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# **Expiry of Unlisted Employee Options**

Highlands Pacific Limited (ASX: HIG) wishes to advise that the following unlisted employee options have expired:

Number of Options	<b>Exercise Price</b>	Expiry Date
7,225,000	\$0.266	31 March 2015

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ASX Code: HIG POMSoX Code: HIG

Shares on Issue: 921 million Performance Rights: 19.9 million

#### **Directors**

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## Management

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## **About Highlands Pacific Limited**

Highlands Pacific is a PNG incorporated and registered mining and exploration company listed on the ASX and POMSoX exchanges. Its major assets are interests in the producing US\$2.1bn Ramu nickel cobalt mine and the Frieda River copper gold project; with exploration in progress in the Star Mountains. Highlands also has exploration tenements at Muller Range on the border of the Western and Southern Highlands Provinces and on Normanby Island (Sewa Bay).

## Star Mountains Prospects\*

The Star Mountains exploration tenements, which include Nong River EL1312, Mt Scorpion EL1781, Munbil EL2001 and Tifalmin EL1392, are located approximately 20km north of the Ok Tedi mine, in the West Sepik Province, PNG. They lie within the highly prospective New Guinean Orogenic Belt, which hosts the Grasberg, Ok Tedi, Porgera and Hidden Valley mines, as well as the Frieda deposit. The joint venture with partner Anglo American substantiates the world class potential and will enable an extensive exploration program to be undertaken in 2015 and beyond.

## Ramu Nickel Cobalt Mine

The producing Ramu nickel mine is located 75km west of the provincial capital of Madang, PNG. Highlands 8.56% interest in Ramu will increase to 11.3% at no cost to Highlands after repayment of its share of the project debt. Highlands also has an option to acquire an additional 9.25% interest in Ramu at fair market value, which could increase the company's interest in the mine to 20.55%, if the option is exercised.

## Frieda Copper/Gold Project\*

The Frieda copper gold project is located 175kms north-west of the Porgera gold mine and 75km north-east of the Ok Tedi mine. Highlands has a 20% interest in the project. PanAust with the remaining 80% will be responsible for 100% of the costs incurred by the Frieda River Joint Venture to finalise the definitive feasibility study for PanAust's development concept and will appoint and fund the cost of an independent expert to provide a peer review. PanAust will also be responsible for 100% of the costs to maintain the Frieda River project site, assets and community relations programmes up to the point in time of lodgement of the Mining Lease application.

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to the right of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea to acquire up to a 30% equity interest in any mining development in the country.