

NICKEL MINES
ACN 127 510 589
(the Company)

Corporate Governance Statement

This Corporate Governance Statement sets out the Company's current compliance with the third edition of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Principles and Recommendations**). The Principles and Recommendations are not mandatory. However, the Company will be required to provide a statement in its future annual reports disclosing the extent to which the Company has followed the Principles and Recommendations.

The Board of the Company currently has in place corporate governance policies and charters which have been posted in a dedicated corporate governance information section on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au.

PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS		COMPLY (Yes/No)	EXPLANATION
1.	Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
1.1	Companies should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	Yes	The respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management are defined under the Board Charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au . There is a clear delineation between the Board's responsibility for the Company's strategy and activities, and the day-to-day management of operations conferred upon officers of the Company.
1.2	Companies should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Yes	The process for selection, appointment, and re-appointment of directors is detailed in the Nomination Committee Charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au . Under the Nomination Committee Charter, shareholders are required to be provided with all material information in the Committee's possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director including, biographical details, qualifications, a statement as to whether the Board supports the nomination of the director and the degree of independence of the director and, details of any existing directorships held.

1.3	Companies should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Yes	The Company requires each director and senior executive to execute a written agreement setting out the terms of their appointment.
1.4	The company secretary should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	Yes	Richard Edwards has been appointed as the Company's secretary. The company secretary reports directly to the chair of the Board, Robert Neale. The role of the company secretary is outlined in the Board Charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au .
1.5	<p>Companies should:</p> <p>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either:</p> <p>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au. The Diversity Policy requires the Board to establish measurable objectives to assist the Company in achieving gender diversity and to review the Company's progress in meeting these objectives.</p> <p>Due to the Company's size and the locations in which it operates, it has elected not to set gender diversity objectives in its Diversity Policy at this time. The Board shall, when the Company has reached the requisite corporate and commercial maturity, amend the Company's Diversity Policy to include set gender diversity objectives against which it will assess its diversity performance annually.</p> <p>The Company acknowledges that it respects the benefits of employment diversity and will employ the best staff available.</p>

1.6	<p>Companies should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	Yes	<p>Under the Board Charter, the Board is required, at least once per year to review and evaluate the performance of the Board, its Committees and individual directors against the relevant charters, corporate governance policies, and agreed goals and objectives (as applicable).</p> <p>The Board will ensure that an evaluation of the Board, its committees and individual directors is undertaken in accordance with the Board Charter in future years. The Company will provide details as to its compliance with these recommendations in its future annual reports.</p>
1.7	<p>Companies should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	Yes	<p>Under the Board Charter, the Board is responsible for reviewing and approving the performance of the members of the executive leadership team.</p> <p>The Board will ensure that an evaluation of the members of its executive leadership team is undertaken in accordance with the Board Charter in future years. The Company will provide details as to its compliance with these recommendations in its future annual reports.</p>
2. Structure the board to add value			
2.1	<p>The board should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, <p>and disclose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or 	Yes	<p>The Board has established a Nomination Committee to oversee the selection and appointment practices of the Company. The Nomination Committee is governed by a Nomination Committee Charter, which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au. The Nomination Committee consists of three members, Robert Neale (Chair), Mark Lochtenberg and Norman Seckold. Robert Neale and Mark Lochtenberg are considered independent directors.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee Charter prohibits a member of the Committee from being present for discussions at a Committee meeting on, or to vote on a matter regarding, his or her election, re-election, or removal.</p> <p>The Company will provide details as to the Committee's activities each year and any related significant results and findings in its future annual reports.</p>

	(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.		
2.2	Companies should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	Yes	The Company's Nomination Committee is responsible for regularly reviewing the size, composition and skills of the Board to ensure that the Board is able to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively and to identify any gaps in the skills or experience of the Board. The Company will provide details as to the Board's skills matrix in its future annual reports.
2.3	Companies should disclose: (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; (b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director.	Yes	The Company assesses the independence of its directors against the requirements for independence set out in the Board Charter which reflect the independence criteria set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Principles. Director independence is initially assessed upon each director's appointment and reviewed each year, or as required when a new personal interest or conflict of interest is disclosed. Directors are required to disclose all actual or potential conflicts of interest on an ongoing basis. Whilst five of the eight directors are not considered independent, the Company believes that their extensive experience is invaluable and outweighs any perceived lack of independence.
2.4	A majority of the board should be independent directors.	No	The Company has eight directors and three of these are considered independent for ASX purposes. The Board believes that the current mix of directors is appropriate for the Company's business and circumstances and is in the best interests of shareholders as a whole. Further, the Board believes that, the Board as a whole is not hindered in its ability to exercise independent view and judgement. The Board is mindful of the recommendation that a majority of

			the Board should be independent directors and will continue to take this into consideration when considering the future nomination, election or re-election of directors to the Board.
2.5	The chair of the board should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the Managing Director.	Yes	The Chairman of the Board is Robert Neal. Peter Round is considered an independent director for ASX purposes. The roles of Chairman and Managing Director are exercised by two separate individuals. The role of Managing Director is held by Justin Werner.
2.6	Companies should have a programme for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Yes	The Company's Nomination Committee is responsible for establishing and facilitating induction for new directors and providing new directors with all such information and advice which may be considered necessary or desirable for the director to commence their appointment to the Board. The Company's Nomination Committee is also responsible for providing directors with access to continuing education for directors for the purpose of updating and maintaining their skills and knowledge to perform their roles as directors effectively. A copy of the Nomination Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au
3	Act ethically and responsibly		
3.1	Companies should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	Yes	The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct which applies to all directors, officers and employees of the Company as well as a Securities Trading Policy. Each of these has been prepared having regard to the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations and is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au
4	Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
4.1	The board should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the	Yes	The Company has established an Audit and Risk Management Committee to oversee the management of financial and internal risks. The Audit and Risk Management Committee consists of four members, Mark Lochtenberg (Chair), James Crombie, Weifeng Huang and Robert Neale. Mark Lochtenberg and Robert Neale are independent directors and all are non-executive directors. The Audit and Risk Management Committee is governed by an

	<p>chair of the board, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>		<p>Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com</p> <p>The Company will provide details as to the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee, the number of times the committee met and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in its future annual reports.</p>
4.2	<p>The board should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its Managing Director and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>	Yes	<p>Prior to the Board approving the Company's financial statements, the Board will ensure that it receives from the Managing Director and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity, and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>
4.3	<p>Companies should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company requires its external auditor to attend its AGM to answer any questions from shareholders relevant to the audit and this is specifically set out in the Company's Shareholder Communication Policy.</p>
5	Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1	<p>Companies should:</p>	Yes	<p>The Company is committed to taking a proactive approach to</p>

	<p>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>		<p>continuous disclosure and creating a culture within the Company that promotes and facilitates compliance with the Company's continuous disclosure obligations.</p> <p>The Company has adopted a written policy to ensure compliance with their ASX Listing Rule disclosure obligations. A copy of the Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on its website at www.nickelmines.com.au.</p>
6	Respect the rights of security holders		
6.1	Companies should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	<p>The Company provides investors with comprehensive and timely access to information about itself and its governance on its website at www.nickelmines.com.au, including copies of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution, Board and committee charters and key corporate governance policies, copies of all material information lodged with ASX, copies of all announcements, briefings and speeches made to the market, analysts or the media, press releases or announcements made by the Company, financial data for the Company, the Company's annual reports and notices of shareholder meetings. Further details are set out in the Company's Shareholder Communication Policy.</p>
6.2	Companies should design and implement an investor relations programme to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	Yes	<p>The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Policy for shareholders wishing to communicate with the Board, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.</p> <p>The Company seeks to utilise numerous modes of communication, including electronic communication to ensure that its communication with shareholders is frequent, clear and accessible.</p>
6.3	Companies should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	<p>All shareholders are invited to attend the Company's annual meetings either in person or by representative. Shareholders have an opportunity to submit questions to the Board or the Company's external auditor.</p>

6.4	Companies should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Yes	The Company encourages shareholders to submit questions or requests for information directly to the Company via the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com . The Company also encourages shareholders to submit any questions related to their shareholdings in the Company to the Company's share registry with the share registry's contact details included in the Company's Shareholder Communication Policy, including details for electronic communication.
7 Recognise and manage risk			
7.1	<p>Companies should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, <p>and disclose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	Yes	<p>In conjunction with the Company's other corporate governance policies, the Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy which is designed to assist the Company to identify, assess, monitor and manage its risk, including any material changes to its risk profile.</p> <p>The Board has delegated responsibility for the day-to day oversight and management of the Company's risk profile to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Company maintains effective risk management and internal control systems and processes and provides regular reports to the Board on these matters.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee consists of four members, Mark Lochtenberg (Chair), James Crombie, Weifeng Huang and Robert Neale. Mark Lochtenberg and Robert Neale are independent directors and all are non-executive directors.</p> <p>The Board has conferred responsibility on the Company's management to develop and maintain a risk management programme and internal control systems which identify material risks in light of the day to day needs of the Company.</p> <p>The Board is responsible for oversight of the overall system of internal control and provides final consideration and direction on any risk management issues.</p> <p>The Company will provide details as to the number of times the committee met and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in its future annual reports.</p> <p>A copy of the Company's Risk Management Policy is available</p>

			on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com .
7.2	<p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	Yes	<p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee will annually review and evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management framework to ensure that its internal control systems and processes are monitored and updated on an ongoing basis. The division of responsibility between the Board, Audit and Risk Management Committee and management aims to ensure that specific responsibilities for risk management are clearly communicated and understood.</p> <p>The Risk Management Policy provides for regular reporting to the Board which supplements the Company's quality system, complaint handling processes and standard operating procedures which are all designed to address various forms of risks.</p> <p>The Company will provide details on whether such a review has taken place in its future annual reports.</p>
7.3	<p>Companies should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes</p>	No	<p>Due to the Company's current size and business circumstances, the Company does not have an internal audit function. The Company will reconsider this decision as appropriate and appoint an internal auditor if, and when, the Company considers this necessary.</p> <p>Under the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter, the Audit and Risk Management Committee is responsible for providing an independent and objective assessment to the Board regarding the adequacy, effectiveness and efficiency of the Company's risk management and internal control process.</p>
7.4	<p>Companies should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company does not consider that it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks.</p> <p>If the Company determines in the future that it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability, the Company will provide details in its future annual reports.</p>
8	Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
8.1	<p>Companies should:</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has a Remuneration Committee, which is governed by a Remuneration Committee Charter. A copy of the</p>

	<p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, <p>and disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>		<p>Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the website at www.nickelmines.com.au</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee consists of three members, Robert Neale (Chair), Mark Lochtenberg and James Crombie. All three are non-executive and considered independent directors .</p> <p>Further, the Remuneration Committee Charter prohibits a member of the Committee from being present for discussions at a Committee meeting on, or vote on a matter regarding, his or her remuneration.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee is chaired by Robert Neale, who is an independent director for ASX purposes.</p> <p>The Company will provide details as to the number of times the committee met and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in its future annual reports.</p>
8.2	<p>Companies should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.</p>	Yes	<p>The Remuneration Committee is responsible for setting and reviewing the policies and practices of the Company regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives, separately.</p> <p>Policies and practices regarding remuneration of non-executive directors, executive directors and senior executives will be disclosed in the annual report of the Company.</p>
8.3	<p>A company which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has adopted a Securities Trading Policy which provides that participants must not, without prior written approval by the relevant person specified in the Policy, engage in hedging arrangements, deal in derivatives or enter into other</p>

	<p>enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>		<p>arrangements which vary economic risk related to the Company's securities.</p> <p>A copy of the Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website at www.nickelmines.com.au</p>
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