

Press Release

Nickel Asia Corp. (NIKL) disclosed that its 60%-owned subsidiary, Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation (RTN), declared dividends to all of its shareholders on record as of 28 February 2014. The declaration was approved by the shareholders of RTN during a special shareholders meeting held last 26 February 2014.

As a result of the declaration, and once approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), NIKL will receive dividends in the form of personal property comprising all of the shares of stock held by RTN in Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC). This will result in an increase in NIKL's stake in CBNC from a 6% effective interest to a 10% direct equity stake. This is also in line with the Company's strategy to increase its exposure in downstream nickel processing.

The CBNC HPAL plant is located adjacent to the Company's Rio Tuba mine and is the country's first nickel downstream processing plant. All of the limonite ore required for this plant is being supplied by the Rio Tuba mine. Unlike HPAL plants in other countries, which continue to face operational difficulties, the Coral Bay HPAL plant was completed in 2005 on schedule and on budget. Due to the success of its operation, the plant's initial capacity of 10,000 tonnes of contained nickel per year was expanded to 20,000 tonnes in mid-2009. In 2012, the plant's output exceeded its capacity and is now operating at 24,000 tonnes.

NIKL also holds a 22.5% direct equity stake in the recently commissioned Taganito HPAL plant, the country's second nickel downstream processing plant. At a cost of US\$1.6 billion, commercial operations of the 30,000 tonnes plant began at the latter part of 2013. All of the limonite ore required for this plant is being supplied by NIKL's 65%-owned Taganito mine.