O3, CaO, Cr2O3, MnO which comprise the main elements for the mining extraction and smelting processes already being applied at the MJN site (see Table 5-6).
Variable	Profile	<b>Samples</b>	Mean	<b>Median</b>	<b>StDev</b>	Variance	CoefVar	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Skewness</b>	<b>Kurtosis</b>
Ni	SED	35	0.40	0.39	0.10	0.01	24.27	0.22	0.57	$-0.02$	$-0.74$
	LIM	10,089	1.15	1.15	0.34	0.11	29.11	0.06	3.28	0.48	2.05
	SAP	2,769	1.55	1.48	0.63	0.40	40.70	0.09	4.81	0.63	0.72
	<b>BRK</b>	1,291	0.45	0.38	0.25	0.06	54.35	0.02	1.85	1.59	3.73
Co	SED	35	0.07	0.06	0.02	0.00	22.62	0.04	0.11	0.84	0.47
	LIM	10,089	0.10	0.10	0.06	0.00	63.41	0.00	0.80	1.68	9.77
	SAP	2,769	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.00	77.14	0.00	0.26	2.06	6.36
	<b>BRK</b>	1.291	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	72.03	0.00	0.12	3.52	17.88
Fe	SED	35	29.90	28.78	5.94	35.28	19.87	16.68	43.09	0.20	0.13
	LIM	10,089	40.94	42.16	6.30	39.66	15.38	2.11	56.99	$-1.91$	5.97
	SAP	2,769	15.10	13.59	6.91	47.79	45.76	1.31	45.67	1.11	1.39
	<b>BRK</b>	1.291	7.26	6.65	2.75	7.56	37.86	0.79	42.94	5.10	42.78
MgO	SED	35	1.35	1.40	0.28	0.08	20.40	0.85	2.10	0.81	1.23
	LIM	10.089	1.81	1.14	2.55	6.52	141.15	0.01	38.04	6.58	57.68
	SAP	2,769	17.10	17.60	7.86	61.85	46.00	0.17	38.34	$-0.12$	$-0.72$
	<b>BRK</b>	1.291	26.95	28.40	7.16	51.32	26.58	0.55	41.42	$-1.69$	3.49
SiO <sub>2</sub>	SED	35	1.19	1.00	0.78	0.61	65.79	0.43	4.60	3.05	11.14
	LIM	10,089	6.70	2.90	8.68	75.41	129.69	0.02	97.54	3.22	16.29
	SAP	2,769	34.85	34.80	7.79	60.72	22.36	1.29	92.00	0.27	5.72
	<b>BRK</b>	1.291	38.02	36.60	7.81	61.03	20.55	1.62	94.33	2.58	12.76

Table 5-6 Descriptive statistical analysis results

Histograms assay data subsets were created for nickel split by Limonite, Saprolite and Bedrock zones to assess the distribution of assay results. Most histograms show some skewness of the population due to outliers. These are likely due to the compositing process of the assay reconciliation and transition between the assigned lithology zones. In many cases outliers were accepted due to the geological zoning, with most identified as bedrock boulders inside the Limonite and Saprolite layers.

The histogram plots, for nickel grade values, show positively skewed data. This suggests outliers could cause possible overestimation to the Mineral Resource grade due to bias caused by the extreme grades, which is commonly known as the nugget effect. To reduce the impact of these outliers, top cuts are calculated by estimating the range from 2 standard deviations from the mean, which assumes that 95% of the values are within this adjusted range. This top cut strategy is considered adequate for this project since the frequency of the outliers are considered relatively low.

The application of these top cuts to normalize the distribution of the statistical percentage, nickel grades were reviewed. From these recommendations, a top cut for each domain was applied to nickel composites and used in the model grade interpolations to limit the influence of statistical outliers within each of the grade domains. Bottom cuts of 0.25% nickel were also applied to all domains.

Figure 5-9 shows the histogram of raw nickel grade values without any statistcal topcut applied indicating the positive skew of the dataset. Figure 5-10 shows the application of the top cut on the distribution of the nickel grade values used in the model.



Figure 5-9 Histogram of saprolite Ni Grade without top cut applied



Figure 5-10 Histogram of saprolite Ni Grade with top cut 3.5% applied

Composited, down hole statistics extracted by zone thickness and average nickel grades for Limonite and Saprolite were plotted on a map to identify the spatial distribution of each zone respectively as shown in figures 5-11 and 5-12 for Limonite and figures 5-13 and 5-14 for Saprolite.

For further details on downhole statistical analysis and geostatistical information please see Appendix 9.3.



Figure 5-11 Composite thickness for the Limonite zone based on drilling



Figure 5-12 Composite nickel grade for the Limonite zone based on drill sample assays



Figure 5-13 Composite thickness for the Saprolite zone based on drilling



Figure 5-14 Composite nickel grade for the Saprolite zone based on drill saple assays

## **6 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE**

This report is a maiden Mineral Resource estimate using data until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The data set includes 555 drill holes with a total cumulative depth of 14,070m.

#### **6.1 SOFTWARE**

Geological modeling and Mineral Resource estimates were completed using GEMCOM Surpac® mining software (version 6.1). compilation, validation and correlation using Surpac® mining software with Microsoft® Access Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) providing the storage of collar, downhole survey, lithology and assay.

#### **6.2 SURFACE GRIDDING & WIREFRAMING**

Wireframing was set up starting on each drill line in both east-west & north-south directions to eventually create a 10X10m grid over the entire database area. First digitized, the lines were then draped onto the LiDAR surface to develop a morphology wireframe. This was done to assess any aspect and slope angle, weathering patterns obvious from the topography.

The wireframe sections were then generated into gridded surfaces from the drilling/assay database (points of observation). From this process 2 dominate horizons were interpreted;

- top of rocky Saprolite contact zone between Limonite clay and rocky Saprolite
- top of Bedrock contact zone between rocky Saprolite and fresh bedrock

A third gridded surface was extracted from the top of the bedrock by dropping the elevation by 10m to represent the floor of bedrock in the model.

The gridded surfaces were produced to represent the roof and floor limits of limonite, saprolite and bedrock zones. 10m grids were set up and interpolation of the gridded points were done using Inverse Distance Weighted Squared (IDW²) methods.

These final gridded surfaces were then checked visually using sections to the contact of the drilling database to correct any over-smoothing with the process. This visual check provided some small corrections to ensure the drilling intersected the surfaces with no interpretational errors.

#### **6.3 ASSAY DATA AND COMPOSITING**

Only assay data from the validated database from included holes were extracted for use in the compositing process. Composite lengths of 1m were used, which correlates with the majority of the sample length records and within statistical ranges suggested by the descriptive statistics. Composites were split into 4 distinct zones:

- SEDIMENTS (SED)
- LIMONITE (LIM)
- ROCKY SAPROLITE (SAP)
- BEDROCK (BRK)

For each of the zones the following elements were composited from the assay results in the database as follows;

- Ni  $(\%)$  Nickel content
- Co  $(\%)$  Cobalt content
- Fe  $(\%)$  Iron content
- MgO (%) Magnesium Oxide content
- SiO2 (%) Silica Oxide content
- Al2O3 (%) Aluminum Oxide content
- CaO (%) Calcium Oxide content
- Cr2O3 (%) Chromite Oxide content
- MnO (%) Manganese Oxide content
- Moisture Content (%)

Based on analysis of the downhole statistical data additional top cut constraints were applied to Ni% content to avoid over-estimation of nickel content due to possible nugget effect. For this reason, all core sample measurements over statistical cuts (Ni) were assigned a default value.

Table 6-1 shows the influence of the applied Ni top cuts to final composites for each model.





Weighted average moisture content measurements were applied to the corresponding composite zone. Table 6-2 summarizes the number of samples that were used to estimate the domain weighted moisture content.



Table 6-2 Moisture Content records averages applied to models

#### **6.4 BULK DENSITY**

An assumed relative density was manually added to the model based on density used in nickel mining projects with similar type laterite soils nearby as follows;

- Limonite 1.80sg (wet)
- Rocky Saprolite 1.65sg (wet)
- Bedrock  $-2.40$ sg (wet)

#### **6.5 BLOCK MODELING**

A 3D block model was created covering the Mineral Resource area constrained by using the final gridded surface models from the wireframing process as the base of volume estimation of the laterite zones of limonite, saprolite and bedrock. Table 6-3 and 6-4 summarize the Block model dimensions and attributes.



#### Table 6-3 Block model dimensions

#### Table 6-4 Block model attributes



Constraints applied are all below the LiDAR topography surface and within the Resource boundary polygon limited to the edge of the domains and extent of the included drilling data. Constraints to the distinct laterite zones are;

- Limonite below the soil cover / above top of rocky saprolite
- Saprolite below top of saprolite / above top of bedrock
- Bedrock above floor of bedrock / below top of bedrock

#### **6.6 GRADE INTERPOLATION**

For the purpose of this report, an Ordinary Kriging (OK) algorithm was used in the grade interpolation for nickel in limonite and saprolite zones. These surface constraints were applied as hard surface boundaries when estimating nickel in each domain.

In the absence of geostatistical analysis for other elements, Inverse Distance Weighted Squared (IDW²) methods were used to estimate the model grade interpolation for other elements including: Ni, Co, Fe, MgO, SiO2, Al2O3, CaO, Cr2O3, MnO. The population of the model used the same search ellipsoids and constrained passes as the OK modeling for nickel.

The subsequent model validation process showed a similar Ni to volume ratio between OK and IDW² results, so for this reason, it is not expected that the other elements interpolated are biased combining the 2 methods together.

Based on recommendations from the geo-statiscal analysis a total of three main passes were applied to both the OK and IDW<sup>2</sup> methods when interpolating the model grades, with increasing search ellipsoid distances between the drilling. A fourth pass was completed to ensure all blocks within the model are given a grade within the Mineral Resource area but had little influence on the Inferred Resource. Table 6-5 shows the summary of the final model search ellipsoids applied to the Mineral Resource.



Table 6-5 Summary search ellipsoids applied to the model

Each of the domain search ellipsoids applied to Limonite and Saprolite layers, both bearing and anisotropy factors were applied as recommended by the geostatistical study for the Kriging interpolation of nickel grades. Based on the review of the suggested ranges and assessment of the regular drilling grid pattern, the geostatistical results are considered appropriate for Inferred Mineral Resource estimates representing the extrapolation distances between drilling grids of 100 meters respectively. These passes were considered with reasonable tolerances and rechecked during the model validation process (see Table 6-5). Then they were used as a guide to the Resource categorization.

#### **6.7 RESOURCE CLASSIFICATION STRATEGY**

Determination of the Resource categories were applied to the Mineral Resource with a digitized polygon boundary based on the spatial continuity of each geological domain around the regular spaced drilling grid of 100 meters from points of observation in the final validated database. Also taken into account was the Ultra GPR data on the same grid lines between the drilling locations increasing confidence in interpretation of the laterization contact surface between the points of observation in the model. Resources were classified as follows;

INFERRED - Areas of 100m of drilling spacing on a continuous grid pattern, where significant influence from Pass 1 and 2 dominate the search ellipsoids, with 50m extrapolation from the last line of drilling

MEASURED and INDICATED Resource was not classified because the drill spacing was at 100m intervals giving a relatively low confidence in the extrapolation of nickel grades between holes. Figure 6-1 shows the location of the Inferred Resource within the MJN lease.



Figure 6-1 Inferred Resource classification boundary

Another factor in selection of Resource polygon limits, used for the Mineral Resource, was a review of the geostatistical inputs and the weighting on each category. This was done by comparing the influence of each pass within the polygon boundaries. Table 6-6 shows the results of this validation process.

The results show that 96% of the blocks in the INFERRED class are interpolated by Pass 1 & 2. These results give sufficient confidence in the polygon strategy respectively. Figure 6-2 shows the Resource classification boundaries overlay with the pass map.

<b>Resource class</b>	Interpolation pass	Ton (Dry)	Influence (%)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Fe $(\%)$
	PASS <sub>1</sub>	91	72%	1.3	0.10	37.7
<b>INFERRED</b>	PASS <sub>2</sub>	30	24%	$1.3\,$	0.08	29.7
	PASS <sub>3</sub>		4%	1.4	0.07	24.4
	total Mineral Resource > 0.80% Ni	126	<b>Million Ton (Dry)</b>	1.3	0.09	35.3

Table 6-6 Interpolation pass influence on Resource classification





Figure 6-2 Resource classification boundaries overlay with Ordinary Kriging pass map

# **6.8 MODEL VALIDATION**

Final block model and interpolated grades were validated using several visual and statistical techniques to gain further confidence in the Mineral Resource estimates stated in this report.

Firstly, visual inspection of the block models, in plan and sectional views to assess the grade interpolations performed, conform with the lithological wireframes, surface models and drilling database. For each domain several sections were reviewed, along drilling grid lines, both in north-south and east-west directions. Additional sections at an approximately 45 degree angle to these directions were also viewed. Figure 6-3 shows section examples used for visual validation of the model. Figure 6-4 shows plan views also used for visual validation of the model for each lithological layer.



Figure 6-3 Section examples used for visual validation of the model





Figure 6-4 Plan view of the results of the Ordinary Kriging Ni grade model

Further statistical validation of the Nickel Resource estimate was completed by comparing global averages of the sample composites against the block model global averages. Both sample sets show very little difference between average grade values for nickel, cobalt and iron and within the standard deviation of the mean. Table 6-7 shows the sample populations for composites and assigned blocks within the model and average grades for nickel, cobalt and iron.

<b>DOMAIN</b>	<b>LITHOLOGY</b>	<b>MEAN GRADE COMPOSITE</b>				<b>MEAN BLOCK MODEL</b>				
	<b>TYPE</b>	sample	Ni (%)	Co(%)	Fe (%)	sample	Ni (%)	Co(%)	Fe (%)	
	<b>SEDIMENT</b>	35	0.40	0.07	29.90	252	0.40	0.07	30.64	
<b>BLOCK A</b>	<b>LIMONITE</b>	10.089	1.15	0.10	40.94	156.585	1.15	0.10	41.11	
	<b>SAPROLITE</b>	2.769	1.55	0.04	15.10	43,911	1.54	0.04	15.16	
	<b>BEDROCK</b>	1,291	0.45	0.02	7.26	44.572	0.46	0.02	7.16	
<b>TOTAL ALL</b>		14,184	1.16	0.08	32.81	245,320	1.09	0.08	30.28	

Table 6-7 Composite model against block model statistical validation

Swath plots were used as a final model validation tool to provide comparisons between sample composites and estimated block model values. This process identifies any bias towards underestimation or overestimation or any smoothing in the results.

Figure 6-5 and 6-6 show the Swath plots created. The review of these plots show good correlation of the 1m down hole drilling composites selected for the interpolation process against the assigned block grades in the model.



Figure 6-5 Swath plots of limonite



Figure 6-6 Swath plots of saprolite

# **6.9 MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT**

The Nickel Resource estimate for MJN has been produced using all the available data.

It is considered, by the Competent Persons, that data and methodologies applied in the estimation process are appropriate for this type of deposit.

All results are represented as remaining volumes presented as millions of dry tons up to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. A rounding of the Resource estimate numbers has been applied to reflect the level of accuracy of the Mineral Resource estimate.

Table 6-8 below shows the Nickel Resource estimate with a cut-off >0.80% Ni content. Table 6-9 shows the global Mineral Resource shown at various Ni cutoffs. Figure 6-7 shows the global Mineral Resource tonnage and Ni% grade relationship. Figure 6-8 shows the Inferred Mineral Resource location map.



# Table 6-8 Inferred Nickel Resource Estimate

#### Table 6-9 Mineral Resource shown at various cutoffs









Figure 6-7 Nickel Resource tonnage and grade relationship



Figure 6-8 Resource Location Map,

#### **6.10 RESOURCE ESTIMATE VALIDATION CHECK**

No previous Mineral Resource estimate have been completed at the MJN nickel project.

Table 6-10 shows the global Mineral Resource comparisons from the 3 models to test the variabliity of the geological modelling and grade interpolation techniques applied. The 3 models used for comparison are;

- 1) Ordinary Kriging model (OK)
- 2) Ordinary Kriging with 2 Standard Deviations and Top Cuts (OK-2SD-TC)
- 3) Inverse Distance Weighted Squared and Top Cuts (IDW2-TC)

Overall, the alternative model estimates show very simliar tonnage above the 0.8% Nickel cut off.



#### Table 6-10 Global Nickel Resource comparison

#### **6.11 RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Systematic drilling on a 100m grid and the supportive data provided by Ultra GPR surveys, on the same drilling grid, has greatly enhanced the confidence in the geological interpretation and resulting geological model at MJN Block A.

The database has been validated and rechecked for errors. Drill hole collar coordinates, used in the geological model, have been surveyed with high accuracy giving relatively high confidence to the current Nickel Resource estimate.

The final geological models for Limonite, Saprolite and Bedrock have been interpreted separately using lithological logs and analysis results so that all blocks in the geological model are correctly coded according to their occurrence in the laterite profile. For this reason, it is considered unlikely that any misallocation of lithology will have significant influence on the Nickel Resource.

High confidence in the laboratory analysis results is supported by rigorous quality assurance and quality control protocols. Good corelation between PT Geoservices external laboratory and the PT Hengjaya Mineralindo internal laboratory gives further confidence to the MJN assay database.

The planned haul road to IMIP smelter provides a direct road transportation opportunity for ore from MJN to the market. This greatly enhances the economic potential of the MJN nickel project area and potential for production of saprolite and liminite ore for processing at IMIP.

#### **6.12 EXPLORATION TARGETS**

Exploration Targets, where nickel laterite has been identified by GIS studies, surface mapping and Ultra GPR surveys, are located in the remaining area; outside the drilled Resource area in Block A, B and C in the MJN area. Figure 6-9 below shows the Exploration Targets areas which are outside the green coloured Resource area. These Exploration Targets are in addition to the current Inferred Nickel Resource. Nickel laterite mineralization with 0.8% nickel cut-off grade (CoG) targets of between 150 - 300 million tons (wet) are postulated. These have been estimated using the Ultra GPR intepretations for laterite/hectare. Although, it must be stated that, at this time, the potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature and that there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource. Although it is not certain if further exploration will result in a Mineral Resource, the historical mapping and Ultra GPR surveys within these Exploration Target areas provides greater confidence that with further drilling and assay results will upgrade these areas for future Resource estimates. Table 6-11 shows the details of the Exploration Target areas.



Figure 6-9 Exploration Target areas outside the Resource areas,





Based on simple statistical assumptions 150,000,000 –300,000,000ton (wet) of higher nickel grade laterite might be targeted by next phases of exploration, including core drilling with<br>Lab assay sampling will be required to

Limonite range based on 50,000 -100,000 / Ha of the total Massive Clay volume could be converted into low grade ores suitable for HPAL markets

Saprolite range based on 20,000 -40,000 / Ha of the total Weathered rocks volume could be converted into higher grade ores suitable for RKEF markets

# **7 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This Inferred Nickel Resource, covering 562ha, has been reported in compliance with the JORC Code of 2012.

The geology at the PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel project is ideal for the formation of thick and relatively high grade nickel laterite.

Drilling, Points of Observation are systematically and relatively evenly spread across current Resource areas. At this stage 100% of the drilling is spaced 100m apart. Drill data is well documented, all drill collars accurately surveyed and checked. For this reason, the drill data used in this report, is considered to be of high quality and reliability and appropriate for use in this Mineral Resource estimation.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control of assay results are within the precision and accuracy limits that is suitable for inclusion in this estimation of Mineral Resources for PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel using the JORC Code 2012.

The planned haul road covering 22km to the existing haul road at PT Bintan Delapan Mineral, provides the potential for direct trucking of MJN nickel products to the IMIP nickel smelter. This ensures economic extraction of nickel ore into the foreseeable future from the project area.

Exploration Targets covering more than 2,000ha have potential for 150-300 million wet metric tons of additional laterite product in a similar geological environment. Although it is uncertain if further exploration will result in a Mineral Resource, the historical mapping and Ultra GPR surveys in these areas gives confidence that future exploration will upgrade at least some of these areas for future estimates.

To maximize the nickel resource potential of the PT Mandiri Jaya Nickel project a combination of Ultra GPR surveys followed by systematic drilling, optimized to focus on the GPR targets, is recommended to cover the entire nickel laterite deposit in the area.

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# **APPENDIX 1**

# **TABLE 1 OF THE JORC CODE 2012, REPORT TEMPLATE**

# JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1 report template

# Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)







# Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)





# Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in section 2, also apply to this section.)









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# Section 4 Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves (Not Required)

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## **APPENDIX 2**

## **PT MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL LEGAL DOCUMENTATION**



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- 9. Peraturan Pemerintah Nomor 27 Tahun 1999 tentang Analisis Mengenai Dampak Lingkungan Hidup (Lembaran Negara RI Tahun 1999 Nomor 59, Tambahan Lembaran Negara RI Nomor 3838);
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- 17. Keputusan Bupati Morowali Nomor 540.2/SK.005/DESDM/VI/2014 tanggal 30 Juni 2014 tentang Persetujuan Revisi Perpanjangan Izin Usaha Pertambangan Eksplorasi kepada PT. MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL.
- 18. Keputusan Bupati Morowali Nomor: 660.1/137/BLHD/VIII/2014 tanggal 18 Agustus 2014 tentang Kelayakan Lingkungan Kegiatan Penambangan Bijih Nikel di Desa Bahomoahi, Kecamatan Bungku Timur oleh PT. MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL.

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- : IUP Operasi Produksi ini dilarang dipindahtangankan kepada pihak lain tanpa **KETIGA** persetujuan Bupati Morowali.
- **KEEMPAT** : PT. MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL sebagai Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi dalam melaksanakan kegiatannya mempunyai hak dan kewajiban sebagaimana tercantum dalam Lampiran III keputusan ini.
- : Selambat-lambatnya 60 (enam puluh) hari kerja setelah diterbitkannya **KELIMA** Keputusan ini Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi sudah harus menyampaikan RKAB kepada Bupati Morowali untuk mendapat persetujuan.
- : Terhitung sejak 90 (sembilan puluh) hari kerja sejak persetujuan RKAB **KEENAM** sebagaimana dimaksud dalam diktum Kelima Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi sudah harus memulai aktifitas di lapangan.
- : Tanpa mengurangi ketentuan peraturan perudang-undangan maka IUP Operasi **KETUJUH** Produksi ini dapat diberhentikan sementara, dicabut, atau dibatalkan, apabila pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi tidak memenuhi kewajiban dan larangan sebagaimana dimaksud dalam diktum Ketiga, Keempat, dan Kelima dalam Keputusan ini.

**KEDELAPAN** 

: Keputusan Bupati ini mulai berlaku pada tanggal ditetapkan dan apabila terdapat kekeliruan akan diadakan perbaikan sebagaimana mestinya.

> Ditetapkan di : Bungku Pada Tanggal: 12 November 2014



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- 1. Menteri Energi dan Sumber Daya Mineral di Jakarta;
- 2. Menteri Keuangan di Jakarta;
- 3. Sekretaris Jenderal Departemen Energi dan Sumber Daya Mineral di Jakarta;
- 4. Inspektur Jenderal Departemen Energi dan Sumber Daya Mineral di Jakarta;
- 5. Direktur Jenderal Pajak, Departemen Keuangan di Jakarta;
- 6. Direktur Jenderal Perbendaharaan, Departemen Keuangan di Jakarta;
- 7. Direktur Jenderal Pendapatan Daerah, Departemen Dalam Negeri di Jakarta;
- 8. Gubernur Sulawesi Tengah di Palu;
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- 13. Direktur Pembinaan Pengusahaan Mineral dan Batubara di Jakarta;
- 14. Direktur Pajak Bumi dan Bangunan, Departemen Keuangan di Jakarta;
- 15. Kepala Dinas Energi dan Sumber Daya Mineral, Prop. Sulawesi Tengah di Palu;
- 16. Kepala Dinas Energi dan Sumber Daya Mineral, Kab. Morowali di Bungku;
- 17. Direksi PT. MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL di Jakarta.



#### **LAMPIRAN II**

Surat Keputusan (SK) Bupati Morowali : 540. 3/54. 017/DESDM/X1/2014.<br>: 12 November 2014. Nomor Tanggal

#### KOORDINAT WILAYAH IUP OPERASI PRODUKSI PT. MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL





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#### **LAMPIRAN III**

Surat Keputusan (SK) Bupati Morowali:

: 540.3/se. 017/DESDM/X1/2014 **Nomor** : 12 November 2014 Tanggal

#### Hak dan Kewajiban  $\mathbf{r}$

- A. **Hak** 
	- 1. Memasuki WIUP sesuai dengan peta dan daftar koordinat;
	- Melaksanakan kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi (Konstruksi, Produksi, Pengolahan  $2.$ Pemurnian dan Pengangkutan Penjualan) sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
	- Membangun fasilitas penunjang kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi (Konstruksi, Produksi,  $3.$ Pengolahan Pemurnian dan Pengangkutan Penjualan) di dalam maupun diluar WIUP;
	- Dapat menghentikan sewaktu-waktu menghentikan kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi 4. (Konstruksi, Produksi, Pengolahan Pemurnian dan Pengangkutan Penjualan) di setiap bagian atau beberapa bagian WIUP dengan alasan bahwa kelanjutan dari kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi (Konstruksi, Produksi, Pengolahan Pemurnian dan Pengangkutan Penjualan), tersebut tidak layak atau praktis secara komersial maupun karena keadaan kahar, keadaan yang menghalangi sehingga menimbulkan penghentian sebagian atau seluruh kegiatan usaha pertambangan;
	- Mengajukan permohonan pengusahaan mineral lain yang bukan merupakan asosiasi 5. mineral utama yang diketemukan dalam WIUP;
	- Mengajukan pernyataan tidak berminat terhadap pengusahaan mineral lain yang bukan 6. merupakan asosiasi mineral utama yang diketemukan dalam WIUP;
	- Memanfaatkan sarana dan prasarana umum untuk keperluan kegiatan IUP Operasi 7. Produksi (Konstruksi, Produksi, Pengolahan Pemurnian dan Pengangkutan Penjualan) setelah memenuhi ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
	- Dapat melakukan kerjasama dengan perusahaan lain dalam rangka penggunaan setiap 8. fasilitas yang dimiliki oleh perusahaan lain baik yang berafiliasi dengan perusahaan atau tidak sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
	- Dapat membangun sarana dan prasarana pada WIUP lain setelah mendapat izin dari 9. pemegang IUP yang bersangkutan.

#### **B.** Kewajiban

- Memilih vurisdiksi pada Pengadilan Negeri tempat dimana lokasi WIUP berada;  $1.$
- Selambat-lambatnya 6 bulan setelah ditetapkannya keputusan ini, pemegang IUP  $2.$ Operasi Produksi harus sudah melaksanakan dan menyampaikan laporan pematokan batas wilayah IUP Operasi Produksi kepada Bupati;
- Hubungan antara pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi dengan pihak ketiga menjadi  $3.$ tanggung jawab pemegang IUP Sesuai ketentuan perundang-undangan;
- Melaporkan Rencana Investasi; 4.
- Menyampaikan rencana reklamasi; 5.
- Menyampaikan rencana pasca tambang: 6.
- Menempatkan jaminan penutupan tambang (sesuai umur tambang); 7.
- Menyampaikan RKAB selambat-lambatnya pada bulan November yang meliputi 8. rencana tahun depan dan realisasi kegiatan setiap tahun berjalan kepada Bupati dengan tembusan kepada Menteri dan Gubernur;
- Menyampaikan Laporan Kegiatan Triwulanan yang harus diserahkan dalam jangka 9. waktu 30 (tiga puluh) hari setelah akhir dari triwulan takwim secara berkala kepada Bupati dengan tembusan kepada Menteri dan Gubernur;
- 10. Apabila ketentuan batas waktu penyampaian RKAB dan pelaporan sebagaimana dimaksud pada angka 8 (delapan) dan 9 (sembilan) tersebut di atas terlampaui, maka kepada pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi akan dibeikan peringatan tertulis:
- Menyampaikan laporan produksi dan pemasaran sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan 11. perundang-undangan.
- $12.$ Menyampaikan Rencana Pengembangan dan Pemberdayaan Masyarakat sekitar wilayah pertambangan kepada Bupati;
- 13. Menyampaikan RKTTL setiap tahun sebelum penyampaian RKAB kepada Bupati;
- 14. Memenuhi ketentuan perpajakan sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundangundangan;
- 15. Membayar Iuran Tetap setiap tahun dan membayar Royalty sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
- $16.$ Menempatkan jaminan reklamasi sebelum melakukan kegiatan produksi dan rencana penutupan tambang sesuai ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
- Menyampaikan RPT (Rencana Penutupan Tambang) 2 Tahun sebelum kegiatan 17. produksi berakhir:
- Mengangkat seorang Kepala Teknik Tambang yang bertanggung jawab atas Kegiatan 18. Operasi Produksi (Konstruksi, Produksi, Pengolahan Pemurnian **IUP** dan Pengangkutan Penjualan), Keselamatan dan Kesehatan Kerja Pertambangan serta Pengelolaan Lingkungan Pertambangan;
- 19. Kegiatan produksi dimulai apabila kapasitas produksi terpasang sudah mencapai 70% yang direncanakan;
- 20. Permohonan Perpanjangan IUP untuk Kegiatan Produksi harus diajukan 2 (dua) tahun sebelum berakhirnya masa izin ini dengan disertai pemenuhan persyaratan;
- Kelalaian atas ketentuan tersebut pada butir 20, mengakibatkan IUP Operasi Produksi 21. berakhir menurut hukum dan segala usaha pertambangan dihentikan. Dalam jangka waktu paling lama 6 (enam) bulan sejak berakhirnya keputusan ini. Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi harus mengangkat keluar segala sesuatu yang menjadi miliknya, kecuali benda-benda/bangunan-bangunan yang dipergunakan untuk kepentingan umum;
- Apabila dalam jangka waktu sebagaimana dimaksud dalam butir 21, pemegang IUP  $22.$ Operasi Produksi tidak melaksanakan maka barang/aset pemegang IUP menjadi milik pemerintah;
- Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi harus menyediakan data dan keterangan sewaktu-23. waktu apabila dikehendaki oleh pemerintah;
- Pemegang IUP Operasi Produksi membolehkan dan menerima apabila pemerintah  $24.$ sewaktu-waktu melakukan pemeriksaan;
- Menerapkan kaidah pertambangan yang baik; 25.
- Mengelola keuangan sesuai dengan sistem akuntansi Indonesia; 26.
- Melaporkan pelaksanaan pengembangan dan pemberdayaan masyarakat setempat 27. secara berkala;
- Mengutamakan pemanfaatan tenaga kerja setempat, barang dan jasa dalam negeri 28. sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
- Mengutamakan pembelian dalam negeri dari pengusaha lokal yang ada di daerah 29. tersebut sesuai dengan ketentuan peraturan perundang-undangan;
- Mengutamakan seoptimal mungkin penggunaan perusahaan jasa pertambangan lokal 30. dan/atau nasional;
- Dilarang melibatkan anak perusahaan dan/atau afiliasinya dalam bidang usaha iasa 31. pertambangan di WUP yang diusahakannya, kecuali dengan izin Menteri;
- Melaporkan data dan pelaksanaan penggunaan usaha jasa penunjang;  $32.$
- Menyerahkan seluruh data yang diperoleh dari hasil kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi  $33.$ kepada Bupati dengan tembusan Menteri dan Gubernur;
- Menyampaikan proposal yang sekurang-kurangnya menggambarkan aspek teknis, 34. keuangan, produksi dan pemasaran serta lingkungan sebagai persyaratan pengajuan permohonan perpanjangan IUP Operasi Produksi,
- 35. Memberikan ganti rugi kepada pemegang hak atas tanah dan tegakan yang terganggu akibat kegiatan IUP Operasi Produksi;
- Mengutamakan pemenuhan kebutuhan dalam negeri (DMO) sesuai ketentuan 36. perundang-undangan;
- Penjualan produksi kepada afiliasi harus mengacu kepada harga pasar;  $37.$
- 38. Kontrak penjualan jangka panjang (minimal 3 tahun) harus mendapat persetujuan terlebih dahulu dari Menteri;
- 39. Perusahaan wajib mengolah produksinya didalam negeri.
- Pembangunan sarana dan prasarana pada kegiatan konstruksi antara lain meliputi: 40.
	- a. Fasilitas-fasilitas dan peralatan pertambangan;
	- b. Instalasi dan peralatan peningkatan mutu mineral/batubara;
	- c. Fasilitas-fasilitas Bandar yang dapat meliputi dok-dok, pelabuhan-pelabuhan, dermaga-dermaga, jembatan-jembatan, tongkang-tongkang, pemecah-pemecah air, fasilitas-fasilitas terminal, bengkel-bengkel, daerah-daerah penimbunan, gudanggudang, dan peralatan bongkar muat;
	- d. Fasilitas-fasilitas transportasi dan komunikasi yang dapat meliputi jalan-jalan, jembatan-jembatan, kapal-kapal, feri-feri, pelabuhan-pelabuhan udara, rel-rel, tempat-tempat pendaratan pesawat, hanggar-hanggar, garasi-garasi, pompa-pompa BBM, fasilitas-fasilitas radio dan telekomunikasi, serta fasilitas-fasilitas jaringan telegraph dan telepon:
	- e. Perkotaan, yang dapat meliputi rumah-rumah tempat tinggal, toko-toko, sekolahsekolah, rumah sakit, teater-teater dan bangunan lain, fasilitas-fasilitas dan peralatan pegawai kontraktor termasuk tanggungan pegawai tersebut;
	- f. Listrik, fasilitas-fasilitas air dan air buangan dan dapat meliputi pembangkitpembangkit tenaga listrik (yang dapat berupa tenaga air, uap, gas atau diesel), jaringan-jaringan listrik, dam-dam, saluran-saluran air, sistem-sistem penyediaan air dan sistem-sistem pembuangan limbah (tailing), air buangan pabrik dan air buangan rumah tangga:
	- g. Fasilitas-fasilitas lain-lain yang dapat meliputi namum tidak terbatas, bengkelbengkel mesin, bengkel-bengkel pengecoran dan reparasi;
	- h. Semua fasilitas tambahan atau fasilitas lain, pabrik dan peralatan yang dianggap perlu atau cocok untuk operasi pengusahaan yang berkaitan dengan WIUP atau untuk menyediakan pelayanan atau melaksanakan aktifitas-aktifitas pendukung atau aktifitas yang sifatnya insidentil.



### **COMMERCIAL TERMS OF THE ACQUISITION**

### **MJN and ETL IUPs**

- Nickel Industries to acquire 60% of the control and economic rights in each of MJN and ETL.
- Refundable commitment fee of US\$3.0 million for each of MJN and ETL (US\$5.9 million in total) (**Commitment Fee**), payable upon completion of the due diligence period, which is up to 90 days.
- Following the issuance of a positive due diligence notice, Nickel Industries will carry out an agreed Initial Exploration Program (**IEP**) within 18 months and for the purpose of determining the purchase consideration payable to the vendor at completion.
- After the IEP, Nickel Industries shall pay to the Vendor the purchase consideration, calculated as:

### **60% \* the JORC Resourc[e](#page-85-0)<sup>1</sup> \* US\$2.50 per dmt above 1.70% nickel.**

- Nickel Industries will provide an Exclusive Financing Commitment (**EFC**) in the form of interest-bearing loans, repayable prior to any dividend distributions.
- Nickel Industries shall receive an agency fee from the first production from the IUPs, as compensation for the Commitment Fee.

### **GF IUP**

- Nickel Industries to acquire 60% of the control and economic rights in GF for a total consideration of US\$7 million, payable as follows:
	- an advance payment of US\$2 million (already paid);
	- a first milestone payment of US\$3 million (already paid); and
	- a final payment of US\$2 million upon the transfer of 60% of GF to Nickel Industries.
- Nickel Industries will provide an EFC in the form of interest-bearing loans, repayable prior to any dividend distributions.
- **EXECT An application has been submitted to extend GF by an area of 491 ha of prospective laterite**. Should this application be successful, Nickel Industries is to pay the vendor an additional US\$4 million.

<span id="page-85-0"></span><sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Measured, indicated and inferred in dmt

## **APPENDIX 3**

## **MJN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

# **PT MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS 2022**

### **SCATTERPLOT**



Sediment 35 samples | Limonite 10,089 samples | Saprolite 2,769 samples | Bedrock 1,291 samples

## **ASSAY RESULTS by LITHOLOGICAL LAYER**



## **STATISTICS AND HISTOGRAM OF ASSAY RESULTS by Ni**





## **ASSAY RESULTS by ETO CLASS**





## **WEIGHTED AVERAGE**



## **DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS**



### **HISTOGRAM: LIMONITE**





 $50$ 

 $7<sub>5</sub>$ 

 $100$ 

### **PROBABILITY PLOT: LIMONITE**

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 $0.01$ 

 $-50$ 

 $-25$ 

Results include rows where PROFILE = "LIM".

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 $25$  $%$  SiO<sub>2</sub>

## **HISTOGRAM: SAPROLITE**







### **HISTOGRAM: BEDROCK**





Results include rows where PROFILE = "BRK".

## **PROBABILITY PLOT: BEDROCK**

# **PT MANDIRI JAYA NICKEL GEOSTATISTICS & SWATH PLOT 2022**



### **Drillhole Composite Ni Limonite Histogram**

### **Drillhole Composite Ni Saprolite Histogram**





## **Drillhole Composite Ni Limonite (Top Cut) Histogram**

## **Drillhole Composite Ni Saprolite (Top Cut) Histogram**





## **Ni Limonite Experimental Variogram**

## **Ni Saprolite Experimental Variogram**



## **Semi Variogram Model Parameter**



## **Search Elipsoid Applied**



### **Swath Plot Limonite**



## **Swath Plot Saprolite**


**APPENDIX 4**

# **INTERNAL LABORATORY REPORTS; PROCEDURES AND QA/QC**

# **Laboratory and Sample Analysis Procedures at the HM Laboratories JORC Compliant Report**

# **C.E. Watson August 2022**

**For:**

Tony Green – Chief Operations Officer Willem Dique – Operations Manager Daniel Madre - Danmar

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#### **PT Hengjaya Mineralindo Laboratory and Sample Analysis Procedures at the HM Laboratories JORC Compliant Report - August 2022**

#### **Introduction**

This report on the QAQC Department's activities at the PT Hengjaya Mineralindo (HM) preparation and assay laboratories at their Tangofa Camp in Sulawesi, Indonesia, has been compiled as part of a JORC Compliant Report and according to the guiding principles of the JORC Code, 2012 Edition, which states: *"Transparency and Materiality are the guiding principles of the Code, and the Competent Person must provide explanatory commentary on the material assumptions underlying the declaration of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves."* This report endeavours to address the sections on Subsampling techniques and sample preparation and the Quality of assay data and laboratory tests in JORC TABLE 1, Section 1, Sampling Techniques and Data, a copy of which is attached.

PT Hengjaya Mineralindo (HM) has two separate facilities at the Tangofa Camp site for processing and assaying samples collected in the exploration (drilling) programme and mining (production) operations at the site. These two facilities are the Sample Preparation Laboratory (Prep Lab), where the samples are converted from raw samples into 200# (75 micron) pulp samples, and the Assay Laboratory, where the 200# pulp samples are assayed using XRF Spectrometers to provide the elemental composition of the drill and mine samples, in particular, the weight percent of nickel, iron, silicon dioxide and magnesium oxide, and the grade of the valuable elements, nickel and iron.

The purpose of sampling and sample preparation is described in the AusIMM Field Geologists Manual, Fifth Edition , 2011, as being *"…the reduction in particle size, through crushing and pulverising, and its sample size, through splitting, while retaining the representativeness of the medium being sampled."*

Roden & Smith describe three elements essential for a satisfactory assay and sampling system, these being: maintaining the integrity of the sample in the field, selecting the appropriate assay method and monitoring the complete sampling and assay process on a continuous basis.

At HM, mining samples of as much as 400 – 600 tons are mined and sampled (STP), and these samples processed at the Prep Lab to produce a 60 gm pulp sample from which a 10 gm pressed powder pellet is produced for XRF analysis.Exploration samples are submitted from the Danmar drill programme in batches of 100 samples, each sample representing a 1 meter advance in the drill hole and weighs approximately 8 kgs, wet, on its arrival at the prep lab. As with the mine samples, the drill samples are reduced in volume and sample particle size to produce a 60 gm pulp sample, from which a 10 gm sample is taken for a pressed pellet, or a fused bead, for XRF. The expectation is that the results obtained on the 10 gm pressed powder pellets or fused beads are produced from the 600 ton mine or 8 kg drill sample are, within acceptable limits, representative of the original samples. It is the primary responsibility of the HM QAQC Department to ensure that this is the case.

#### **1.Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC) are two separate processes, but are often combined and referred to as QAQC. The purpose of QAQC is determining the quantity and concentration of the economic element of interest and providing the confidence we have in these numbers to allow us to put them in context with where we are in the mining value chain. It ensures that the data we are going to collect and the data we are collecting are of suitable quality (Sterk, 2019).

Quality Assurance means assuring the quality of the data by having a set of standard operating procedures (SOPs) in place, aiming to prevent errors being made in the sampling or measuring process. Wikipedia

describes QA as including two principles, the first being "fit for purpose", the product needs to be suitable for the intended purpose, and the second being "right first time", where mistakes should be eliminated. Sterk summarizes the above by saying Quality Assurance is about the prevention of errors, and it occurs before sampling or measurement, while Quality Control is about the detection and correction/rejection of errors as they occur during the sampling or measurement process.

### **1.1 Quality Assurance at PT HM**

The primary Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the samples submitted by the exploration and mining operations at PT HM is the "JIS Method for Sampling and Method of Determination of Moisture Content of Garnierite Nickel Ore" JIS M-8109-1996, by H.Kanazawa, August 1996. This Japanese industrial Standard specifies the following methods for this purpose of determination of the average grade and moisture content of a lot of garnierite nickel ore as follows:

- 1. Method of taking the sample
- 2. Method of sample preparation for moisture test sample and quality sample.
- 3. Method of measuring the moisture content
- 4. Method of determination of the moisture content and dry mass of the lot.

The JIS standard addresses the reduction in particle size and of the sample size through incremental sample reduction according to different sized scoops depending upon the particle size of the material being sampled. This SOP is used in reducing the size of the sample in the mining operations and in the sample preparation laboratory at the sample receival area, after drying, after jaw crushing, Roll Crushing and pulverising, and at the assay laboratory prior to the production of a pressed pellet or fused bead prior to XRF spectroscopy.

#### **1.2 Quality Control at PT HM Sample Prep Lab**

Quality Control is ensuring that checks and balances are implemented and are constantly reviewed and assessed, in order to identify whether the sampling /measuring systems and the laboratory are providing quality assays, ie are "in control". In the minerals industry, the checks and balances commonly used to monitor the sample preparation and assaying processes includes standards, blanks and duplicates.

Sterk discusses how geoscientists should be aware of variance, and QA,QC and Acceptance Testing (Reporting and Review) are relevant at every stage of the sample collection, sample preparation and assaying treatment. This is important, and we should assess the QA, QC and AT at each and every one of our sample treatment stages. At HM, these could are considered as Primary Sample, 1<sup>st</sup> Split, 2<sup>nd</sup> Split, 3<sup>rd</sup> Split etc., and Analytical, and a short summary of these different stages is given below. These samples are collected at the HM Sample Prep Lab.

**1.2.1 First Lab Split Stage Prior to Drying -** Both the reduction in particle size and the reduction in sample size take place at the Sample Preparation Laboratory (the Prep Lab), where the mining samples and the exploration samples are submitted, checked, and the mining samples split according to the JIS standard.

The exploration samples have not been split at this stage, only the mining samples have been incrementally split as per the standard, with the objective of reducing the sample size before drying.

**1.2.2.Drying Stage** - Samples are dried as the first stage of in sample preparation at temperatures 105° or  $110^\circ$ , for different durations, depending on the source material:



#### Moisture Content  $-24$  hrs at 105 $^{\circ}$  C

Once the drying is complete, the samples are removed from the oven and weighed, and the weights recorded for data entry, the Moisture Content being the difference between the wet weight and the dry weight divided by the wet weight and shown as a % figure. The average figure for the saprolite samples recovered in the HM drill programme is around 40% moisture.

**1.2.3 First Crushing Stage – Jaw Crusher -** The first crushing stage of the oven dried drill sample occurs at the Jaw Crusher, where the two trays of dried sample are poured into the jaw crusher and reduced in size to a -10 mm product which is collected underneath the Jaw Crusher.

**1.2.4 First Splitting Stage – Jones Riffle Splitter -** The Jaw crusher product is now poured into a Jones Riffle Splitter which produces two similar products, one of which is taken forward to the next crushing stage, while the second Riffle Splitter product is discarded.

The first crushing stage and the first splitting stage are now complete, all part of the incremental crushing and splitting process in reducing the grain size and sample size of the original dried sample. These two stages continue to follow the details provided in the JIS standard, part of the HM Quality Assurance programme.

**1.2.5 Second Crushing Stage – Roll Crusher -** The second crushing stage comprises the Jones Riffle split product being poured into a Double Roll Crusher which reduces the -10 mm jaw crusher product into a – 3 mm product which is collected beneath the double roll crusher.

**1.2.6 Second Splitting Stage – Manual Incremental Reduction -** As described in the JIS M 8109 – 1996 standard, the second splitting stage consists of the - 3 mm double roll crusher product being reduced by manual incremental reduction into two incremental split samples weighing approximately 500 gms each, one is labelled and sent to sample storage, while the other sample will be sent to the next stage in the processing cycle, the pulveriser. In addition to the split samples collected above, before discarding the remaining double roll crusher product, a further sample is collected, one approximately every 20 samples, and placed in a brown paper envelope and numbered with a DR suffix, this being a Double Roll Crusher product sample that will be sent for assay to test the performance of the two crushing and splitting stages, often referred to as the Course Reject sample, or at HM, the Double Roll (DR) sample. This is the first of the Laboratory check samples to be collected as part of the HM Quality Control programme, and will be used to monitor the quality of the jaw crushing and roll crushing stages in reducing the particle size and the sample size during the sample preparation programme.

**1.2.7 Pulverising Stage -** The fifth stage consists of the 500 gm -3 mm double roll sample being placed into a pulverizing bowl, a puck added, the lid is replaced and this unit placed inside the Essa Pulverizer using a cradle. The cradle is removed and the machine turned on and run for 5 minutes, after which the pulverizer bowl is removed from the machine using the cradle, the lid removed, the puck taken out, and the pulverised sample, the "pulp", placed onto a tray, and passed on to the next stage of incremental splitting.

This pulverising stage is third stage in the reduction in particle size in the sample preparation process, where the dried exploration sample of approximately >20 mm was reduced in size to -10 mm at the Jaw Crusher, and then to -3 mm at the Roll crusher, and finally to -200# at the pulverising stage

**1.2.8 Third Splitting Stage – Manual Incremental Reduction -** The sixth stage of sample preparation is where the pulp sample is incrementally reduced with enough pulp to place into two brown paper envelopes, one of which goes to the Assay Lab, and the second sample goes to storage.

A further check sample is taken from the residual pulp remaining from this second incremental splitting before being discarded to waste, and is placed into a brown sample bag and given the sample number

with a DA suffix. This is the second check sample taken to monitor the pulverising quality at the HM Prep Lab and is referred to as the DA check sample, or Pulp Reject sample. This is part of the Quality Control programme to test the quality of the pulverising process.

**1.3 Particle Sizing Test (PST) – Checking the Quality of the Pulverizing Process –** A PST is taken on one in every ten of the pulverised product, the pulps, to ensure the pulverisation has been done properly. A small sample of material is weighed and then placed on a 200# (75 micron) stainless steel screen and screened until all the sample that can pass the 75 micron screen has passed The weights of the – 75 micron material and the+ 75 micron products are both weighed and recorded. If the weight of the – 75 micron product is more than 95% of the total pulp sample weight, then the pulverisation process is acceptable. If the weight of the – 75 micron product is less than 95% of the total weight then this is not acceptable and the process is repeated.

**Other Sample Preparations -** In addition to the standard sample processing procedures described above, two further sample processing techniques are performed at the PT HM sample preparation laboratory to provide additional information for the geological and mining databases, these being Specific Gravity (density) testing and the measurement of the Moisture Content of selected samples.

#### **1.4 Specific Gravity Measurement**

At the Sample Prep. Lab the specific gravity of the four different lithological samples, collected from the drilling operations, eg the soil or overburden, limonite, saprolite and bedrock are measured by the displacement method.

**1.5 Moisture Content -** Nickel ore is hygroscopic and it is important to ensure that all moisture is removed from the sample to prevent the assay results showing a low bias by an amount equivalent to the weight percent residual moisture. This has the potential to affect its behaviour during smelting, which in turn can result in a lower price received per ton of smelted ore. For this reason, accurate measurement of moisture content of the mining samples before the ore is shipped to the IMIP smelter is one of the important tasks undertaken at the Sample Prep Lab.

The moisture content of the drill samples is calculated through weighing the drill samples wet, before they are placed in the ovens for drying, and again when they have been removed from the ovens and prior to the first stage of crushing. The difference in weight between the weights of the samples before and after drying, divided by the original wet weight of the sample gives the moisture content as a percentage figure.

#### **2. Quality Control at the PT HM Assay Lab**

The pulp samples of  $50 - 60$  gms from each consignment completed at the sample prep lab are sent to the Assay Lab where they are recorded into the production register and then placed into an oven to protect the samples from absorbing atmospheric moisture. This is the analytical stage of the sample treatment, where the samples collected at the Prep Lab are snet to the Assay Lab for analysis.

A new assay lab number is assigned to each pulp sample packet, this is undertaken at the same time as Certified Reference Materials (CRMs), pulp duplicate samples, coarse rejects, blank check and replicate check samples are inserted into the sample streams as part of the Quality Control procedures. After checking that the renumbering of these samples has been completed correctly, the samples are then taken through to the preparation room and placed in a dessicator to await the production of pressed pellets or go to the room where they will be processed into fused beads using the Bruker xrFuse6 equipment.

Roden & Smith mention how XRF assay procedures have not changed significantly but the use of fused beads instead of pressed powder pellets have resulted in better precision and lower detection limits. They go on to say that XRF is an analytical method capable of producing very precise assays over wide concentration ranges and is therefore widely used for assaying nickel laterite ores and iron ores, a similar statement being made by Bruker claiming the S2 Puma XRF offers high accuracy and precision in determining the elemental composition of nickel laterite ores.

HM presently have two XRF Spectrometers at their Tangofa Assay Lab, one a Malvern Panalytical Epsilon 4 XRF, the other a Bruker S2 Puma XRF. These are compact energy dispersive spectrometers that are capable of undertaking elemental analysis and configured with dedicated software specifically for the nickel laterite suite of elements. Both the Epsilon 4 and the Puma S2 XEF's use a Nickel XRF 12 Element Suite for Ni, Fe, Co, MgO, SiO2, CaO, Al2O3, Cr2O3, MnO, P2O5, SO3 and TiO2.

Sample preparation quality, reflecting sub-sampling precision and contamination during sample preparation, are measured by the insertion of coarse grained control samples that are placed in the sample stream prior to or during the sample preparation phase. Samples used for these tests are coarse blanks and coarse duplicates.

#### **2.1 Coarse Blanks**

Contamination is assessed by using coarse blank samples, these being barren samples in which the elements being tested, at HM these are Ni and Fe. In order to be effective, coarse blank samples are inserted into the exploration sample batch streams at the rate of 4 coarse blanks, 4 CRM's and 92 original samples, prior to submission of the samples to the Prep Lab.

#### **2.2 Coarse Duplicates**

Coarse duplicate samples, often referred to as coarse rejects, and by HM QA/QC staff as DR samples. They are collected from the Double Roll crusher product, during the incremental splitting of this product, by the same operator, and at the same time and place as the sample is split to provide material for pulverising, and a representative sample of material is collected for storage. Coarse duplicate samples are used to test the sub-sampling precision of the first crushing and incremental splitting stages.



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#### **Figure 1: Scatterplot showing results of 1020 Coarse Reject original vs duplicate assays**

Figure 1 is a scatterplot showing the results for the four elements Ni, Fe, MgO and SiO2 from the original and duplicate roll sample results from 1,020 exploration assays undertaken over the period July 2021 to March 2022. The graphs show the original and duplicate elemental values in red plotted on a middle grey line representing the mean elemental values of these samples. The two yellow lines above and below the

mean line represent the correlation between the assay variables with a variance of +5% and -5%, and the outer green lines represent the variance between the assay variables of +10% and -10%. Scatterplots where the results slope from the lower left to upper right indicate a positive correlation.

Figure 1 shows that with all four elements the red dots plot within the +10% and -10% variance lines. In fact, the majority plotting between the +5% and -5% yellow lines, showing there is a high correlation between the original and the duplicate assay values. This is further confirmed with the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) values of > 0.999 for the elements being assayed. These figures confirm the high precision of the jaw crushing, the first splitting and roll crushing stages and supports the use of the Coarse Duplicate assay data for resource estimation purposes.

#### **2.3 Particle Sizing Test- -200# Screen Test**

**Figure 2** shows two graphs showing the results of the particles sizing tests undertaken on 111 exploration samples and 104 mining samples at the HM Prep Lab during March 2022. The yellow line is for 95% of the pulverised material passing the 200# screen, and shows the majority of the samples returning a figure of between 97% and 98% for both the exploration samples and the mining samples. These results show the repeatability precision of the pulverizing process in reducing the particle size of the samples to be high



**Figure 2 : Screen Test Results – March 2022**



#### **3 Sample Assay Quality**

What is quality, and how do we define it?

Sample assay quality is defined through analytical accuracy, analytical precision and contamination during assaying. It is assessed using fine grained, pulverised samples that are inserted into the sample stream after the preparation stage and before the assaying stage. Samples used in testing assay quality include pulp duplicates, Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) and fine blanks.

The AusIMM Field Geologists' Manual, (2011) defines accuracy as *"…the closeness of agreement between a test result and the 'true' value or accepted reference value."* Similarly, it defines precision as *"…the closeness of agreement between independent test results under stipulated conditions."*

Accuracy and precision are the two key elements in understanding data quality, and are illustrated with the dartboard diagram. We need to quantify the precision and accuracy (bias). Sampling or analysis is said to be accurate when the mean error approaches zero. Sampling or analysis is said to be precise when there is a small spread of errors around the mean sampling error.

Date with "good" accuracy and "good" precision can be regarded as "Good Quality" and as such, will be "fit for purpose". We also use the terminology "representative", when the precision and accuracy are within acceptable tolerances.

#### **3.1 Pulp Duplicates, or Duplicate Assay**

Pulp duplicates, or Duplicate Assays (DA) as they are called at HM, are second splits of the fine grained pulp samples that are collected in the final incremental splitting of the samples after pulverising. Along with the incremental split sample that is taken and bagged for XRF assay at the HM assay lab, and the sample taken for storage and future reference if required, a third sample is collected from each batch and analysed at the same time as the original sample, but with a different sample number. The pulp duplicates are indicators of the analytical precision, which can be affected by the quality of the pulverisation process and the homogenisation of the sample.





Figure 3 shows scatterplots for the elements Ni, Fe, MgO and SiO2 from original and duplicate assays from 1,396 pulp samples analysed between July 2021 and June 2022. The scatterplots are similar to those shown in Figure 1 for the Coarse Reject assays, with the majority of the Ni and Fe falling within the two yellow lines representing a +/- 5% variance from the assay, a high precision, and reflected with correlation coefficients of 0.994 and 0.9989 respectively.

One difference between the Pulp Duplicate and the Duplicate Roll Graphs shown in Figure 1 is the lack of data points for the lower values of Ni, Fe MgO and SiO2. The reason for this is that Figure 1 shows the wider range of elemental results for exploration samples, while Figure 3 shows results from mining samples with cut-off grades of 1.5% Ni reflected in the average saprolite grades of around 1.75% Ni. Similalrly, average saprolite Fe results are around 20%, for MgO an average of 23%, and for SiO2, around 38%.

#### **3.2 Accuracy**

Accuracy refers to the component of the measurement error that in replicate measurements remains constant or varies in a predictable manner. It is assessed by using Certified Reference Materials, eg OREAS 193, and by inserting these CRMs into the sample stream, it is possible to assess the performance of the assay lab undertaking the assay work for internal control. When sent to commercial laboratories with Interlaboratory Check samples it allows comparison of the HM Aassay Lab performance against commercial laboratories and assess for any bias.

Accuracy is treated as a qualitative attribute, ie low or lower accuracy, high or higher accuracy, and should not be given a quantitative value. Accuracy is measured through the bias, which is the difference between the expectation of the test results and an accepted reference value. There is an inverse relationship between accuracy and bias, the higher the absolute value of the bias, the lower the accuracy, and vice versa.

#### **3.3 Check Standards, or Certified Reference Materials (CRM's)**

Certified Reference Materials, CRM's, are samples with certified grades, prepared under specially controlled conditions and have a certified mean value for the contained elements in that standard, along with associated confidence and tolerance limits. They are used in Quality Control to monitor the values of the standard against those of the unknown samples being assayed and allow the accuracy of the assay process to be monitored. HM use CRMs produced by OREAS (Ore Research & Exploration P/L, from Victoria, Australia.OREAS CRMs currently used are Standards 182, 187, 192, 193, 194 and 195 with certified Nickel values of 0.707, 1.37, 1.77, 1.93, 2.13 and 2.94 respectively. In addition, these standards have certified standard deviations and state the 95% Confidence and Tolerance Limits with low and high values.

CRMs are generally placed into the sample stream at a frequency of one in 20 samples with mine samples and higher frequency of one in 10 exploration samples, this higher value due to the first sample in each run on the Epsilon 4 and Puma S2 XRF spectrometers being a standard as described in the Standard Operating Procedure.

Figures 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are Shewart Control Charts for the results of assays using the OREAS standards 182, 187, 192 and 195 over an eight month period from November 2021 to June 2022. The assay results obtained over a period of time are plotted on a chart of showing certified values against the number of samples assayed, with one line showing the certified mean value, and two green lines showing the expected value plus/minus two standard deviations, also referred to as Upper and Lower Warning Limits, and two red lines representing the Upper and Lower Control Limits at three standard deviations.

Abzalov describes how specific analytical problems have recognizable patterns on certain diagrams , the different distribution patterns of the analytical results being indicative of the error sources and types, being most effective when applied to certified standards such as the OREAS CRM's. Good quality analyses will be characterised by a random distribution points around the certified mean value, with 95% of the data points lying within two standard deviations of the mean. The same number of analyses should fall above and below the mean.





Figure 4, the OREAS Standard 182 shows the results plotting with 95% within two standard deviations of the mean for both Ni and Fe and showing good precision. However, with the Fe graph, the accuracy is not as good on the right hand side of the graph.

#### Figure 5: CRM OREAS 187 – 582 Exploration Analyses



Figure 5 shows the results for 582 exploration samples for Ni and Fe, with both elements showing good precision, 95% of the results plotting within two standard deviations of the mean, and similar numbers of samples above and below the mean. Accuracy in the Fe graph is not as good, with the appearance of more samples below the mean value.

#### Figure 6: CRM OREAS 192 – 339 Exploration Analyses



Figure 6 shows good distribution of 339 exploration data results, with 95% of the data points plotting within two standard deviations of the mean, and similar numbers of data points above and below the mean for excellent precision, but the Fe graph shows a number of data points close to the negative -10% warning line which reduces the accuracy in this graph.

Figure 7: CRM OREAS 195 – 193 Exploration Analyses



Figure 7 shows a good distribution of the 193 exploration data points with 95% of the results plotting within two standard deviations of the mean for both Ni and Fe, but as with the previous graphs, the accuracy appears to drop around the 100 sample mark for approximately 10 samples which indicates less accuracy.

These graphs show that for the 1,651 exploration samples assayed using 4 different OREAS Laterite Suite CRM's the precision between the original and the CRM values are generally excellent, whilst the accuracy for the Ni is good to excellent whilst for the Fe it is of lower quality.

### **3.4 Replicate Samples**

These are two portions of the same pulp samples that are used to produce two separate pressed pellets or fused beads, that are given different sample numbers before being inserted into the same batch, or Job Sheet. At HM they are taken as part of the standard package of check samples, these being one DA or pulp assay, one DR or coarse reject assay, one REP or replicate sample and one CRM.









Figure 8 shows scatterplots for 2,130 replicate analyses undertaken between July 2021 and June 2022. The format of the scatterplots is the same as for the previous scatterplots for the Coarse Rejects (DR) and the Pulp Duplicates (DA), with these results showing the wider range in values for the elements due to the samples being tested originating from exploration samples.

The scatterplots for replicate sample assays show the majority of the results plotting within the two yellow lines indicating a 95% confidence in the result plotting withing these limits, and is considered an excellent result. The graphs also show correlation coefficients of more than 0.999, indicating high precision. Spreadsheet data shows there is also an even spread of the replicate assay being both similar to, higher than, and lower than the primary assay in the case of Ni, whilst for Fe, MgO and SiO2 there are slightly more duplicate assays in the Assay<Original category with a corresponding lower figure in the Assay=Original category. This confirms a normal distribution of assay values for these elements and indicates there is little evidence of systematic bias occurring in this replicate check assay programme.

#### **3.5 Interlaboratory Check Samples**

#### **3.5.1 HM Lab vs PT Geoservices Lab**

Interlaboratory Check samples are second splits of both the coarse reject samples and the finer 200 # pulp samples that are routinely assayed at the HM Assay Lab and submitted to second, commercial, laboratories under a different sample number. These samples are used to assess the assay accuracy of the HM laboratory relative to the secondary, Geoservices Laboratory.

Batches of Exploration samples were sent to the Geoservices Laboratory in Kendari on a periodic basis where the coarse reject samples underwent pulverising and incremental splitting, to be sent off for XRF assay at the Geoservices Analytical Laboratory in Bandung, along with duplicate pulp assay samples. Geoservices then forwarded the HM pulp sample checks to their analytical lab as a different consignment, and once assayed, the results were returned to the Assay Laboratory at the Tangofa site.

Figure 9 shows the results of the inter laboratory check sample tests comparing the results of 1033 split Exploration coarse reject and 200# pulp samples assayed at the original HM assay laboratory with samples sent to the Gesoservices assay Laboratory in Bandung.



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#### **Figure 9: Scatterplot showing results of 1033 plots of HM original vs Geoservices duplicate assays**



The scatterplots show differing precision for the different elements, with the best correlation shown between the results for Fe and Ni, 0.9936 and 0.9858 respectively, SiO2 and SiO2 have lower correlations at 0.9785 and 0.9703.

Data for the results for the two laboratories shows a difference between the mean for the Ni and Fe values for the HM Lab as 1.15 % Ni and 27.52 % Fe against 1.13 % Ni and 26.93 % Fe for Geoservices, a difference of 1.74% for Ni and 2.14% for Fe. These represent a +/- 5% variance from the assay, a high precision, and reflected with correlation coefficients of 0.9858 and 0.9936.

These results show lesser precision than was the case with the internal checks using Coarse Rejects, Pulp Assays and Replicate Assays at the HM Lab. This indicates the difference is likely to be due to different sample processing procedures at the two laboratories, and different accuracies and precision due to different equipment. There is a difference between the pressed powder pellets used at the HM Lab with the Fused Bead system used at Geoservices. Similalrly, the HM Assay Lab uses a Malvern Panalytical Epsilon 4 XRF and a Buker Puma S2 XRF that was brought into operation in 2021 and any differences between these XRF Units and those used at Geoservices could result in small differences being recorded.

#### **3.5.2 Comparison PT HM Assay Lab vs IMIP Smelter Results**

When the barges carrying ore from the HM Jetty to the IMIP smelter arrive, samples are collected from the saprolite ore and assayed at the IMIP facility. These results are used to determine the price paid for the nickel laterite ore. These results are provided in a Certificate of Assay (COA) and Certificate of Quality by PT Intertek Utama Services, Indonesia.

Figure 10 shows graphics of the plots of the Ni and Fe results from the HM Assay Lab and the IMIP COA for 54 samples from barge numbers BP 774 and BP 828 which delivered saprolite ore from the HM Mining Operations to the IMIP Smelter between May 2022 and July 2022.

These graphs represent HM assay results with means of 1.78% Ni and 19.10 % Fe, standard deviations of 0.04 and 1.30, and variances of 0.0016 and 1.6834 respectively. Similar results of 1.74% Ni and 18.66% Fe, standard deviations of 0.04 and 1.20, and variances of 0.0017 and 1.4441 were recorded on the IMIP COA's. Interestingly, the difference between the two sets of data shows a mean difference of 0.04, or 2.2% for the Ni values, with 50 of the 54 COA values being less than the HM assay values. With the Fe

values, there is a 2.3% difference between the HM and COA values, with 41 of the 54 COA's returning lower values than HM.

The consistency of results from these 54 samples is interesting, and as before, can be the result of sample processing differences, eg pressed pellet vs fused bead, different equipment and calibration issues.The other problem is the hygroscopic nature of nickel ore, and how the increase in moisture content of the saprolite between leaving the HM stockpiles and being fed into the smelter is likely to result in differences in the Ni values, and may explain the variation between the Ni and Fe graphs.

**Figure 10: Graphic showing results of 54 saprolite samples assayed at HM and IMIP Smelter**





#### **4. Control Sample Insertion Rates**

HM operates a quality control programme at its Tangofa Laboratories where different types and sub-types of control samples are inserted into the sample stream in order to monitor precision, accuracy and possible contamination at the different stages in the sampling, sample preparation and sample assaying sequence.

Sample collection is usually controlled through the use of twin samples and field duplicates, but due to all the Jackro triple barrel drill core being sent for sample preparation and assay, these control samples are not sent for checking.

Sample preparation is controlled through the use of coarse blanks, coarse rejects (DR) and 200# particle sizing tests at the HM Prep Lab.

Sample assay is controlled through the use of pulp duplicates (DA), CRM's, Replicate samples and Interlaboratory check samples.

Mendez (2011) described the frequency of control samples using information from International QA/QC consultants, Exploration and Mining Companies, various authors and the Toronto Stock Exchange and found that a figure of 20% (1 in 5) of the total samples assayed comprise control samples of various types.

During the period July 2021 to June 2022 a total of 50,102 exploration samples were processed at the HM Sample Prep and Assay Labs. The following check samples were added into this original sample stream:





The Coarse Reject and Pulp Duplicate samples comprise 2.0% and 2.2% of the samples submitted. These figures correspond to those proposed by Mendez, of 2% and 2% respectively.

Replicate samples and CRMs comprise 4.2% and 3.98% respectively of the samples submitted. Although Mendez does not appear to specifically include replicates, this figure of 4.2% allows an additional measurement of the Assay Quality at the HM labs, and is due to two replicate samples being inserted into the sample stream instead of the one coarse reject and one pulp duplicate sample per batch.

The differences between the % of check samples proposed by Mendez, 1 in 5, or 20%, and the 12.5% at HM is due to the lack of Twin Samples collected at the sample collection stage, 2%, because the whole drill core is sent for sample preparation and assay, and a further 2% by way of pulp blanks are also not collected at HM. With 4% of the samples being CRM's this isless than the 6% CRM's suggested by Mendez, but 1,951 Interlaboratory Check samples were sent for assay at Geoservices, 3.9% of the total exploration samples, and in line with the 4% suggested by Mendez.

In summary, a total of 8,208 check samples were inserted into the sample stream of 50,102 exploration samples and submitted for assay ay the Geoservices Assay Laboratory, a total of 16.4% as compared to the 20% suggested by Mendez.

#### **5.Review, Reporting and Continuous Improvement**

This section covers three aspects of of the activities undertaken at the QAQC Department thatdeserve a mention.

The Review section is similar to the Acceptance Testing that Sterk discusses, and which he believes should accompany each QA and QC stage in the sample collection, preparation and analysis stages of the sample processing stream. At present, the HM QC team undertake the following:

- Receive printout of assay results for the batches/consignments of exploration samples.
- Check results to confirm check samples inserted into sample stream by HM staff/client.
- Identify check samples and compare CRM results with original results to confirm acceptable precision and accuracy, and present to Supervisor to confirm acceptability of results, and whether or not samples need to be re-assayed in the event of contamination, bias or poor precision.
- If CRM results not acceptable, the analyst and Foreman will consult and clean the Tube Filter and repeat the analysis. If the next analysis is in order the sample assaying will continue.
- If the repeat assay is not acceptable, the next assay will be conducted with a different CRM. If this assay produces an acceptable result, the assay sampling will continue. If this assay produces an unacceptable result, the Supervisor will inform the Lab Superintendent and the Supervisor will undertake recalibration of the unit.
- Lab Foreman then decides and approves circulation of results internally.
- Lab Superintendent decides and approves results going out to client.
- Lab Foream decides and approves entry of sample results data onto HM database.
- Lab Supervisor checks and confirms data entry is correct and in order.

In addressing any issues with Interlaboratory Check Samples, Sterk emphasises the importance of communicating with the commercial laboratory which undertook the assaying of check samples, and discussing what may have caused any serious differences in precision or accuracy.

Reporting of the analysis of the Quaity Control samples is continual, ongoing process and the HM QAQC Department issues a Monthly Report detailing the activities of the department for each calendar month. Sections covered in the QAQC Laboratory Monthly Report for June 2022 are:

- Health & Safety Near Miss Report
- Accident Report
- Radiation Accident Report
- Preparation Lab Production Report
- Assay Lab Production Report
- Sample Type Statistics
- Monthly Sample Split eg Mining, Exploration, Barging, QAQC
- Quality Control Sieving Test
- Precision
- Accuracy
- CRM's
- InterLaboratory Check Samples
- Personnel
- Planning, Implementation and Constraints
- Photos

Continuous Improvement is an ongoing procedure that is necessary to maintain the quality of the sample preparation and assay at the HM Laboratories in response to the increase in production at the PT HM Tangofa Mine, from 75,000 wmt per month during 2019 to 300,000 wmt per month in June 2022. Accompanying this three fold increase in the production of saprolite ore, Nickel Industries is now commencing the mining of limonite to feed an HAPAL Plant at IMIP to produce batteries for electric vehicles in Sulawesi. This increase in production has seen a corresponding increase in the staffing levels at the Sample Prep and Assay laboratories, as well as the purchase of additional equipment to meet the increased production with upgrading the equipment at the sample prep lab, the assay lab and associated storage.Nickel Industries have signed MOU's and other agreements in order to acquire additional resources to provide additional feedstock for additional RKEF lines at IMIP at Morowali and IWIP at Halmahera.

To meet the challenges of the increased production and implementation of additional technologies and equipment to handle these increases it will be important to upgrade the skill sets of the staff to ensure that the increase in production will see a corresponding increase in the quality of the data generated at the labs, and continue to seek higher standards of precision and accuracy through improved techniques.

Current international standards for the reporting of exploration and mining results, such as JORC Code 2012 and Canadian NI43-101, require that a programme of data verification is included with any exploration programme to confirm the validity of the exploration data, and this is normally done by inclusion of JORC Code , 2012 Edition – Table 1 Report Template, a copy of which is attached as Table 2.

#### **6. Conclusions**

This report has been submitted as part of a JORC Code 2012 Edition Compliant report following the guiding principles of Transparency, Materiality and Competence with the author providing details of the QAQC activities at the HM operations at their Tangofa Camp.

The purpose of Quality Assurance and Quality Control is to determine the quantity and concentration of Ni and Fe and associated lateritic nickel elements and provide confidence in the numbers to allow us to use these numbers in resource estimation, and ensuring that the data we are going to collect and the data we are collecting are of suitable quality. Quality Assurance is about the prevention of errors occurring before the sampling or measurement and Quality Control is about the detection/correction of errors as they occur during the sampling or measurement process (Sterk, 2019).

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the samples submitted by the exploration and mining operations at PT HM is the "JIS Method for Sampling and Method of Determination of Moisture Content of Garnierite Nickel Ore" JIS M-8109-1996, by H.Kanazawa, August 1996. Other SOP's are added as new equipment and technologies are introduced into the Sample Prep and Sample Assay Labs.

Descriptions of the various splitting, drying, crushing and pulverising stages are given and what check samples are collected from and introduced into the sample stream at those times. This is where *"…the reduction in particle size, through crushing and pulverising, and its sample size, through splitting, while retaining the representativeness of the medium being sampled"* is our mantra.

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It was suggested that data with "good" accuracy and "good" precision can be regarded as "Good Quality" and as such, will be "fit for purpose" when the precision and accuracy are within acceptable tolerances. It is the author's belief that the Quality Assurance and Quality Control team at the HM Sample Prep Lab and Assay Lab have shown in the work described in this report that the data generated from the labs is of Good Quality and Fit for Purpose, with the precision and accuracy within acceptable limits and is suitable for inclusion in the calculation of mineral resources for the JORC Compliant Report for PT Hengjaya Mineralindo.

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### **APPENDIX 5**

## **COMPETENT PERSONS RESUME**

# DANIEL MADRE , MSc(GEOLOGY)

### EXPLORATION SPECIALIST





# **Resume**





Since 2004, Tobias has been working full time in the Indonesian coal and minerals exploration industry specializing in exploration geology, regional mineral studies, due diligence work, database validation and resource development. Tobias has a Bachelor of Science degree from the Charles Sturt University in NSW, Australia. He has also held a membership with the AusIMM since 2009.

Tobias has more than 15 years exploration experience throughout the country. This work includes the exploration and development of numerous nickel laterite projects. providing a key role in the optimization of exploration techniques that can be used to minimize costs & maximize project value, increasing confidence in estimation of Nickel laterite volumes to determine what are the controlling factors for project development within Indonesian deposits.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



### **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Since 2009 Member of the AusIMM (No.304661)

### **EMPLOYMENT & WORK EXPERIENCE**



-UltraGPR survey 175km









- 1999- 2004 Natural Beauty Floor Sanding (full-time)
	- Surface preparation; punch & fill, sanding & edging
	- Applying coating product

September 2000 Hydrographic Sciences Australia (2 weeks work experience)

- Re-editing Hydrographic charts
- Hydrographic chart compilation
- Sounding selection

### **CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS**



### **SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE**

- SURPAC Mining software Good Knowledge of Geodatabase, Surface modelling, Block Modelling, Pit optimisation, Pit design modules.
- WHITTLE Pit optimisation Software good knowledge of Pit optimisation procedure and analysis
- ArcGIS 9.3 and ArcView 3.2 GIS Software Good knowledge of Spatial interpolation techniquies and map design
- MapINFO and Surfer GIS software
- Microsoft 7-10, VISTA, XP and NT operation systems
- Microsoft office 2003, 2007 & 2010 Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint
- Adobe acrobat 8 Professional
- AutoCAD 2009

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