

The background image shows a dark industrial setting, likely a nickel smelting plant. In the foreground, a thick stream of bright orange and yellow molten metal is being poured from a large container into a channel. Several workers in white protective suits and hard hats are visible in the background, some appearing to be operating machinery or monitoring the process. The overall atmosphere is industrial and high-temperature.

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MINES LIMITED

**A NEW FORCE IN GLOBAL NICKEL**

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# EXERCISE OF RKEF OWNERSHIP OPTIONS

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# A Transformational Transaction

## Exercise of RKEF Ownership Options

- NIC has announced its intentions to exercise its contractual options to increase its interests in the Hengjaya Nickel ('HNI') and Ranger Nickel ('RNI') RKEF projects to 80% (option period valid to 30 November 2020).
- The additional 20% interest in HNI and RNI will be acquired from the Company's collaboration partner Shanghai Decent (a Tsingshan group company)
- Total consideration payable by Nickel Mines to Shanghai Decent is ~US\$150M, comprising:
  - US\$120M exercise price for the options (US\$60m for each 20% interest in HNI and RNI); and
  - ~US\$30M representing compensation for Shanghai Decent's estimated share of undistributed retained earnings for the 20% interests in HNI and RNI being acquired by Nickel Mines.
- **Targeting completion by 30 June 2020.**

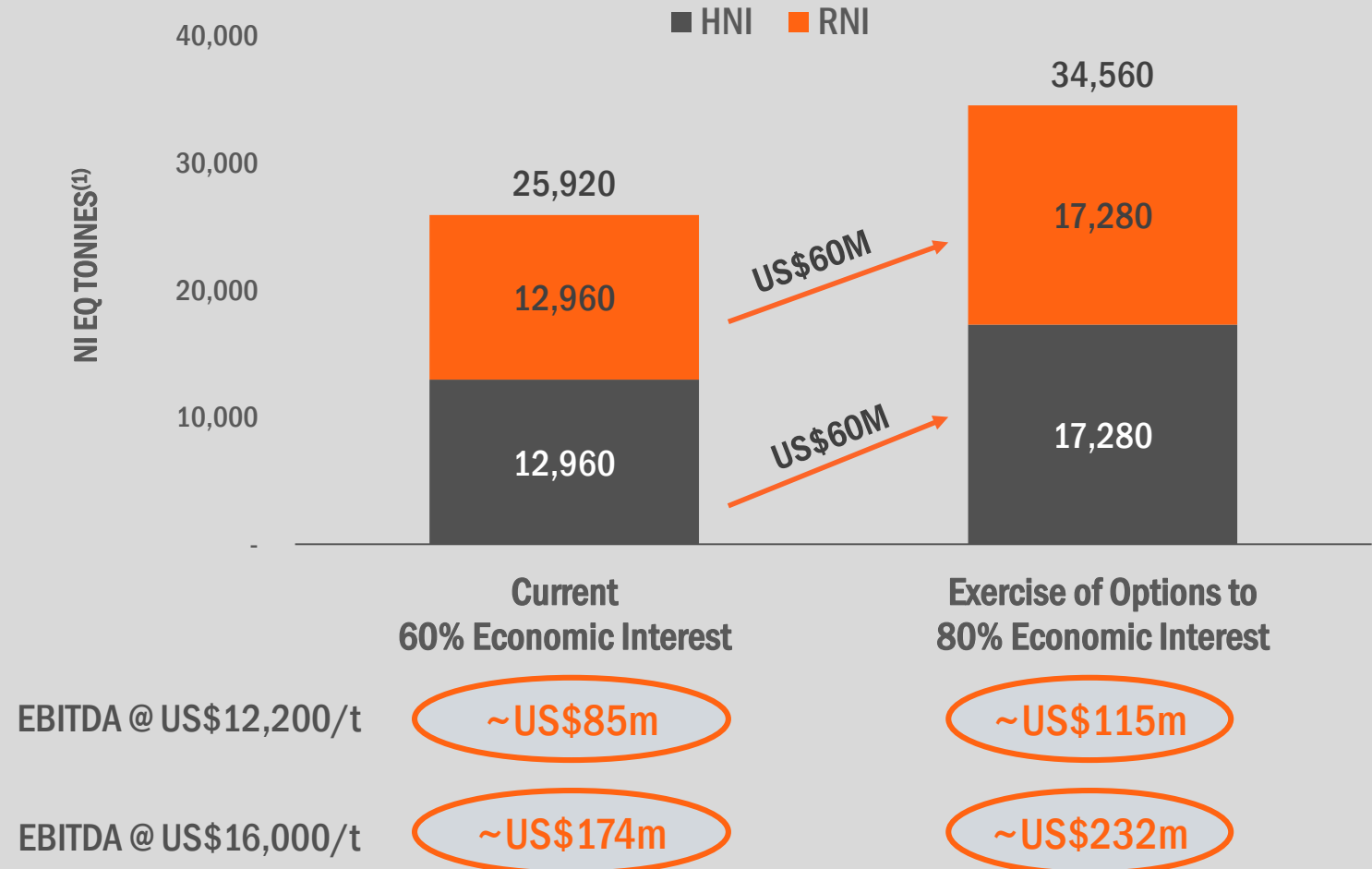
## Equity Raising

- The Company is funding the acquisition via a fully underwritten 1 for 3.6 Entitlements Offer at A\$0.50, raising ~ A\$231M.
- The Entitlement Offer comprises:
  - An accelerated institutional component (**completed**), and
  - A retail component (underway, **closing 9 June 2020**).
- Approximately 463M new ordinary shares to be issued, representing 28% of Nickel Mines' existing shares on issue.

# Transformative for Nickel Mines' production and financial profile

- **2.128B** shares on issue
- **A\$1.127B** market capitalisation (@ A\$0.53)
- **~34.5kt** of attributable nickel production
  - Significantly larger production base than listed peers including IGO and WSA
  - Consolidates NIC's position as a tier-1 global nickel producer
- Exceptionally **strong balance sheet**
  - ~US\$64M cash
  - Net debt US\$1M (US\$65M debt)
  - Free to 'leverage up' for future growth opportunities
- **Incremental EBITDA of ~US\$30M** (based on current Ni price and cost performance)
- **US\$120M** combined exercise price represents an attractive valuation for incremental production
  - At US\$12,200/t Ni - 4.2x EBITDA multiple
  - At US\$16,000/t Ni - 2.1x EBITDA multiple

## GROWING SHARE OF PRODUCTION AND EBITDA

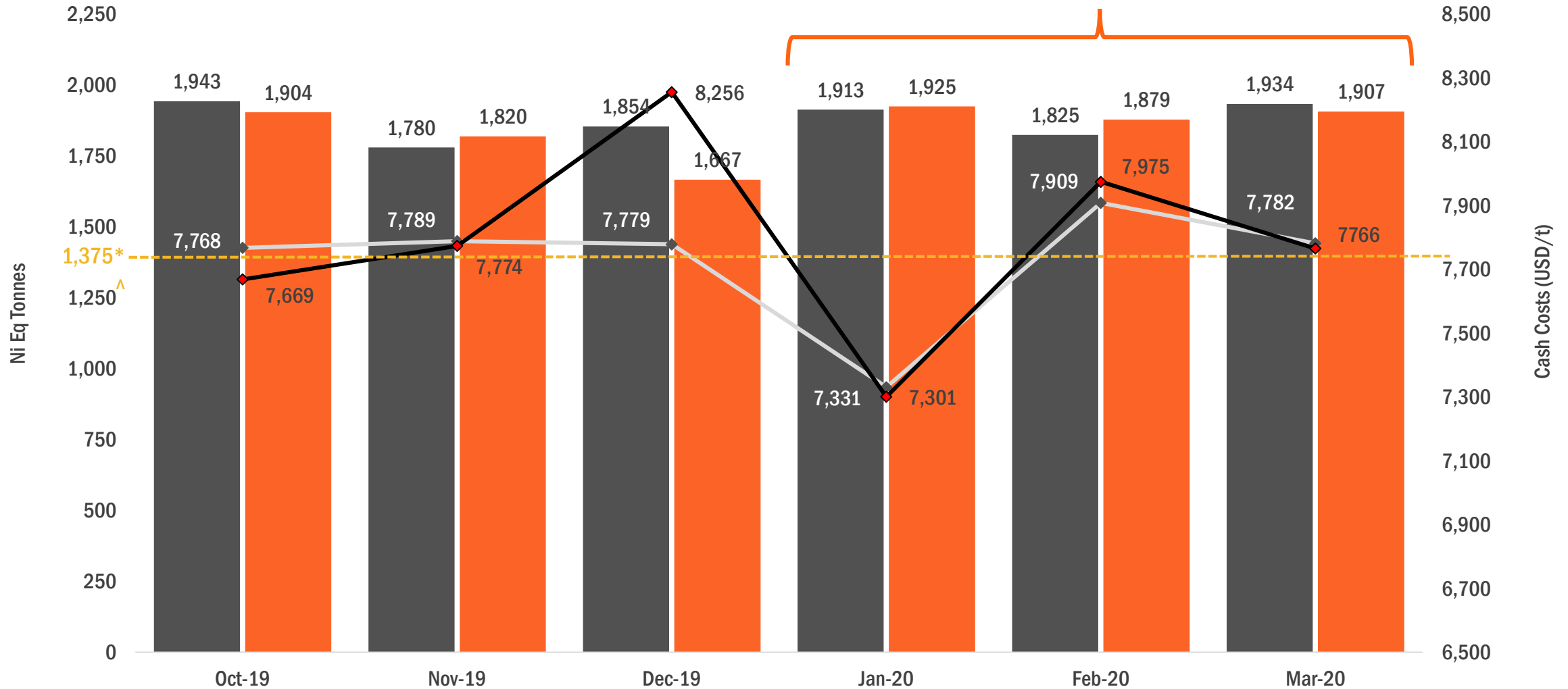


EBITDA numbers based on Ni price of US\$12,200/t, cash costs of US\$7,675/t and 90% payability of LME nickel. Cost estimates reflect the most recent cash cost metrics achieved during the March 2020 quarter. Production levels based on assumed HNI and RNI production of 1,800t/month, or 21,600t/annum. All numbers are indicative only and are not to be construed as financial guidance.

# CURRENT OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

# Continued operational outperformance at HNI and RNI

March quarter annualised run-rate of ~22.5kt per annum at each of HNI and RNI (100% basis)



\* 16.5kt pa / 1,375t pm (Prospectus guidance)

^ 15.0kt pa / 1,250t pm (design capacity)

Note: All figures are presented on a 100% basis.

■ HNI   ■ RNI   ◆ HNI Cash Costs   ◆ RNI Cash Costs

# Hengjaya Mine Operations – Quarterly Performance

Production summary		September 2019 Quarter	December 2019 Quarter	March 2020 Quarter	Year to Date
Tonnes mined	Wmt	199,056	194,159	149,958	543,173
Overburden mined	BCM	432,042	428,041	290,955	1,151,038
Strip ratio	BCM/wmt	2.2	2.2	1.1	2.1
Tonnes sold	wmt	231,487	196,675	155,599	583,761
Average grade	%	1.90	2.00	1.83	1.92
Average price received	USD/t	27.72	37.59	24.32	30.14
Average cost of production	USD/t	24.85	26.27	29.70	26.70





# Hengjaya Mine Expansion Initiatives

Numerous expansion initiatives are underway aimed at unlocking the full strategic value of Hengjaya Mine

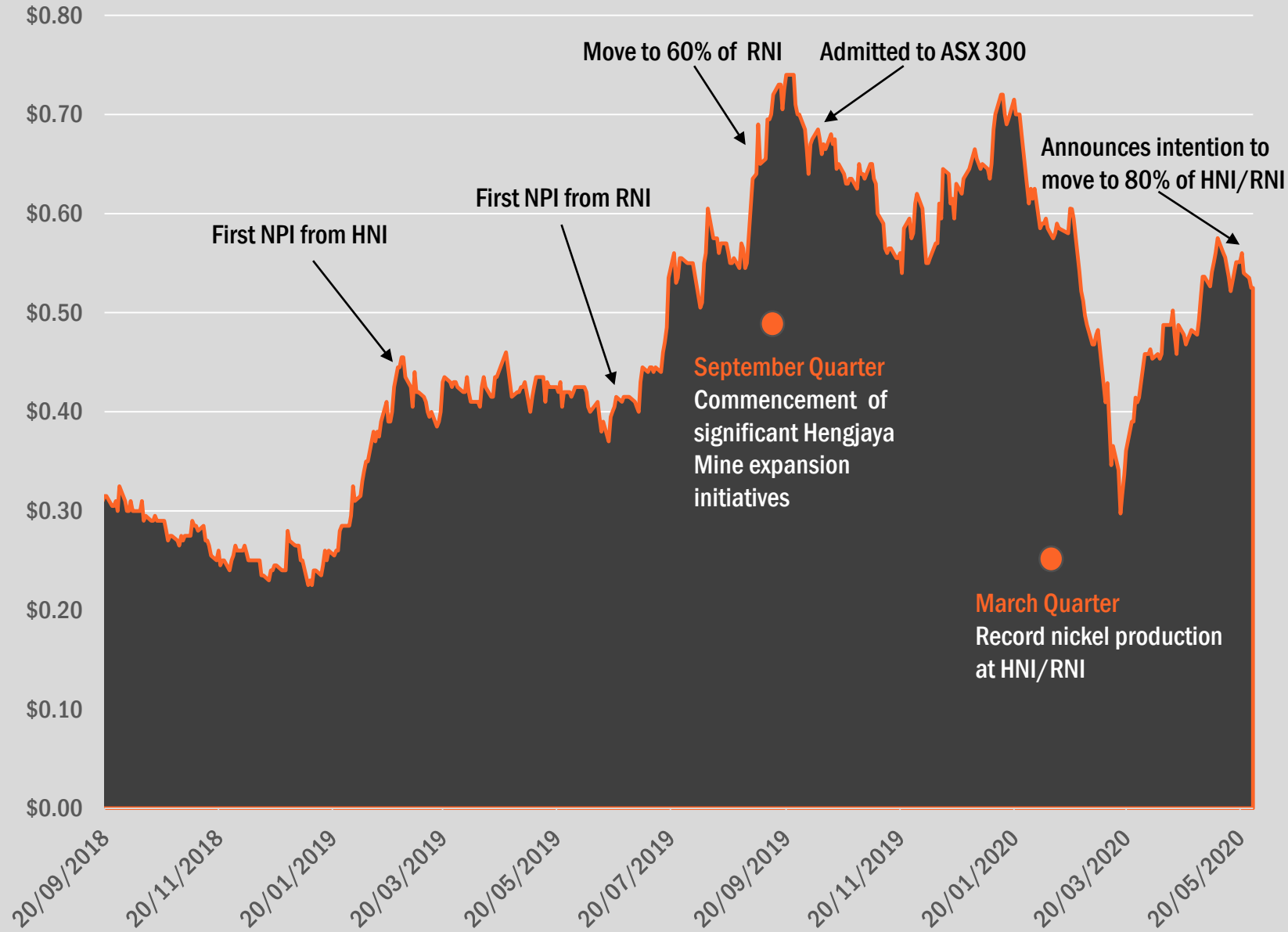
- Objectives of Hengjaya Mine expansion<sup>(1)</sup>:
  - Materially increase production of saprolite from current levels of ~600kt pa.
  - Prepare Hengjaya Mine to deliver limonite for use by the IMIP's two HPAL plants which are currently under construction.
  
- Current status of expansion initiatives
  - Mining of the Central Pit:  
First production from the Central pit was delivered to the jetty in April 2020.
  - Expansion of Hengjaya Mine jetty:  
Now capable of handling both 6,500 tonne and 10,000 tonne capacity barges; sea wall extension ongoing.
  - Haul road from new Central pit to jetty:  
Will reduce hauling distances to jetty from 13km to 6km and allow for larger trucks to be utilised.
  - Construction of direct haul road from Hengjaya Mine to IMIP:  
Over 6km of 14km pilot road cleared.
  - Mine camp upgrade and expansion:  
Scheduled to be completed in June 2020 quarter.
  - Resource upgrade:  
Work towards upgrading current JORC Resource significantly progressed<sup>(1)</sup>.

(1) Further work is required to establish whether these objectives will be achieved, at this stage there is no certainty on whether these objectives will or will not be achieved.



# A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT

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## What's next - June 2020 and beyond

- Continued 'steady state' production at HNI/RNI.
- Increased attributable production and cash flow resulting from increased ownership in HNI/RNI.
- Hengjaya Mine expansion initiatives to optimise mine economics and strategic value to the IMIP.
- Continued progress of direct haul road to IMIP.
- Limonite stockpiling for IMIP's HPAL plants.
- Other opportunities supported by a robust balance sheet.

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