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NOVA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Key points

- Mining of the boxcut progressing ahead of schedule
- Expansion of construction camp progressing ahead of schedule
- Roads and infrastructure corridors being established on schedule
- Construction of permanent accommodation village has commenced
- Aerodrome clearing underway
- Construction of tailings storage facility to start early March

Sirius Resources NL (ASX:SIR) ("Sirius" or the "Company") advises that the development and construction of the Nova nickel mine is progressing as planned, and in several areas, is ahead of schedule.

Mining

Mining of the boxcut (from which the underground decline will commence) is being undertaken by NRW Civil and Mining as a subcontractor to Barminco. The boxcut is progressing ahead of schedule and is currently at a depth of 11 metres below surface (see Figures 1 and 2). The design depth is 38 metres at the portal of the decline. The boxcut's flood protection bund is 90% complete and all infrastructure including service compounds, offices and maintenance workshops have been completed and are in use. Action Drill & Blast have also mobilised to site in readiness to commence drilling and blasting when the free digging oxidised rock has been removed.

Access road and aerodrome

Establishment of the infrastructure corridors – which will include the access road plus pipelines and powerlines – is proceeding to schedule (see Figure 3). The water supply dam is now lined and will be completed by the end of February (see Figure 4). This will form the basis of the water management and distribution required for the earthworks. The laydown area for contractors Kerman Contracting (Kerman) and RJ Vincent has been completed and their offices and workshop facilities are now being utilised.

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Figure 1. Boxcut



Figure 2. Boxcut

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Figure 3. Main infrastructure corridor (for sealed access road, plus pipelines and power lines)



Figure 4. Water supply dam

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Site Accommodation

Kerman are building the construction camp and permanent accommodation village and are currently two weeks into a 32 week work program (see Figures 5 and 6). Kerman have made excellent progress and have completed and handed over 160 rooms ahead of schedule which brings the construction camp to a capacity of 192 rooms. Construction of the 492 room permanent village is now underway.



Figure 5. Construction camp expansion – laying underground services

Tailings storage facility

Watpac commenced mobilisation to site on 19^{th} February to establish a laydown area with offices and workshop facilities prior to starting construction of the tailings storage facility (TSF). Major works on the TFS will commence on 2^{nd} March.

Project Contracts

The tender process for the remaining contracts is complete. Those undergoing final evaluation by Sirius are:

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- Power station (build own operate)
- Ore processing plant (EPC lump sum)
- Concrete batch plant (rates)
- 11KV Power distribution system (lump sum)
- Non-processing infrastructure (lump sum)
- Process plant bulk earth works (lump sum)



Figure 6. Construction camp expansion - footings for accommodation units

Project Management

Recruitment of additional personnel required for project development and operations is progressing as planned.

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