

SAINTS AND LEINSTER NICKEL PROJECTS – EXPLORATION UPDATE

Highlights

- Initial Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling programme completed at Saints with assay results pending
 - Down-hole electromagnetic (DHEM) survey of the completed drill-holes to be completed this week
 - A second RC programme will commence shortly at the advanced **T1 target**, one of the three new fertile channels confirmed by the recent air-core programme that could **potentially host significant massive nickel sulphide mineralisation**
 - Air-core (AC) programmes are currently being designed to advance the highly prospective **T4 target** at Saints and the **Valdez target** at Leinster
 - Consecutive drilling programmes planned over the two projects to systematically drill-test all three of the advanced channel targets as well as develop and advance emerging channel targets
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Auroch Minerals Limited (**ASX:AOU**) (**Auroch** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce an exploration update for its 100%-owned Saints Nickel Project (**Saints**) and Leinster Nickel Project (**Leinster**), located in the Northern Goldfields region of Western Australia.

At Saints, the Company has completed a 400m RC drilling programme designed to test the **T2 channel target**, one of four new channels confirmed by a recent air-core programme in the all-important basal contacts, the Eastern Footwall Contact and the Southern Footwall Contact (see Figure 1). The four highly-prospective channels are in addition to the known channels at St Patricks and St Andrews and, importantly, have effectively never been drilled previously.

A DHEM survey of the completed drill-holes will be completed this week. The results for both the DHEM and the assays of the drill-holes will be released to the market when they are received.

The next RC programme aimed at drill-testing the advanced **T1 target**, the next of the three new fertile channels confirmed by the recent air-core programme, will commence shortly. Each of these advanced channel targets have highly fertile, nickel-bearing basal ultramafic units which could potentially host significant massive nickel sulphide mineralisation, and hence are considered as highly-prospective advanced drill targets.

In parallel to the systematic drill-testing of the advanced channel targets at Saints, the Company has also planned several air-core drilling programmes at both Saints and Leinster. The AC programme at Saints has been designed to test the ultramafic basal flow at the **T4 channel target**, in order to better define the characteristics of the channel and basal flow and hence understand the potential of this developing target to host massive nickel sulphide mineralisation.

At Leinster the AC programme has been planned for the exciting **Valdez target**, in order to better understand the characteristics and prospectivity of the ultramafic units and the all-important footwall contact in relation to the strong EM conductor that has already been identified at Valdez. Information acquired from the AC drilling will be used to focus follow-up RC and diamond drilling programmes that will test the prospective targets.

Auroch Managing Director Aidan Platel commented:

"We are extremely pleased with how our exploration programmes are progressing at both Saints and Leinster. We have an exciting 6 – 12 months ahead, in which we will systematically drill-test the highly-prospective advanced channel targets at Saints, and at the same time develop our emerging targets at both Saints and Leinster. Each of the channel targets that are advanced to the point of drill-testing with RC and/or diamond programmes has the potential to host significant massive nickel sulphide mineralisation.

With such a continuous work programme and hence news flow ahead, the Company looks forward to advancing these highly-prospective nickel sulphide projects and thus creating significant value for our shareholders."

Photo 1 – Recently-completed RC drilling at the Saints Nickel Project



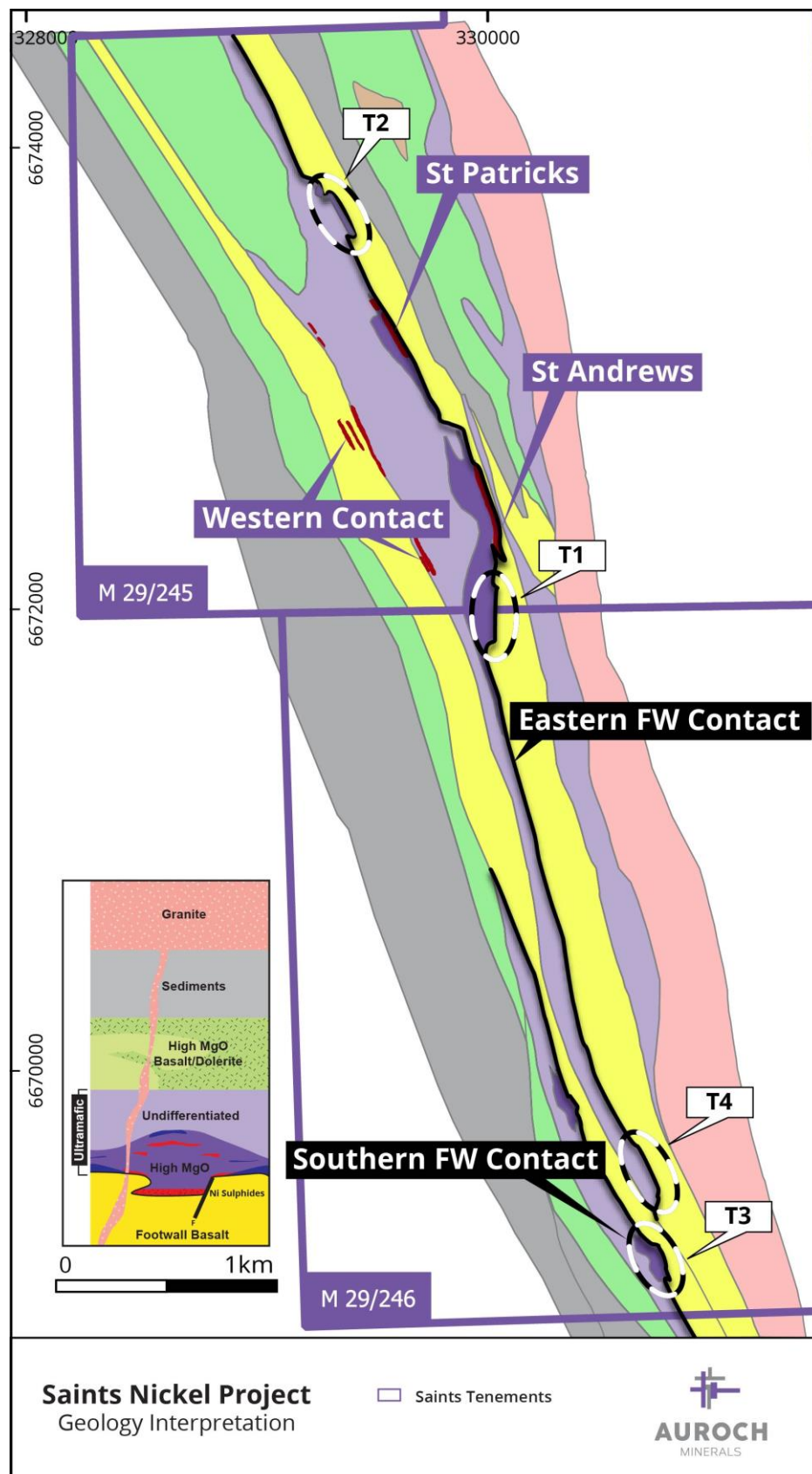


Figure 1 – New geological interpretation of the Saints Nickel Project showing the location of T2 and the other new channel target areas (T1, T3 & T4) confirmed by the recent AC drilling programme

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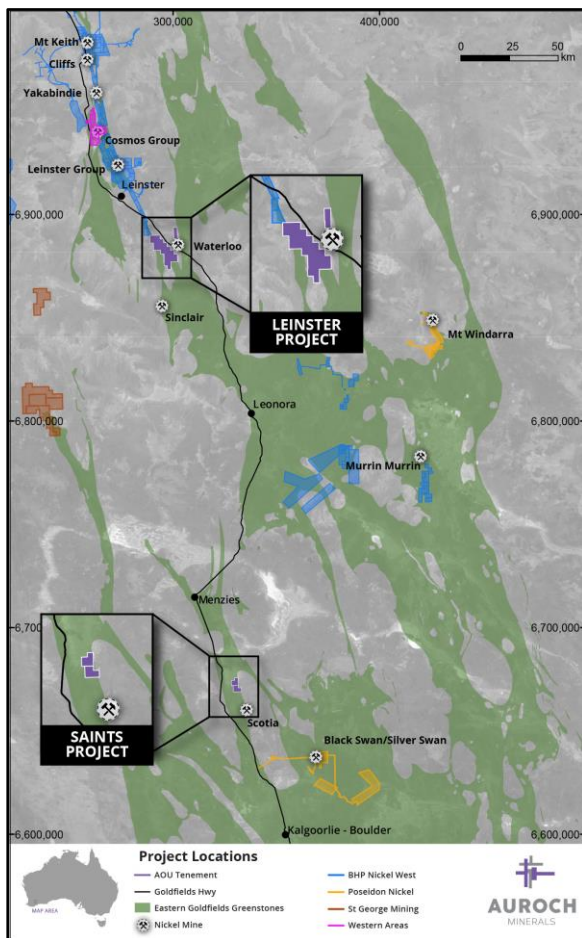
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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Aidan Platel and represents an accurate representation of the available data. Mr Platel (Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy) is the Company's Chief Geological Officer and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code 2012"). Mr Platel consents to the disclosure of this information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

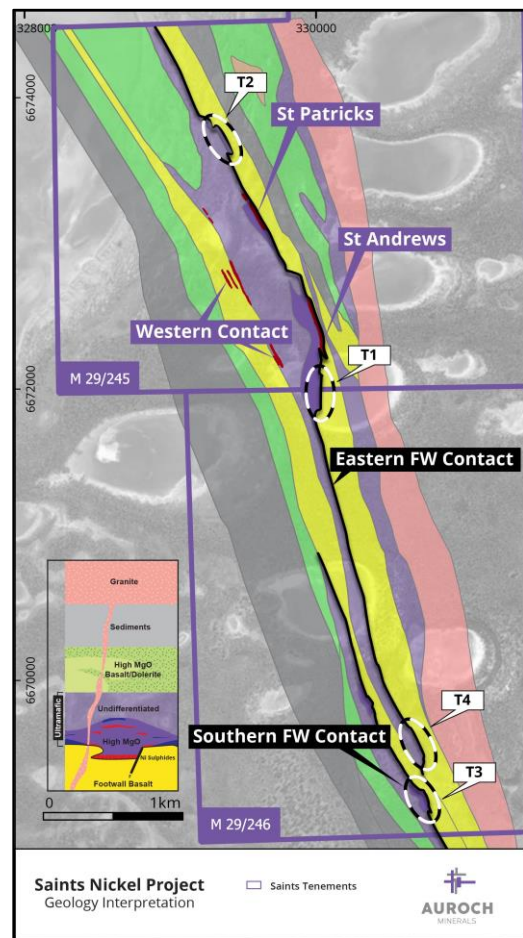
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Location of the Leinster and the Saints Nickel Projects, Western Australia



Interpreted geology map of the Saints Nickel Project highlighting the numerous channel targets in relation to the known nickel sulphide mineralisation (dark red) and ultramafic units (purple).