

Mr Willem Dique appointed as Chief Operating Officer

Pacific Nickel Mines Limited (ASX Code: PNM) ("**Pacific Nickel**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr. Willem Dique as Chief Operating Officer (COO), as the Company progresses to full ore production of around 1.5mtpa from the 80% owned Kolosori Nickel Project ("**Kolosori Nickel Project**" or "**the Project**") in the Solomon Islands.

Mr. Dique is an experienced mining engineer with 18 years of experience in both technical and production management, for several commodities including nickel laterite, coal, and gold in both open pit and underground projects. Over the past 5 years Mr. Dique has worked specifically on open pit nickel laterite projects in Indonesia, which includes 3.5 years as a Corporate Manager of PT Hengjaya Mineralindo, an 80% owned subsidiary of Nickel Industries Limited (ASX: NIC).

In his capacity as Corporate Manager at PT Hengjaya Mineralindo, Mr. Dique directly oversaw the management of ramping up existing nickel laterite supply to fulfill stringent offtake agreements and, as part of the management team, explored new concession acquisitions to expand that company's footprint.

Most recently Mr. Dique was a Corporate Manager for one of the largest mining service contractors globally, Thiess Contractors Indonesia, where he was specifically tasked with establishing nickel mining capability for Thiess as part of their metal's diversification strategy into Indonesian laterite nickel markets.

Pacific Nickel Mines main priorities for Mr Dique will be as follows:

- Oversee the Kolosori Nickel Project as it ramps up into full production (1.5mtpa) with a focus on achieving three shipments per month during the dry season.
- Improve ore production rates and lowering site unit operating costs.
- Progress the Mining Lease Application for the Jejevo Nickel Project
- Advance the Jejevo Nickel Project through development with a goal of achieving first production next year.
- Maintain a high standard of Environment, Social and Corporate Governance across the Company's operations in the Solomon Islands.

Pacific Nickel CEO Geoff Hiller commented:

"Pacific Nickel is delighted to have Willem Dique on board as Chief Operating Officer for the Company's operations in the Solomon Islands and to optimise the production capabilities of the Kolosori Project, as we ramp up to full production. Mr Dique has extensive experience in Indonesian nickel laterite operations that are very similar to the mining operations currently underway at the Kolosori Project."

"As Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Dique will oversee the production at the Kolosori Nickel Project, with the aim of maintaining the cash flow and profitability of the Project, in line with the Company's expectations. He will also be responsible for ensuring that a Mining Lease for the Jejevo Nickel Project is granted as soon as practicable. It is also contemplated that in due course Mr. Dique will oversee the development of the Company's Jejevo Nickel Project, which is also located on Isabel Island, Solomon Islands."

“The Board and I welcome Mr. Dique to Pacific Nickel and look forward to working closely with him as the Company looks to achieve full production capacity in the near future.”

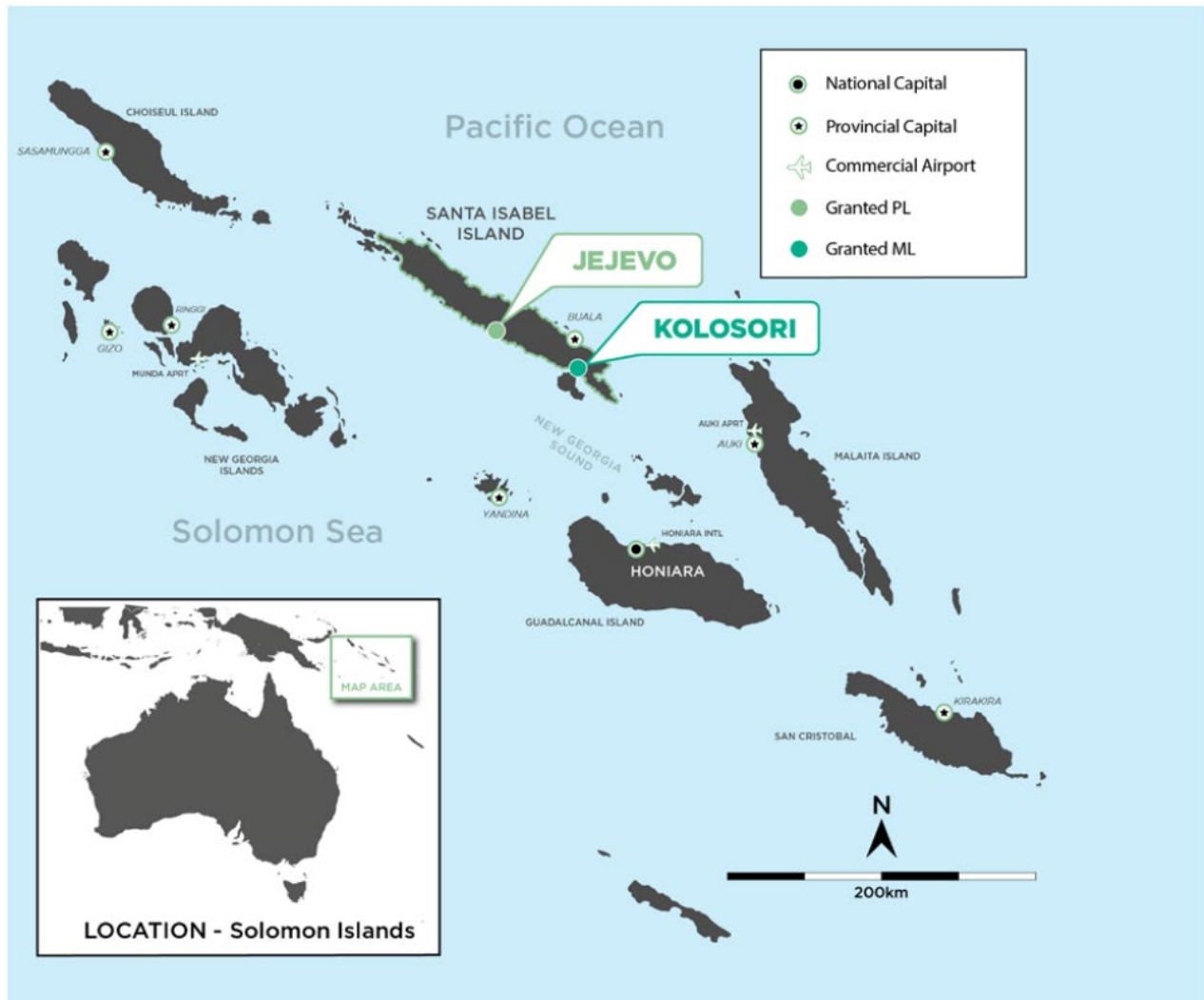


Figure 1 – Location of the Kolosori Nickel Project and the Company’s Jejevo Nickel Project on Santa Isabel Island

Further information on Pacific Nickel is available at www.pacificnickel.com.

Authorised by the Board.

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