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Direct Nickel Appoints Former Rio Tinto Executive As Chairman

The board of Direct Nickel Limited (ASX: DIR and "DNi" or the "Company") advise that with the growing internationalisation of the company, London based Andrew Vickerman has accepted an invitation to become Chairman of the board. Vincent Sweeney who has held the position since October 2011 will remain on the board as a non-executive director.

"We are delighted that Andrew has accepted the Chairman's role. Securing someone of his calibre, profile and experience within the resources sector gives us an added boost as we enter into the exciting stage of bringing our first commercial plant to fruition in Indonesia", Mr Sweeney said.

During the period 1998 to 2009 Andrew was a member of the Operating and Executive Committees of Rio Tinto, with responsibility for communications and external relations. During the period 1994 to 1998 he was Finance Director of Lihir Gold Limited. Prior to that he worked with RTZ Mining & Metals as commercial advisor.

With a background in economics and finance he has previously worked as a consultant for the World Bank and has travelled extensively over the past thirty years.

Mr Vickerman first joined the Direct Nickel board in May as a non-executive director and has been a strong contributor to strategy formulation ahead of this change to take up the chairman's position.

Direct Nickel CEO Mr Debney said that Direct Nickel looks to utilise the skills and connections Mr Vickerman brings. "The challenge for all junior companies and in our case introducing a disruptive technological solution is to ensure adequate and timely funding is available to take advantage of opportunities as they arise."

Yours sincerely



Vincent Sweeney
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Direct Nickel has developed a game changing process for extracting nickel from nickel laterite deposits. It will position Direct Nickel as one of the lowest cash cost producers in the global nickel industry in the next 5 years. The Process offers unparalleled cost efficiency, capital savings and environmental benefits.

Nickel is a strategic metal and a vital alloy in quality stainless steel. As a result of the decline in production from sulphides and technical difficulties with completion and start-up of alternative nickel laterite processing plants, nickel is forecast to suffer a supply shortfall commencing in 2017.

Direct Nickel is has operations in Sydney and Perth. It also operates in Indonesia through its subsidiary, PT Direct Nickel with offices in Jakarta.

Additional information on the Company, the DNi Process, the Test Plant and related activities, including photographs, is available at www.directnickel.com, or by request from the Company.