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## **COMPLETION OF US\$150M MILLION ISSUANCE OF SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES**

Nickel Mines Limited (**the Company**) is pleased to announce the completion of a US\$150 million 'tap' issuance (**New Notes**) of its existing Senior Unsecured Notes at an interest rate of 6.50%, maturing 1 April 2024 (**Existing Notes**).

The proposed New Notes constitute a further issuance of and shall be consolidated with the Existing Notes to form a US\$325 million single series of notes (**Notes**).

By increasing the total quantum of Notes outstanding and by extending the issue to include qualified institutional buyers in the USA pursuant to Rule 144A (the Existing Notes were Regulation S only), the Company has been able to further improve the spread and liquidity of the Notes, thereby improving the performance of the Company's Notes in the bond market.

Funds from the issue of the New Notes will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, bolstering the Company's treasury.

Commenting on the completion of the Company's bond tap issuance, Mr Peter Nightingale, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer said:

*"This tap issue completes the inaugural note issuance initiated by the Company in April 2021.*

*Whilst the Company's existing cash reserves and budgeted cash flows meet the US\$210 million funding requirement to increase its ownership of the Angel Nickel Project, which will more than double the Company's nameplate nickel production capacity after commissioning in 2022, from 50% already owned to 80%, this tap allows the Company to maintain a healthy treasury balance.*

*Further, the Company continues to be very conservatively geared with a gross debt ratio of only 1.7 times the Company's attributable EBITDA for past year (before any contribution from the Angel Nickel Project), well positioning the Company to manage potential future opportunities."*

Key details of the New Notes are set out below:

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|------------------------|---|
| Issuer                 | Nickel Mines Limited  |
| New Notes Issue Size   | US\$150M of Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Notes   |
| Total Bond Issue Size  | US\$325M of Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Notes   |
| Coupon                 | 6.50% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis in arrears  |
| Corporate Rating       | Moody's B1 (Stable)   Fitch B+ (Stable)   |
| Distribution Format    | Rule 144A / Regulation S (to be consolidated and form a single class with the Existing Notes)                             |
| Interest Payment Dates | 1 April and 1 October of each year, commencing on 1 October 2021  |
| Final Maturity Date    | 1 April 2024  |
| Listing                | Approval in-principle has been received for the listing of the Notes on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited |
| Reg S ISIN             | XS2325213689  |
| 144A ISIN              | US653894AA37  |

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