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## **EXPORT OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL LICENCE AWARDED**

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PERTH, AUSTRALIA. Mirabela Nickel Limited (ASX: MBN, TSX: MNB) is pleased to announce that it has been granted an environmental licence by the Municipal Council for Environmental Defense of Ilheus - Condema for the loading, storage and up-loading of nickel concentrate in the town of Ilheus. The granting of this licence clears the way for Mirabela to commence export operations through the Ilheus port, located approximately 136 kilometres from Mirabela's Santa Rita mine.

Mirabela is currently selling nickel concentrate to its domestic customer, Votorantim Metais Niquel S.A, with exports of nickel concentrate to Norilsk Nickel expected to commence during the second quarter 2010.

***For and on behalf of the Board***

**Ian Purdy**

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