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Dear Sir/Madam

SALLY MALAY - NEW EM TARGET IDENTIFIED AT COPERNICUS

- Exciting new EM anomaly identified on Copernicus/Salk tenement;
- Drill testing of new anomaly and further resource drilling on Copernicus will commence in November;
- Copernicus resource upgraded to 241,000 tonnes at 1.5% nickel; and
- Sally Malay Project construction remains on track for commissioning end July 2004;

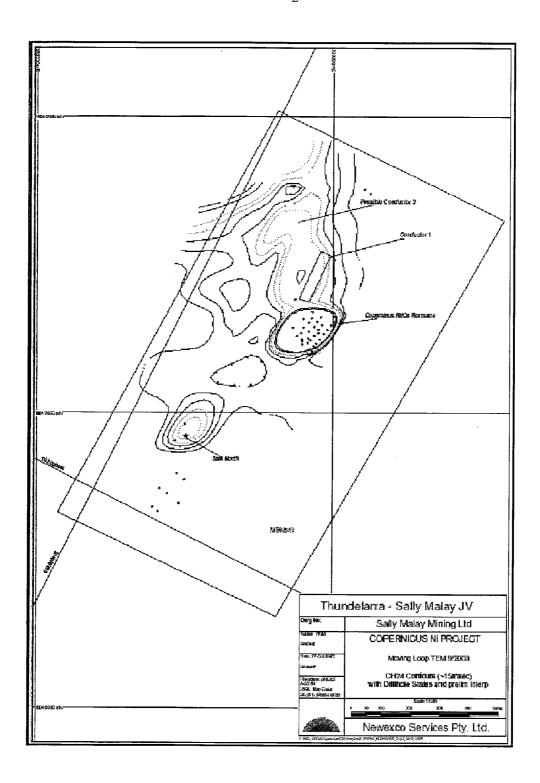
EXPLORATION CONTINUES ON COPERNICUS AND SALK NORTH PROSPECTS

The Company has recently completed a ground Electro Magnetic ("EM") survey on the Copernicus/Salk prospect and is delighted to report that a significant anomaly has been identified immediately north of the existing Copernicus orebody. Initial indications are that the EM anomaly is approximately 100 metres below surface and has a potential strike length of approximately 200 metres. This anomaly appears to have a larger footprint than the Copernicus EM anomaly (see "Conductor 1" in figure).

A fixed-loop EM program is currently underway to assist in planning a drill program to test the new anomaly and the depth extension of the Copernicus orebody. Drilling is scheduled to commence mid-late November 2003.

A re-estimation of the Copernicus resource conducted in October 2003 by BSCG has resulted in an increase in the Indicated Resource (under JORC guidelines) to 241,000 tonnes at 1.5% nickel, 0.8% copper and 0.059% cobalt (using a 1.0% nickel cut-off) containing 3,615 tonnes of nickel. The Company is earning a 60% interest in the Copernicus Mining Lease from Thundelarra Exploration Ltd via the completion of a feasibility study on mining the ore and treating it through the Sally Malay plant, located only 35 kilometres to the north-west.

Additional ore discovered on the Copernicus/Salk prospect could provide feed to the Sally Malay plant ensuring it operates at or above its nominal design capacity of 750,000t ore per annum. The Company's plan is to supplement the Sally Malay ore with that from satellite orebodies either on the Company's leases or from joint venture ground in close proximity. The first of these orebodies is expected to be the Copernicus orebody, which could be mined and treated immediately after open pit mining at Sally Malay finishes, expected to be in mid/late 2005.



SALLY MALAY PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK

As reported on 14 October construction work on the Sally Malay nickel-copper-cobalt project, located 240 kilometres south of Kununurra in the East Kimberley district of Western Australia, commenced in August 2003 and is on track for commissioning in July 2004.

Yours faithfully, SALLY MALAY MINING LIMITED

Peter Harold Managing Director

The resource estimate in this release was prepared for Sally Malay Exploration Pty Ltd by BSCG as independent consultant and is based on data and interpretation supplied by Sally Malay Exploration Pty Ltd. Due diligence was not within the scope of this work and the veracity of the data was not ascertained. Care was taken in carrying out the work, however due to the complex nature of resource estimation, while BSCG does not guarantee its accuracy, it believes this to be a reasonable estimate. Brian Armstrong of BSCG is an ore resource practitioner with over 25 years experience in the mining industry and over 10 years experience in resource estimation and is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

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