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## **OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN ORACLE NICKEL INCREASED TO 30%**

The Directors of Nickel Mines Limited ('Nickel Mines' or 'the Company') are pleased to advise that the Company has completed the acquisition of a further 20% interest in Oracle Nickel ('ONI' or 'the Project') and now holds a 30% interest in the Project.

The Company secured its increased interest in ONI after issuing its collaboration partner and largest shareholder, Shanghai Decent, 108,122,223 ordinary shares in the Company at A\$1.37 per share, with this share-based payment satisfying the US\$106 million payment required for the Company to secure a 30% interest in the Project.

The issuance of shares to Shanghai Decent represents the completion of the non-underwritten "Conditional Placement" that formed part of the Company's equity capital raising announced on 9 February 2022.

The Conditional Placement to Shanghai Decent was subject to Shareholder approval which was received at the Company's Extraordinary General Meeting on 3 May 2022 and Foreign Investment Review Board ('FIRB') approval which was received on 27 April 2022.

As a result of this share issuance Shanghai Decent now holds a 21.15% equity interest in the Company.

Managing Director Justin Werner commented:

*"The preference of Shanghai Decent to take 20% of the ONI consideration (US\$106m of the US\$525m consideration for 70%) as Nickel Mines shares rather than cash underscores the intrinsic current and future value that Shanghai Decent sees in Nickel Mines. The issue of shares was overwhelmingly supported by our shareholders and further strengthens the very strong and interlinked relationship that we have."*

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