



# Message from the CEO

The month of November was static due to the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) continuing to refuse the company an export permit and the withdrawal of the company's Foreign Investment Certificates, both of which Axiom believes to be unlawful actions.

Late in October, the company received a notice from the Director of Foreign Investment of the SIG, purporting to cancel our Foreign Investment Certificates for our Solomon Islands incorporated companies and in November received a further notice from the SIG imposing fines of SBD\$3.5m for each company for allegedly not having a provisional business licence in Isabel Province. Furthermore the same notice demanded that its directors of two of Axiom's subsidiaries to surrender their passports.

Our company's lawyers have advised that the claims in the notices from the SIG are not valid in a law and accordingly the company responded making clear its position. An appeal has been lodged to the Foreign Investment Committee.

In a separate action the company had initiated legal action to overturn the decision to refuse us an export permit. The reasoning from the minerals board for the decision was the company's lack of a business license from the Isabel Provincial Government. Our lawyers view is their decision is also not lawful nor is such a requirement stipulated anywhere in the Mines and Minerals Act of the Solomon Islands.

Furthermore a high court hearing for a claim in the High Court for a Judicial Review and Misfeasance relating to the failure of the mineral board's to issue an export permit was set down for 7 November 2019. On the day the presiding judge adjourned the hearing to the first quarter 2020.

Representations have been made to the various authorities in the Solomon Islands and the company is confident that building social, economic and political realities will see these actions remedied in our favour.

Ryan Mount, CEO

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# Solomon Islands Isabel Nickel Project

#### San Jorge Mining Lease

No additional tones were mined during the month of November due to the halt of all mining activity in October.

The Company remains confident that it's Foreign Investment Certificate will be re-stated and that the export permit will be eventually issued. Under this scenario the Company would anticipate an 8 to 10 week period of remobilization and re-commencement of mining at San Jorge prior to the first shipment of ore.

#### Other areas of the Isabel Nickel Project

As for other areas of interest as to nickel mining in the Solomon Islands, Axiom reports:

- It has filed a claim for judicial review in the High Court over an area known as Jejevo; no trial date is set yet; Axiom was informed after the reporting period that the Prospecting Licence of Sunshine Nickel Limited (of which Axiom is challenging) was cancelled by the SIG.
- It has filed a claim for judicial review in the High Court over an area known as South San Jorge (outside of Axiom's current Mining Lease); with no trial date set yet;
- It has filed a claim for judicial review in the High Court over Kolosori as to Axiom's prospecting licence application that was deemed unsuccessful by the Solomon Islands Ministry of Mines and subsequently granted to two other companies. Significant resources are planned to be committed to this court proceeding,

## **Nickel Market Update**

Nickel prices in November

November saw the spot price for nickel drift slightly lower from US\$16,745 a ton to US\$14,305 a ton. At the time of writing this report however it has bounced back and was US\$14,450\* a ton.

The London Metals Exchange supply of nickel is at an all-time low of 67,000 tonnes and Chinese stainless steel companies are still building up nickel inventories in managing their expectations as to the Indonesian Governments execution of bans on the export or nickel ore.

\* Axiom does not intend to sell nickel metal. Axiom will sell nickel ore and the LME nickel price is a general indicator of price and demand of all nickel products including Axiom's nickel. **Source: LME** 





### **Australian Tenements**

#### Cardross, Mountain Maid, OK and Mt Molloy

Axiom currently holds prospective copper / gold tenements in North Queensland and will continue to review these tenements with interest, particularly following the commencement of field geochemical and geological program during the June and December 2018 and March 2019 quarters.

Field work completed at Mountain Maid included core density and mine scoping along with geological mapping with continuing desk top studies of the data gathered from that program undertaken during the March quarter.

A renewal application over Cardross ML 20003 has been lodged with the Queensland Government's Department of Natural Resources.

### **Tenement Interest** Isabel Nickel Project, San Jorge

Axiom is working to finalise the relevant changes to the corporate entities for the change in the economic interest from 80% to 90% for San Jorge project.

## Schedule of tenements

		Tenement number	Interest held	Status
	Isabel Nickel Project			
Solomon slands	San Jorge	ML01/18	90%	ML Granted
Australia	Cardross Project, Chillagoe, Qld			
	Cardross	ML 20003	100%	Granted (Under Renewal)
	Cardross	EPM 19821	100%	Granted
	Mount Molloy Project, N	lareeba, Qld		
	Mt Molloy copper mines	ML 4831	100%	Granted (Under Renewal)
	OK Mines Project, Chillagoe, Qld			
	OK North	ML 4805	100%	Granted
	OK South	ML 4806	100%	Granted
	OK Extended	ML 4809	100%	Granted
	OK Extended No. 2	ML 4813	100%	Granted
	OK	ML 5038	100%	Granted
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#### **About Axiom Mining Limited**

Axiom Mining Limited ('the Company') focuses on tapping into the resource potential within the mineral-rich Pacific Rim. Through dedication to forging strong bonds and relationships with the local communities and governments where we operate, Axiom Mining has built a diversified portfolio of exploration tenements in the Asia Pacific region. The Company also owns all majority holdings in highly prospective gold silver and copper tenements in North Queensland, Australia.

The Company is listed on the ASX. For more information on Axiom Mining, please visit www.axiom-mining.com

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Axiom is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning these exploration results continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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