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**DRILLING UPDATE – LOONGANA NICKEL PROJECT**

Richmond Mining Limited advises that drilling has been suspended at the Loongana nickel project due to a badly damaged head ram on the drilling rig. This ram lowers and raises the drill head and attached line of drill rods.

The drill rig has been remobilised back to Kalgoorlie for major repairs. Once repaired the rig has a prior commitment to fulfil before it would be available to resume drilling at Loongana in early December.

The Loongana nickel project is situated on the Nullarbor Plain approximately 500 kilometres east of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. The principal exploration model is for nickel sulphide mineralisation associated with a layered mafic/ultramafic intrusion, which lies beneath 250-350 metres of Tertiary limestone and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks of the Eucla Basin.

Of the three holes planned in the current programme to test prominent gravity anomalies for potential nickel sulphides, only one vertical reverse circulation hole (LONRC6) was completed before the drilling was suspended.

LONRC6 (6592653mN 258372mE) was drilled to a depth of 336 metres and went through the unconformity between the cover sediments (135 metres of limestone and 123 metres of carbonaceous siltstone) and basement rocks at 258 metres depth.

When the hole was stopped it had intersected 78 metres of mafic rocks that contain trace amounts of pyrite and chalcopyrite but no observable nickel sulphides. Samples have been submitted for assaying.

Loongana is a prime exploration target given the limited drilling completed to date has confirmed the intrusion is both mafic and ultramafic in composition, is sulphide rich and nickel sulphides are present in the ultramafic rocks.

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*Information in this report has been reviewed by a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code, being Mr Howard Dawson and Mr Max Nind who have sufficient experience in mineral resource estimation relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity to which they are undertaking, and consent to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.*