

Directorate change

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New Director Appointment

25 August July 2010 - European Nickel PLC ("European Nickel" or the "Company") (AIM, PLUS, ASX: ENK) is pleased to announce the appointment of John Wallace McManus (aged 52 years), following his nomination by the Hunter Dickinson group ("HDI")'s affiliate Constantia Resources Ltd, as their Director to the Board, effective immediately.

A mining engineer with over 28 years of industry experience, John McManus is Senior Vice President, Operations at Taseko Mines Limited, a HDI related company. During his time at HDI, he managed the \$300 million production expansion at the Taseko Mines' operation, Gibraltar Mine, oversaw the 200% increase in ore reserves and was involved in the successful negotiation and formation of \$800 million Gibraltar joint venture with a Japanese trader and smelter consortium. Prior to joining HDI in 2005, Mr McManus has held various senior management positions in mining and environmental engineering, mine operations, mine management, and corporate level mine development and operations at Teck Resources Limited, including General Manager of Coal Mountain.

Simon Purkiss, Executive Deputy Chairman of European Nickel, said: "I am delighted to welcome John McManus to the Board, as a representative of our strategic partner and shareholder, HDI's nominated Director. John's wealth of operational experience will compliment our management team as we deliver the Çalda? project through development and construction into production in 2012."

Mr McManus is a citizen of the United States and Canada, who graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Mining Engineering and he is currently Chairman of the Mining Association of British Columbia.

Save as disclosed in this announcement there is no further information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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Notes to Editors:

European Nickel is (AIM, PLUS, ASX: ENK) is an emerging mid-tier nickel laterite producer focused on growth. The Çalda? project in Turkey is the Company's flagship asset with near-term production and will be the world's first commercial scale nickel laterite heap leach operation. The Company's key competitive advantage over its peers is its proven proprietary, simple heap leaching process which produces a mixed hydroxide product at lower capital and operating costs than conventional forms of nickel laterite processing technologies.

Hunter Dickinson is a private mineral development company based in Vancouver, Canada. HDI is associated with a suite of publicly-traded companies engaged in mineral exploration, development and mine operations around the world. HDI's multi-disciplinary team of 120 financial and technical specialists provides

professional services to successful mine operators and developers on four continents, with interests in gold, copper, platinum group metals, zinc, molybdenum and silver. HDI-managed companies have a successful track record for identifying, acquiring, developing, permitting and mining globally significant mineral deposits.

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