

## 163.5m at 0.52% Ni & 0.016% Co from 186.5m Ending in Mineralisation

- **282.5m at 0.43% Ni & 0.014% Co** from 67.5m (DDED21-076)
  - Including **163.5m at 0.52% Ni & 0.016% Co** from 186.5m
  - Final 18m of hole reported **0.66% Ni & 0.014% Co** from 331.7m and ending in mineralisation
  - Modelling indicates true width of intrusion to be ~600m and depth to be >1,500m
- Resource drilling definition program commenced across Bardwell portion of the Boomerang Target, across ~1km of total 6.5km prospective strike of the intrusion
- Grades of mineralisation comparable to that of BHP's (ASX: BHP) Mt Keith Mining Operation
- Imminently expecting results from DDED21-075 which contains 730m interval of host dunite intrusive unit, starting 20m below surface. Hole is currently being extended to depth of ~1,200m
- Edleston Project is located within a Tier 1 mining jurisdiction with access to green, low-cost hydroelectric power within the Project area

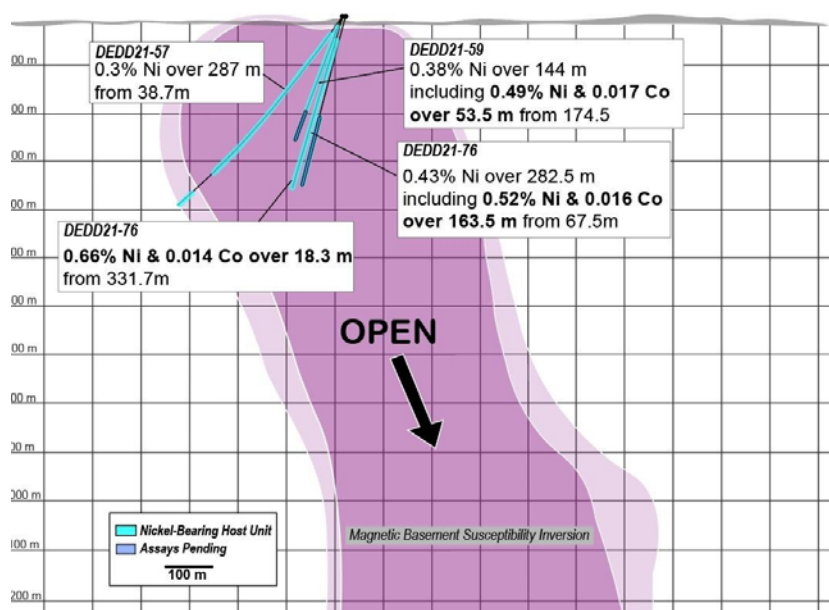


Figure 1: Cross section looking north of DDED21-057 & 059 & 76



Aston Minerals Limited ("Aston Minerals" or "the Company", ASX: ASO) is pleased to announce that it has intersected 163.5m at 0.52% Ni and 0.016% Co from 186.5m within the Boomerang Ni-Co Target at the Edlestone Project, Ontario, Canada with the hole ending in mineralisation.

Executive Chairman, Tolga Kumova commented *"Aston is uniquely positioned to capitalise on the burgeoning demand for nickel which has recently reached the highest price since 2011, while nickel inventories are at historically low levels. Currently, the stainless steel industry accounts for approximately two thirds of the utilisation, while demand from electric vehicle batteries are expected to double their current market share to approximately 20% by 2025<sup>1</sup>."*

*Combining the projected demand with an increased focus on ethically sourced, green supplies of nickel, multinational mining houses and end users are becoming increasingly aggressive towards acquisition of assets which meet these criteria.*

*Edlestone is located on the doorstep of the Sudbury complex, host to an extensive history of nickel production and smelting. In addition, the mining centres of Timmins and Kirkland Lake have a highly skilled mining workforce and associated services.*

*The drilling conducted to date at the Boomerang Nickel-Cobalt Sulphide Target has shown that the scale and tenor of mineralisation is comparable to other globally significant mining operations such as BHP's Mt Keith Operations. Our aim is to define a substantial resource base and conduct associated metallurgical and engineering studies this year to be able to quantify the economic potential of this Project."*

Managing Director, Dale Ginn commented: *"The substantial intersection at Bardwell Prospect has exceeded our expectations in relation to both the grade and extent of mineralisation. To have such broad zones of mineralisation at comparable grades to that of Mt Keith so early on in our nickel exploration program provides us with a huge degree of confidence in the potential of the system."*

*We have commenced a resource definition drilling program, aiming to systematically expand along approximately 1km of strike and to the depth of the presently identified area of mineralisation at Bardwell. Exploration drilling also continues along an additional 5.5 kms of length on the Boomerang Nickel Target. To date, magnetic inversion modelling has a very high degree of correlation with the interpreted mineralised envelope."*

## **Boomerang Target Overview**

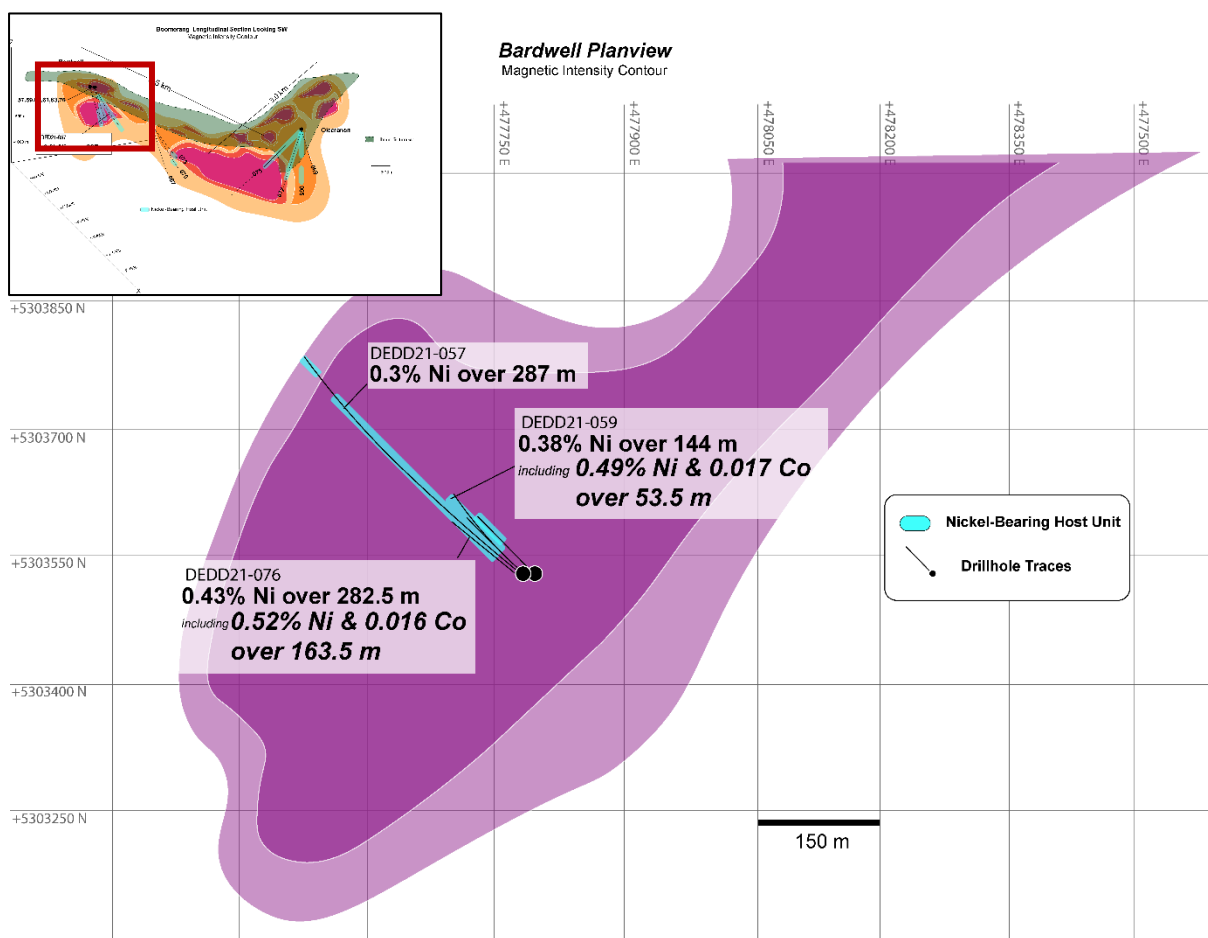
The Boomerang Target was identified through a geological interpretation undertaken based on recent drilling and reprocessing of magnetics. Through this process, we recognised the extent of the Boomerang Target and its intense magnetic response. Magnetic inversion modelling of the Boomerang Target was undertaken to further constrain the geometry and extent of the dunite/peridotite complex. It is interpreted that this dunite/peridotite body

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Nickel price rally to run out of steam as supplies ramp up - MINING.COM

extends for a strike of 5km, is 500 to >1,500m wide and extends to depths of well over 500m.

A total of 13 drill holes for 5,959m of drilling have been completed to date across three sections of the Boomerang Target. All of the three sections have nickel sulphide mineralisation identified in logging and verified through handheld XRF. Drilling has been completed within the constraints of what was initially permitted, hence multiple holes from the same pad. Extensive drill permitting across the entire strike length of the Boomerang has been submitted and is expected to be approved shortly.



**Figure 2: Drill Plan DDED21-057 & 059 & 76, modelled intrusive body and interpreted mineralised envelope**

## Edlestone Project Overview

The Edlestone Project is located approximately 60km via road to the south of Timmins, Ontario. Both towns of Kirkland Lake and Timmins host significant former and current producers, with all required services and skilled labour available to support exploration and development of the Project.

Edlestone is located within the Abitibi Greenstone Belt of Archean metavolcanic and metasedimentary assemblages which have been steeply folded with the axes trending in a



general east-west direction. These have been intruded mainly by large granitic bodies and by masses of mafic and ultramafic rocks as well as several ages of younger dolerite dykes. The Abitibi Greenstone Belt extends from north-eastern Ontario and northern Quebec for over 800km.

Regionally, the Project is located within the western extension of the Cadillac-Larder Fault Zone along which a number of major gold deposits and mines are located. The occurrence of a Timiskaming conglomerate, similar to that occurring at Kirkland Lake, at several places within the eastern extent of the Project, supports this view.

The host lithology is an altered and sheared ultramafic that exhibits extensive silicification and contains abundant quartz-carbonate veins, veinlets and fracture fill. This host unit extends over 10km to the east of the drilled area.

Gold mineralisation is broadly distributed throughout this lithology as pyrite in ranges of 3 to 5% with trace chalcopyrite and occasional visible gold. Intercalated volcanic and metasedimentary units lie to the north and south of the Edleston mineralised zone.

Along strike, 1.5km to the east of the drill defined Edleston Zone is the Sirola Zone which exhibits identical geology and mineralisation, and contains some of the only exposed outcrops in the region. Outcrops consist of an altered reddish feldspar porphyry which lies in contact with mineralised ultramafic volcanic. These formations have a general strike of 100 degrees azimuth with a steep dip and are generally sheared and highly altered by carbonatization and silicification.

The Boomerang Nickel-Cobalt Sulphide Target was identified through a geological interpretation undertaken based on recent drilling and reprocessing of magnetics. Through this process, the extent and intense magnetic response of the Boomerang Target was recognised. Magnetic inversion modelling of the Boomerang Target was undertaken to further constrain the geometry and extent of the dunite/peridotite complex. It is interpreted that this dunite/peridotite body extends for a strike of 5km, is 500 to >1,500m wide and extends to depths of well over 500m.

The exploration model applied to conduct targeting of this body is analagous to Dumont and Crawford Nickel-PGE-Cobalt Deposits. Nickel sulphide mineralisation at these deposits was formed through the serpentinisation of a dunite unit (rock composed of >90% olivine). Through the reaction of olivine with water, extensive magnetite is developed, hence providing such a strong magnetic response and potentially allowing for a direct exploration targeting method to be applied. Through this process of serpentinisation, nickel is liberated from olivine within a strongly reducing environment and the liberated nickel is partitioned into low sulphur nickel sulphide minerals.



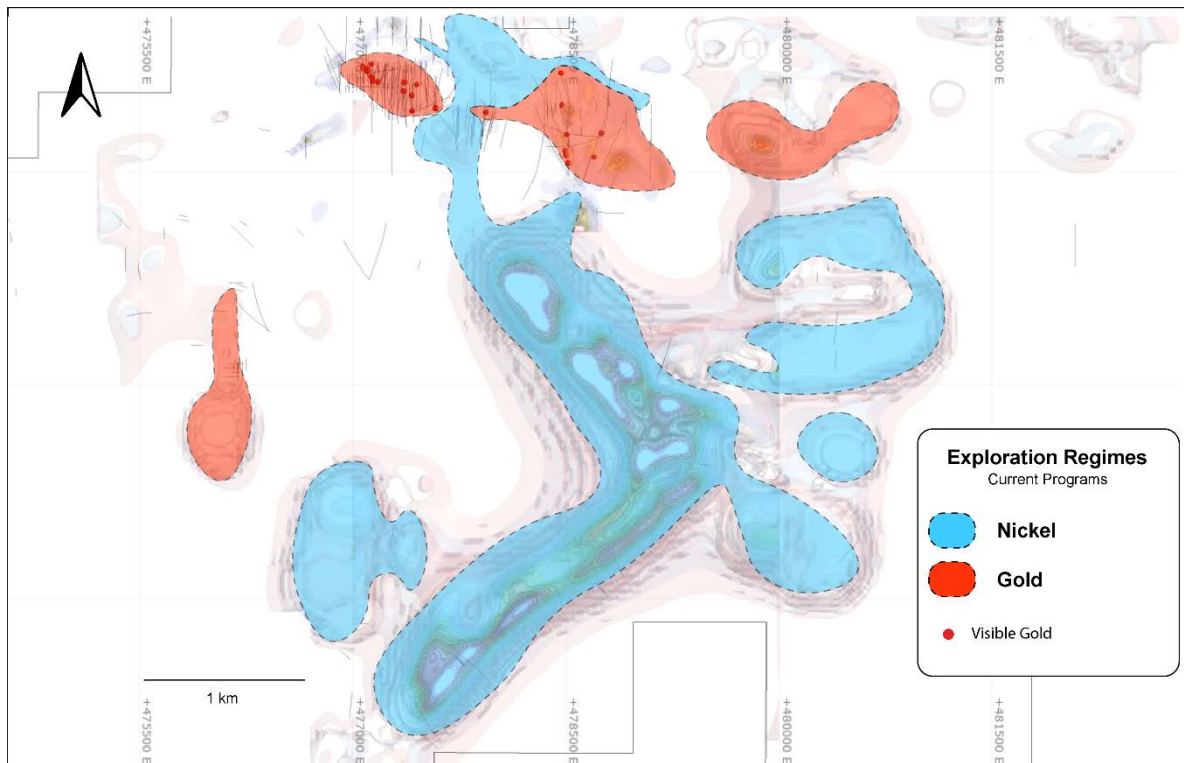


Figure 3: Current nickel and gold exploration regimes at Edleston Project

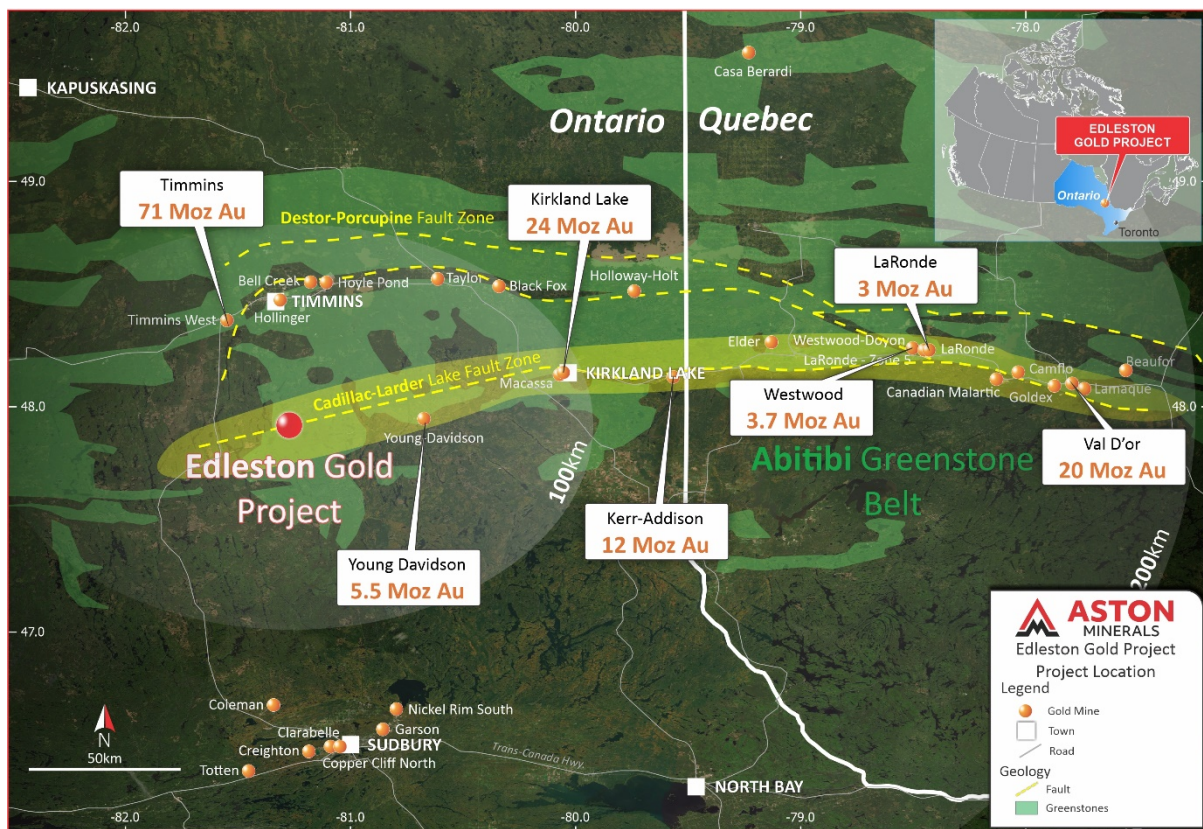


Figure 4: Edleston Project location, Ontario, Canada



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**Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to the Exploration Results for Edleston Project is based on information compiled and fairly represented by Mr Robert Jewson, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Executive Director of Aston Minerals Limited. Mr Jewson has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which he has undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Jewson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

## Appendix 1: Diamond Drill Collar Details, Assay Results & Interpreted Intervals

Hole	Size	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Azimuth	Dip	Final Depth (m)
DDED21-057	NQ	477,784	5,303,529	354	311	-57	552
DDED21-059	NQ	477,784	5,303,529	354	311	-70	267
DDED21-060	NQ	477,785	5,303,532	355	316	-70	345
DDED21-061	NQ	477,798	5,303,524	354	316	-75	385
DDED21-063	HQ	477,783	5,303,525	355	316	-70	204
DDED21-065	HQ	479,209	5,305,726	365	0	-90	540
DDED21-067	HQ	478,791	5,304,010	362	320	-70	507
DDED21-069	HQ	479,209	5,305,727	365	20	-70	320
DDED21-070	HQ	478,791	5,304,010	362	320	-55	588
DDED21-072	HQ	479,209	5,305,727	365	200	-70	579
DDED21-073	HQ	478,791	5,304,010	362	320	-45	578
DDED21-075	HQ	479,209	5,305,727	365	200	-45	744 (In Progress)
DDED21-076	HQ/NQ	477,782	5,303,527	355	310	-75	350

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Sample ID	Co ppm	Ni ppm
DDED21-076	10.55	12	ED076-001	51	72
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DDED21-076	15.02	16.53	ED076-004	51	75
DDED21-076	16.53	18.1	ED076-005	48	73
DDED21-076	18.1	19.69	ED076-007	54	78
DDED21-076	19.69	21	ED076-008	56	85
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DDED21-076	22.43	23.96	ED076-010	52	78
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DDED21-076	28.53	29.97	ED076-016	56	86
DDED21-076	29.97	31.57	ED076-017	51	88
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DDED21-076	40.44	42	ED076-026	154	3490
DDED21-076	42	43.5	ED076-027	29	61
DDED21-076	43.5	44.97	ED076-028	24	51
DDED21-076	44.97	46.5	ED076-029	23	48
DDED21-076	46.5	47.97	ED076-030	34	50

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Sample ID	Co ppm	Ni ppm
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DDDED21-076	65.5	66.49	ED076-050	91	2350
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DDDED21-076	67.53	68.5	ED076-052	123	3410
DDDED21-076	68.5	69.53	ED076-053	166	4360
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DDDED21-076	78.48	79.58	ED076-066	129	3370
DDDED21-076	79.58	80.5	ED076-067	189	5270
DDDED21-076	80.5	81.46	ED076-069	231	6630
DDDED21-076	81.46	82.56	ED076-070	198	5790
DDDED21-076	82.56	83.5	ED076-071	124	3870
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DDDED21-076	84.5	85.56	ED076-073	164	4980
DDDED21-076	85.56	86.5	ED076-075	141	4120
DDDED21-076	86.5	87.5	ED076-076	113	3110
DDDED21-076	87.5	88.49	ED076-077	117	3160
DDDED21-076	88.49	89.96	ED076-078	111	2950
DDDED21-076	89.96	91.35	ED076-079	123	3120
DDDED21-076	91.35	93	ED076-080	116	2800
DDDED21-076	93	94.54	ED076-082	113	2610
DDDED21-076	94.54	95.89	ED076-083	106	2540
DDDED21-076	95.89	97.55	ED076-084	101	2420
DDDED21-076	97.55	99	ED076-085	140	3560



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DDDED21-076	99	100	ED076-088	119	3250
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DDDED21-076	102.96	104.56	ED076-091	97	2810
DDDED21-076	104.56	106.11	ED076-092	101	2920
DDDED21-076	106.11	107.58	ED076-094	98	2800
DDDED21-076	107.58	108.97	ED076-095	106	2890
DDDED21-076	108.97	110.56	ED076-096	105	2820
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DDDED21-076	159.36	160.95	ED076-139	113	2740
DDDED21-076	160.95	162.5	ED076-140	107	2590
DDDED21-076	162.5	163.97	ED076-141	113	2720

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DDDED21-076	163.97	165.4	ED076-142	114	2790
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DDDED21-076	166.93	168.51	ED076-145	107	2570
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DDDED21-076	190.78	191.83	ED076-166	142	5790
DDDED21-076	191.83	192.7	ED076-167	134	4380
DDDED21-076	192.7	193.52	ED076-169	223	5940
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DDDED21-076	195.66	196.55	ED076-172	107	2940
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DDDED21-076	214.57	215.47	ED076-195	150	3600
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DDDED21-076	216.52	217.5	ED076-197	184	5300
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DDDED21-076	218.5	219.51	ED076-200	195	4980
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DDDED21-076	220.5	221.44	ED076-202	213	5210
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DDDED21-076	222.5	223.42	ED076-204	241	6190
DDDED21-076	223.42	224.43	ED076-205	199	6090
DDDED21-076	224.43	225.5	ED076-207	223	7520
DDDED21-076	225.5	226.5	ED076-208	200	5440
DDDED21-076	226.5	227.41	ED076-209	205	5080
DDDED21-076	227.41	228.36	ED076-210	166	4210
DDDED21-076	228.36	229.21	ED076-213	97	3060
DDDED21-076	229.21	230.17	ED076-214	77	2760
DDDED21-076	230.17	231	ED076-215	153	4280
DDDED21-076	231	232	ED076-216	159	6880
DDDED21-076	232	232.82	ED076-217	167	6140
DDDED21-076	232.82	233.77	ED076-219	146	5220
DDDED21-076	233.77	234.69	ED076-220	187	4740
DDDED21-076	234.69	235.59	ED076-221	128	3990
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DDDED21-076	236.5	237.54	ED076-223	135	4550
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DDDED21-076	241.52	242.5	ED076-229	134	4530
DDDED21-076	242.5	243.46	ED076-230	154	4840
DDDED21-076	243.46	244.5	ED076-232	178	5910
DDDED21-076	244.5	245.5	ED076-233	173	5690
DDDED21-076	245.5	246.47	ED076-234	131	5480
DDDED21-076	246.47	247.5	ED076-235	134	5690
DDDED21-076	247.5	248.55	ED076-238	190	6040
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DDDED21-076	251.5	252.5	ED076-242	203	5060
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DDDED21-076	253.5	254.58	ED076-245	199	4420
DDDED21-076	254.58	255.49	ED076-246	254	7020
DDDED21-076	255.49	256.53	ED076-247	258	5990
DDDED21-076	256.53	257.51	ED076-248	231	5470
DDDED21-076	257.51	258.55	ED076-250	219	4980
DDDED21-076	258.55	259.5	ED076-251	175	6090

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DDDED21-076	259.5	260.5	ED076-252	136	5340
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DDDED21-076	261.5	262.5	ED076-254	163	5990
DDDED21-076	262.5	263.5	ED076-255	131	5260
DDDED21-076	263.5	264.53	ED076-257	156	5430
DDDED21-076	264.53	265.53	ED076-258	223	6570
DDDED21-076	265.53	266.5	ED076-259	195	6350
DDDED21-076	266.5	267.5	ED076-260	175	4920
DDDED21-076	267.5	268.46	ED076-263	195	4960
DDDED21-076	268.46	269.5	ED076-264	211	6240
DDDED21-076	269.5	270.5	ED076-265	167	4820
DDDED21-076	270.5	271.5	ED076-266	118	4330
DDDED21-076	271.5	272.5	ED076-267	168	5560
DDDED21-076	272.5	273.5	ED076-269	144	4270
DDDED21-076	273.5	274.57	ED076-270	132	4260
DDDED21-076	274.57	275.56	ED076-271	160	5040
DDDED21-076	275.56	276.48	ED076-272	132	3940
DDDED21-076	276.48	277.37	ED076-273	153	4610
DDDED21-076	277.37	278	ED076-275	131	4450
DDDED21-076	278	279.09	ED076-276	134	5180
DDDED21-076	279.09	279.99	ED076-277	133	4670
DDDED21-076	279.99	280.82	ED076-278	104	2930
DDDED21-076	280.82	282	ED076-279	133	4080
DDDED21-076	282	282.9	ED076-280	137	5930
DDDED21-076	282.9	284.05	ED076-282	204	6700
DDDED21-076	284.05	285	ED076-283	122	4480
DDDED21-076	285	286	ED076-284	172	6060
DDDED21-076	286	287.03	ED076-285	137	5910
DDDED21-076	287.03	288.06	ED076-288	133	4620
DDDED21-076	288.06	288.96	ED076-289	128	4260
DDDED21-076	288.96	290	ED076-290	113	3760
DDDED21-076	290	291	ED076-291	98	3120
DDDED21-076	291	292.09	ED076-292	98	3270
DDDED21-076	292.09	293	ED076-294	91	3050
DDDED21-076	293	294.03	ED076-295	129	4130
DDDED21-076	294.03	295.06	ED076-296	159	4470
DDDED21-076	295.06	295.96	ED076-297	145	3460
DDDED21-076	295.96	297	ED076-298	146	3570
DDDED21-076	297	297.98	ED076-300	115	3390
DDDED21-076	297.98	299	ED076-301	164	5890
DDDED21-076	299	300.04	ED076-302	176	6470
DDDED21-076	300.04	301	ED076-303	202	7950
DDDED21-076	301	302	ED076-304	198	6200
DDDED21-076	302	302.97	ED076-305	231	4150

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Sample ID	Co ppm	Ni ppm
DDDED21-076	302.97	303.9	ED076-307	295	6000
DDDED21-076	303.9	304.96	ED076-308	196	4060
DDDED21-076	304.96	305.99	ED076-309	258	6020
DDDED21-076	305.99	307.06	ED076-310	193	3860
DDDED21-076	307.06	308	ED076-313	165	3190
DDDED21-076	308	309.05	ED076-314	273	4780
DDDED21-076	309.05	310	ED076-315	149	2730
DDDED21-076	310	311	ED076-316	179	3390
DDDED21-076	311	311.98	ED076-317	133	6390
DDDED21-076	311.98	313.05	ED076-319	146	8090
DDDED21-076	313.05	314	ED076-320	143	8040
DDDED21-076	314	314.97	ED076-321	141	6910
DDDED21-076	314.97	316	ED076-322	127	7670
DDDED21-076	316	317	ED076-323	73	4990
DDDED21-076	317	317.93	ED076-325	74	5010
DDDED21-076	317.93	319	ED076-326	136	8100
DDDED21-076	319	319.83	ED076-327	230	7040
DDDED21-076	319.83	320.97	ED076-328	254	6250
DDDED21-076	320.97	322	ED076-329	224	4780
DDDED21-076	322	323.02	ED076-330	116	2340
DDDED21-076	323.02	324	ED076-332	95	2060
DDDED21-076	324	325	ED076-333	88	2120
DDDED21-076	325	326	ED076-334	89	1875
DDDED21-076	326	326.99	ED076-335	86	2370
DDDED21-076	326.99	328	ED076-338	90	2270
DDDED21-076	328	329	ED076-339	95	2260
DDDED21-076	329	330	ED076-340	95	2370
DDDED21-076	330	331	ED076-341	86	2410
DDDED21-076	331	331.69	ED076-342	79	2400
DDDED21-076	331.69	332.66	ED076-344	179	14750
DDDED21-076	332.66	333.33	ED076-345	209	13250
DDDED21-076	333.33	333.99	ED076-346	256	13550
DDDED21-076	333.99	335	ED076-347	164	5550
DDDED21-076	335	336.06	ED076-348	148	3000
DDDED21-076	336.06	337	ED076-350	169	6370
DDDED21-076	337	338	ED076-351	98	3330
DDDED21-076	338	339.03	ED076-352	95	2690
DDDED21-076	339.03	340	ED076-353	93	2640
DDDED21-076	340	341	ED076-354	99	3830
DDDED21-076	341	342.03	ED076-355	99	3290
DDDED21-076	342.03	343.07	ED076-357	115	4690
DDDED21-076	343.07	343.97	ED076-358	171	9890
DDDED21-076	343.97	345	ED076-359	107	7910
DDDED21-076	345	346.1	ED076-360	145	8270



Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Sample ID	Co ppm	Ni ppm
DDDED21-076	346.1	346.93	ED076-363	149	8760
DDDED21-076	346.93	348	ED076-364	207	8940
DDDED21-076	348	349	ED076-365	134	6510
DDDED21-076	349	350	ED076-366	82	4230

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Sulphide % (Visual Estimate)	Host Lithology
DDDED21-059	52.5	54.9	2.4	Finely disseminated to semi-massive (pyrrhotite-pentlandite-chalcopyrite) 10%	Fine grained sheared peridotite at contact with rhyolitic tuff
	84.3	87.5	3.2	Finely disseminated to blebby (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 5%	Fine grained peridotite
	87.5	93	5.5	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 2%	Fine grained peridotite
	179.5	181	1.5	Coarsely disseminated (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 5%	Medium grained peridotite
	203.5	225	21.5	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 4-8%	Fine grained peridotite
	227.5	237	9.5	Finely disseminated to blebby (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 4-8%	Fine grained peridotite
	256	267	6	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 4-8%	Fine grained peridotite
DDDED21-060	81.9	93	5	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-8%	Fine grained peridotite
	177.3	287	109.7	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 1-4%	Fine to medium grained dunite and fine grained peridotite
DDDED21-061	213.9	256.5	42.6	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-8%	Fine grained peridotite
DDDED21-063	80.3	98	18.3	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-8%	Fine grained peridotite
	182.5	204	21.5	Finely disseminated and blebby (pyrrhotite) 1-10%	Fine to medium grained dunite and fine grained peridotite
DDDED21-065	150.5	251	100.5	Finely disseminated, blebby, and coarsely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-4%	Fine grained peridotitic komatiite
DDDED21-073	303.5	329	25.5	Finely disseminated and fracture controlled (pyrrhotite) 1-4%	Fine grained dunite
DDDED21-075	168	190.8	22.8	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 1-8%	Fine grained serpentinised peridotite
	208.9	243	34.1	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite-pentlandite) 1-2%	Fine grained peridotite
DDDED21-076	60.4	86.5	26.1	Finely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-4%	Fine grained serpentinised peridotite
	188.6	349	160.4	Finely disseminated, blebby, and coarsely disseminated (pyrrhotite) 2-8%	Fine grained serpentinised peridotite and medium grained dunite

## Notes:

*In relation to the disclosure of visual mineralisation, the Company cautions that visual estimates of sulphide mineral abundance should never be considered a proxy or substitute for laboratory analysis. Laboratory assay results are required to determine the widths and grade of the visible mineralisation reported in preliminary geological logging. The Company will update the market when laboratory analytical results become available*

## Appendix 2: JORC Code, 2012 Edition - Table 1

### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Comments
<b>Sampling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> </ul>	Half NQ/HQ diamond drill core was submitted for analysis.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> </ul>	Core was cut into two equal halves with one submitted for analysis.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	Sample intervals was based on geological observations. Minimum core width sampled was 0.3m and maximum 1.5m. Samples were submitted to ALS Laboratories Vancouver.
<b>Drilling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	Standard tube NQ and HQ Diamond drilling was undertaken.
<b>Drill sample recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> </ul>	Field geologists measure core recoveries for every drill run completed. The core recovered is physically measured by tape measure and the length is recorded for every "run". Core recovery is

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		calculated as a percentage recovery. Core recovery is logged and recorded into the database.
	· Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.	Diamond drilling by nature collects relatively uncontaminated core samples. These are cleaned at the drill site to remove drilling fluids and cuttings to present clean core for logging and sampling.
	· Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	There is no significant loss of material reported in the mineralised parts of the diamond core to date.
<b>Logging</b>	· Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.	Drill holes were logged for lithology, alteration, mineralisation, structure and weathering by a geologist. Data is then captured in a database appropriate for mineral resource estimation.
	· Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.	All cores are photographed in the core tray, with individual photographs taken of each tray both dry and wet. Logging conducted is both qualitative and quantitative.
	· The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	All drill holes were logged in full.
<b>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</b>	· If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	Diamond drill core was cut in half. Half the core was submitted for analysis and the remaining half was stored securely for future reference and potentially further analysis if ever required.
	· If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.	Only diamond core drilling completed.
	· For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.	Sample preparation was completed by ALS Laboratories in Vancouver using their standard preparation method. Samples were crushed to 80% passing 2mm, riffle split and pulverized to 95% passing 105µm.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> </ul>	Standard preparation procedure inclusive of internal laboratory internal crushing and pulverizing tests were utilised by ALS Laboratories.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> </ul>	Field duplicate samples were taken at the rate of 1:25 samples. Standard reference materials and blanks were similarly inserted at the rate of 1:25. Before and after predicted high grade intervals multiple blanks were inserted to ensure that there was no cross sample contamination. QAQC verified that the blank material reported below detection and thus no cross contamination between samples.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	Sample sizes are considered appropriate to the mineralisation style and grain size of the material.
<b>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> </ul>	<p>Both four acid digest ICP total digestion and ICP two acid partial digestion methods were utilised on all samples. This was aiming to determine an indicative proportion of sulphide versus silicate associated nickel on the basis of the partial digestion method being ineffective at liberating silicate hosted nickel mineralisation. The high degree of correlation indicated between the two results is indicative of a high proportion of sulphide associated mineralisation.</p> <p>ICP total digestion method involved analysis of a pulp by gently heating in a mixture of ultrapure HF/HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub> until dry and the residue dissolved in dilute ultrapure HNO<sub>3</sub>.</p> <p>ICP partial digestion method involved analysis of a pulp digested with 8:1 ultrapure HNO<sub>3</sub>:HCl for 1 hour at 95°C.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> </ul>	An Olympus Vanta VMR pXRF in Geochem mode was utilised to assist with identification of nickel sulphide minerals.. Readings were collected over 40 second intervals for all 3 beams. The instrument is calibrated according to the manufacturer's specifications and a calibration check is performed daily to confirm the unit is operating within expected parameters as well as a performance test against a certified reference material. The manufacturer's most recent certificate of calibration is dated July 28, 2021 with nickel performance calibrated from OREAS 74a and GBM 398-4 certified reference materials.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	Standard reference materials and blanks were inserted routinely at the rate of 1:25 samples.
<b>Verification of sampling and assaying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> </ul>	Results were reviewed by the chief geologist, managing director and competent person.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> </ul>	None of the current holes being drilled are considered to be twin holes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> </ul>	All data was recorded in field logging sheets, digitised then imported into a validated database.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	No adjustments were performed to assay data.
<b>Location of data points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> </ul>	Drill collar locations were surveyed using a differential GPS.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> </ul>	All collar locations are reported in NAD83- 17N grid system.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	Topographic control on collars was derived from a LIDAR survey completed across the Project. LIDAR is considered to be industry best practice for this stage of exploration.
<b>Data spacing and distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	Diamond drill holes are drilled selectively directly targeting mineralisation based on regional orientations known along strike.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> </ul>	The spacing of the area being targeted by drilling underway at present is too broad for being able to estimate a mineral resource.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	Sample compositing has been applied. Results reported are length weighted averages.
<b>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> </ul>	Based on the logging of the drilling and interpretation of the geology the drilling completed is interpreted to be perpendicular to the trend of mineralisation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	The drilling intercept reported is downhole. Further drilling is required to confirm the geometry of mineralisation.
<b>Sample security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	Diamond drill core is transported from site by contractors to a secured core processing facility for logging and sampling. Samples are subsequently sent by a contractor to the assay laboratory.
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	No audits are documented to have occurred in relation to sampling techniques or data.



## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> </ul>	<p>The Edleston Project is 100% owned by a wholly owned subsidiary of Aston Minerals Ltd.</p> <p>A 2% net smelter return royalty applies across the Project. 1% of the net smelter return royalty can be purchased for \$1,000,000 across the mining claims and 1% of the net smelter return royalty can be purchased for \$1,000,000 across the Leased Claim.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>Open file verification has been conducted to confirm licenses are in full force.</p>
<b>Exploration done by other parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<p>Exploration reported was completed by 55 North Mining Inc (Formerly SGX Resources Inc.). Activities completed include magnetic surveys, VLF/IP surveys, extensive diamond drilling.</p>
<b>Geology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<p>Regionally, Edleston appears to lie along the potential western extension of the Cadillac-Larder fault zone along which a number of major gold deposits are located. Geophysical and geological work has demonstrated that the Edleston Zone sits within the north limb of the host unit/horizon that stretches over 10 km to the east. This unit is broadly folded back toward the south and east immediately to the west of the deposit continuing under and near the contact with shallow sedimentary cover. The host rock is an altered and sheared ultramafic that exhibits extensive silicification and contains quartz-carbonate in veins, veinlets and fracture fill.</p> <p>A revised geological interpretation based on the information obtained from recent drilling and reprocessed magnetics coverages</p>

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		<p>was undertaken. Through this process the extent and intense magnetic response of the Boomerang Target was recognised. Magnetic inversion modelling of the Boomerang Target was undertaken to further constrain the geometry and extent of the dunite/peridotite complex. It is interpreted that this dunite/peridotite body extends for a strike of 5km, is 500 to &gt;1,500m wide and extends to depths of well over 500m.</p> <p>The exploration model applied to conduct targeting of this body is analogous to Dumont and Crawford Nickel-PGE-Cobalt Deposits. Nickel sulphide mineralisation at these deposits was formed through the serpentinisation of a dunite unit (rock composed of &gt;90% olivine). Through the reaction of olivine with water, extensive magnetite is developed hence providing such a strong magnetic response and potentially allowing for a direct exploration targeting method to be applied. Through this process of serpentinisation nickel is liberated from olivine within a strongly reducing environment and the liberated nickel is partitioned into low sulphur nickel sulphide minerals.</p>
<b>Drill hole Information</b>	<p>· A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>o elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>o dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>o down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>o hole length.</li> </ul>	<p>Drill hole locations are described in the body of the text, in the appendix and on related Figures.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	All information has been reported. At present no sampling or analysis has been completed.
<b>Data aggregation methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> </ul>	Length weighted averages are reported in the highlights and body of the announcement. A full listing of the individual intervals is reported in the body of the release above.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> </ul>	Length weighted averages have been applied where necessary to calculate composite intervals. Calculations were performed in excel using the sumproduct function to calculate the length weighted average grades.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	No metal equivalence are reported.
<b>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	Intervals of alteration and mineralisation reported are apparent widths. Further drilling is required to understand the geometry of mineralisation and thus the true width of mineralisation.
<b>Diagrams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	Maps and plans have been included in body of the announcement.
<b>Balanced reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	All information has been reported.



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<b>Other substantive exploration data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	No other exploration data is considered meaningful and material to this announcement.
<b>Further work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<p>Further exploratory drilling along the 5km strike length of the Boomerang target is proposed to be undertaken.</p> <p>Maps including the location of samples and prospects are included in the body of this release.</p>