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Record nickel production of 20,275 tonnes underpins EBITDA from operations of US\$55.5M

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# September quarter review



### Record nickel production of 20,275 tonnes underpins EBITDA from operations of US\$55.5M

- □ Record Ni metal production of 20,275 tonnes (100% basis)
  - 30.2% higher than September quarter (15,567 tonnes)
  - ANI contribution of 9,994 tonnes (up 56% from June quarter) with further production increases expected with power plant now fully commissioned
  - HNI production converting from NPI to nickel matte in Q4, providing product and pricing diversification
- Record RKEF revenue of US\$319.2M
  - achieved despite realised NPI contract prices falling 20% over the quarter (US\$15,950/t in September down from US\$19,943/t in June quarter)
- □ RKEF EBITDA of US\$45.3M
- □ Record Hengjaya Mine ore production of 1,697,976 wmt
  - saprolite, 599,790 wmt / limonite, 1,098,186 wmt (record)
- □ Hengjaya Mine Resource upgrade to 300 million dmt at average grade of 1.22% nickel and 0.09% cobalt
- ☐ Hengjaya Mine EBITDA of US\$10.2M
  - down 44.5% on lower tonnes sold and lower realised saprolite ore prices (US\$42.88/t in September quarter, down from US\$52.43 in June quarter)
- □ Underlying cash generation from operations of US\$54.9M
- □ Acquisition of a further 40% interest in the Oracle Nickel Project
  - NIC now holds a 70% equity interest in the Project with first NPI production expected by mid-November

Strategic cooperation agreement with QMB New Energy

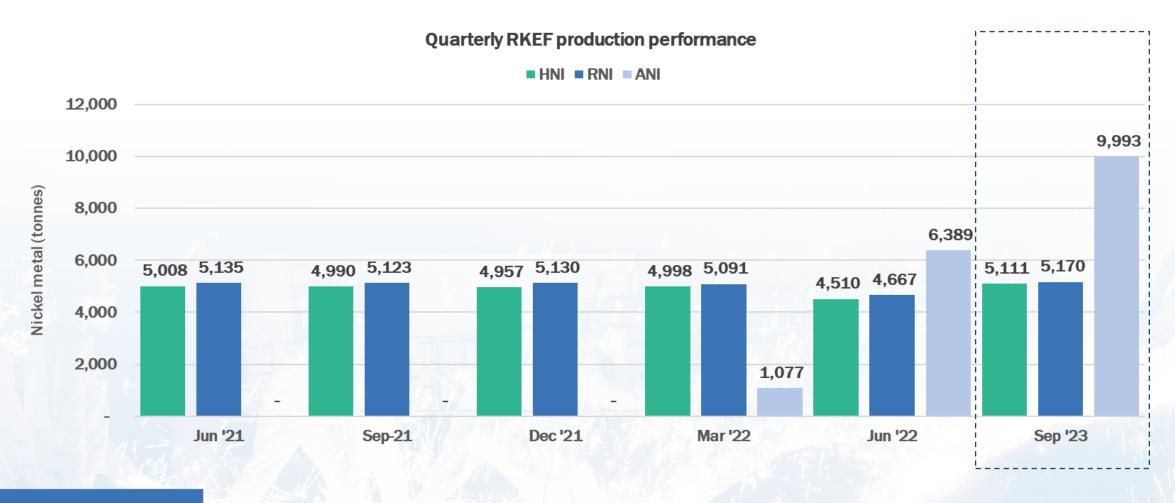
# **September quarter summary**



		June quarter	September quarter	<b>A</b>
Gross Ni metal production	tonnes (100% basis)	15,567	Record 20,275	30.2%
NIC attributable Ni metal production	tonnes	12,453	Record 16,220	30.2%
Realised NPI price	\$/t Ni	19,943	15,950	(20%)
Sales revenue	US\$M (100% basis)	315.4	Record 319.2	1.2%
RKEF EBITDA	US\$M (100% basis)	84.9	45.3	(46.6%)
RKEF EBITDA/tonne sold	\$/t Ni	5,367	2,261	(57.9%)
Group EBITDA (RKEF + Mine)	US\$M (100% basis)	103.2	55.5	(46.2%)
Underlying cash generation from operations	US\$M (100% basis)	102.6	54.9	(47.5)%
Hengjaya Mine production (saprolite + limonite)	wmt	1,313,492	Record 1,697,976	29.3%

# **RKEF** quarterly operating performance





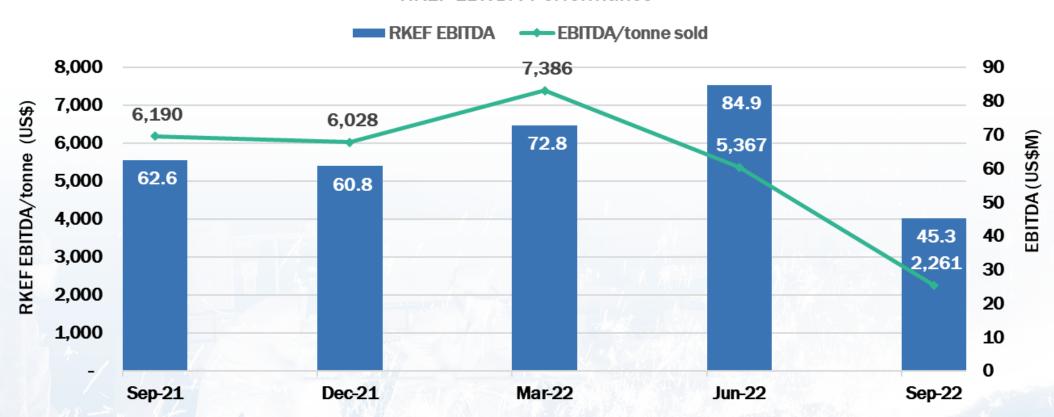
September quarter (20,275 tonnes)

- Record quarterly production of 20,275 tonnes Ni production (+30.2% from June qtr) including 9,994 tonnes Ni production from ANI
- NIC attributable production of 16,220 tonnes
- Combined HNI and RNI production returned to historical levels of > 10,000 tonnes per quarter
- ONI commissioning commencing this quarter to follow similar ramp-up profile as ANI and increase quarterly production to >30kt

## **RKEF EBITDA** negatively impacted by falling margins



### **RKEF EBITDA Performance**



### **September quarter:**

- □ RKEF EBITDA of US\$45.3M driven predominantly by a 20% decrease in realised NPI contract prices
- Modestly lower costs not enough to offset lower NPI prices leading to margin compression during the September quarter (US\$2,261/t, down 57.9% from US\$5,367/t in June quarter)
- Optimism for near-term improvement in margins September costs materially below September quarter averages and trending lower while NPI prices are currently trending higher

# **Another quarter of record production at Hengjaya Mine**



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Production summary		June Quarter	September Quarter
Saprolite mined	wmt	792,630	599,790
Limonite mined	wmt	520,862	1,098,186
Nickel ore mined		1,313,492	1,697,976
Overburden mined	BCM <sup>1</sup>	826,553	390,940
Strip ratio <sup>2</sup>	BCM/wmt	0.63	0.23
Saprolite			
Tonnes sold	wmt	673,664	565,624
Average grade	% Ni	1.74	1.73
Average price received	US\$/wmt	52.43	42.88
Average cost of production <sup>3</sup>	US\$/wmt	26.02	26.91
Limonite			
Tonnes sold	wmt	258,212	185,271
Average grade	% Ni	1.19	1.14
Average price received	US\$/wmt	14.69	17.24
Average cost of production	US\$/wmt	7.99	7.01

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BCM represents 'bank cubic metres'



- Record quarterly production of 1,697,976 wmt
  - saprolite production down 24.3% from June quarter
  - limonite production up 110.8% from June quarter to cater for increasing demand from the IMIP's two operating HPAL projects
- □ Upgraded JORC Resource estimate 300 million dmt at 1.22% nickel, 0.09% cobalt
- □ Quarterly EBITDA of US\$10.2M, down 44.5% on lower tonnes sold and lower realised saprolite ore prices
  - (US\$42.88/t, down from US\$53.43 in June quarter)
  - Multiple accolades received at Indonesia's 2022
    Environmental and Social Innovation ('ENSIA') Awards
  - Silver, Gold and Platinum status achieved for hazardous waste management, water reduction, domestic waste management, emission reduction, social innovation and biodiversity protection

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> With limonite now being supplied to IMIP, the strip ratio is overburden mined divided by total nickel ore mined

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Monthly costs are a six-month average of mining costs plus port/selling costs for the actual month. Reported costs also include US\$1.5M of drilling costs incurred during the September quarter

# Hengjaya Mine – a global top-10 nickel resource

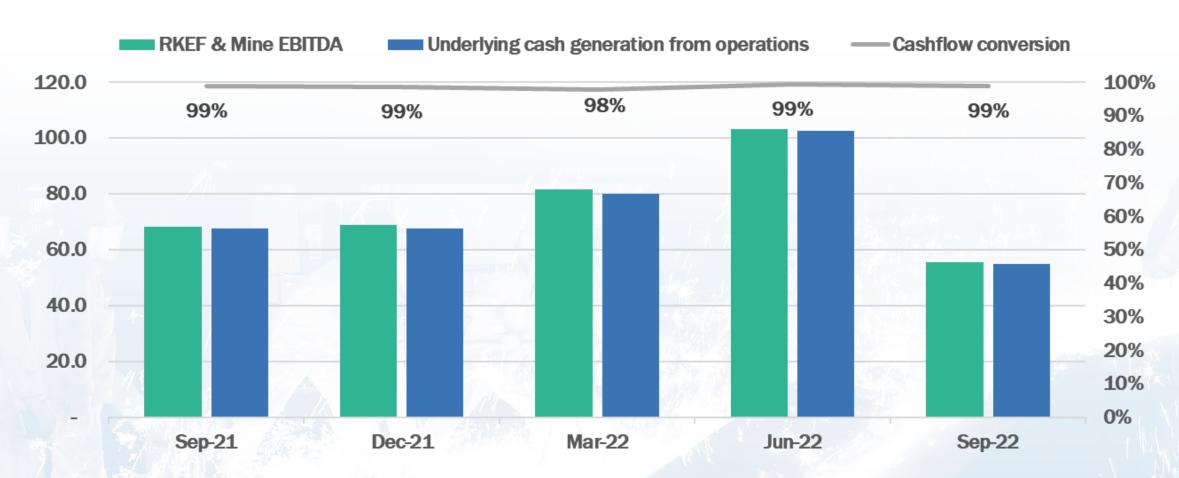




## **Continued excellent EBITDA to cashflow conversion**



### EBITDA and cashflow conversion



### **Corporate**



### Binding term sheet for 200MWp + 20MWh battery solar project

- In August 2022, the Company announced that it had signed a binding term sheet with PT Sumber Energi Surya Nusantara ('SESNA') to develop, install, operate and maintain a 200MWp + 20MWh battery solar project within the IMIP to supply power to the Hengjaya Nickel, Ranger Nickel and Oracle Nickel RKEF operations
- ☐ The binding term sheet builds on the MoU signed with SESNA in January 2022
- □ Nickel Industries will be the long-term offtake partner for SESNA and will not be required to contribute any capital funding
- ☐ The indicative tariff for electricity (expressed as US cents per kWh) is expected to remain constant over the life of the project

### Ownership interest in Oracle Nickel increased to 70%

- □ Acquisition of an additional 40% interest achieved through the early payment of US\$212M (originally required by 31 December 2022)
- □ Have now paid US\$452.2M of a required US\$525M
- □ Balance of US\$72.8M outstanding with US\$11.2M due by 31 December 2022 and US\$61.6M due by 31 March 2023
- □ Electrification and ignition of first RKEF line commenced on 28 October with first NPI expected to flow by mid-November

#### **Nickel matte**

- □ Subsequent to quarters end, the Company announced that the Hengjaya Nickel project would transition from producing NPI to the production of nickel matte
- Hengjaya Nickel will produce a low grade ('LG') nickel matte which will be upgraded to high grade ('HG') nickel matte comprising a 60-75% nickel content
- □ All HG nickel matte sales through to March 2023 have been contracted to a 3rd party
- The Company will receive "payabilities" against the Shanghai Futures Exchange ('SHFE') at a percentage of the average settlement prices of the SHFE nickel main contracts price, with a higher percentage to be received in a higher nickel price environment

### Strategic cooperation agreement with QMB New Energy

- ☐ In September 2022, the Company announced that it had signed a long-term strategic cooperation agreement with QMB New Energy ('QMB')
- Subject to the necessary approvals, QMB will build a concentrator plant within the Hengjaya Mine area that will supply via pipeline (over a 20-year period), approximately 5-7 million wmtpa of limonite ore (1.1% 1.3% grade) to QMB's newly commissioned HPAL plant within the IMIP
- □ Both parties have agreed to explore in good faith the opportunity for Nickel Industries to have equity participation in the QMB HPAL project



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