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Successful completion of Retail Entitlement Offer

The Directors of Nickel Mines Limited ('the Company' or 'Nickel Mines') are pleased to announce the successful completion of the retail component ('Retail Entitlement Offer') of its fully underwritten 2 for 11 accelerated pro-rata non-renounceable entitlement offer ('Entitlement Offer') that was announced on Wednesday, 2 December 2020.

The institutional component of the Entitlement Offer closed on Thursday, 3 December 2020 and raised approximately A\$275 million at A\$0.94 per New Share.

The Retail Entitlement Offer closed at 5:00pm on Friday, 18 December 2020 and raised approximately A\$58 million, implying a take-up rate by eligible retail shareholders of approximately 65%. Eligible retail shareholders applied for a further approximately A\$20 million of Additional New Shares in excess of their entitlement.

Eligible retail shareholders who applied for Additional New Shares will have their applications partially allocated. The remaining approximately A\$16 million of New Shares not allocated to eligible retail shareholders under the Retail Entitlement Offer will be allocated to sub-underwriters under the Retail Entitlement Offer.

Final details and allocations are subject to reconciliation and an audit process that is currently being completed by Nickel Mines' share registry.

New shares under the Retail Entitlement Offer are expected to be allotted on Tuesday, 29 December 2020 and commence trading on the ASX on Wednesday, 30 December 2020.

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