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HILDITCH NICKEL PROJECT – UPDATE

Highlights

- **Second phase of drilling gives encouraging indications of strong geophysical EM conductor's association with ultramafic rock systems**
- **High EM response *"has a modelled conductance in the range expected from a high quality, massive sulphide"***
- **Drilling data to be incorporated in further modelling by geophysical consultants prior to further drilling**

Summary

Ramelius Resources Limited is pleased to advise that its second phase of drilling at its Hilditch Nickel Project, exploring for nickel sulphide deposits, has enhanced the prospectivity of a specific target for which previous work had shown a high electromagnetic (EM) response.

The project area is on trend and immediately to the north of a number of abutting nickel projects in the Spargoville Region of Western Australia, including Titan Resources' Armstrong nickel mine (~10 km to the south of Hilditch), where mining development began in April this year. Titan Resources has reported that "the Armstrong deposit, under its new development plans, has mineable resources of 465,431 tonnes at 2.12% nickel which will yield 9,861 tonnes of contained metal" and has announced that it plans to accelerate its nickel exploration in the region.

Ramelius Resources has been concentrating on nickel sulphide exploration at Hilditch after geophysical (EM) surveys carried out in December 2003 identified a number of anomalous electrical conductors. Its latest efforts have been to isolate targets that are associated with geological conditions favourable to host nickel sulphide deposits as opposed to spurious conductors associated with black shales.

Results from the recent Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling have identified a target zone that has very encouraging attributes in this respect and further work is planned.

Details

The second phase drilling program comprised 645 metres for 18 holes of RC drilling to further assess the geology in relation to the EM conductors previously identified on lines 6536000N and 6535600N, and specifically to establish the geometry of the ultramafic unit identified in the first pass RAB drilling.

This RC drilling shows the ultramafic unit to be dipping east towards the modelled EM conductor (C3) the top of which was modelled at 115 metres depth. It also shows the main ultramafic unit to the east of the drilled area to be dipping to the west, also towards the modelled position of the conductor.

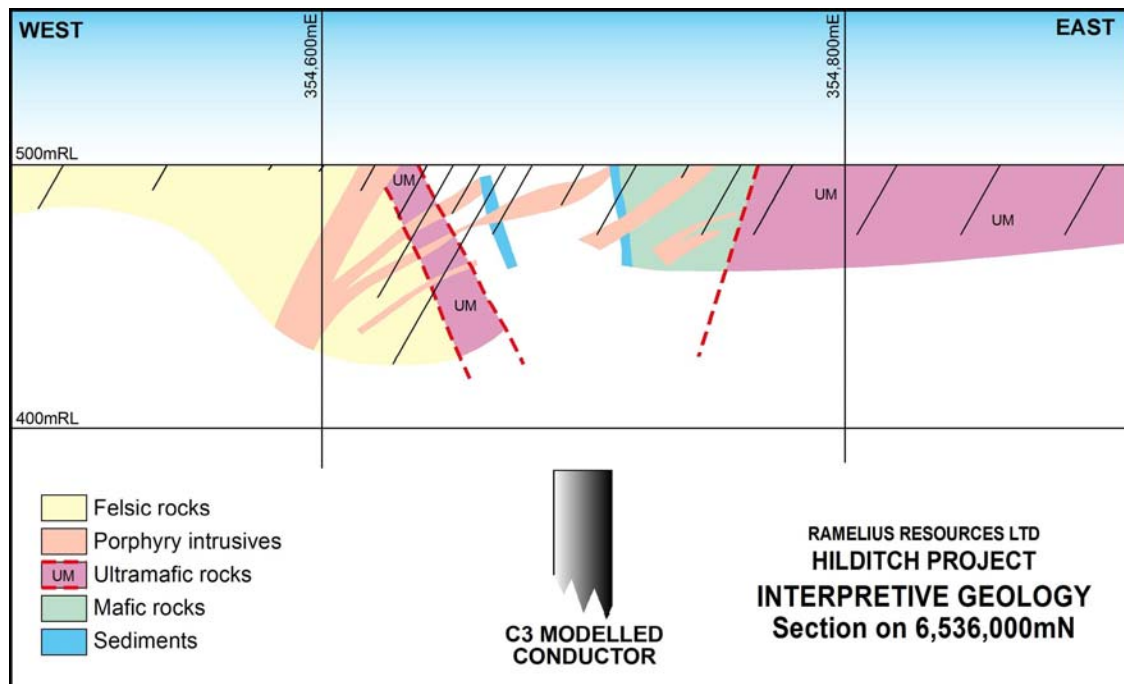
Adjacent to the ultramafic unit, numerous felsic porphyry intrusives appear to have invaded and isolated minor sediments to a degree that it is considered they have insufficient size to give an EM response similar to the magnitude obtained in the EM survey. The Company's geophysical consultants have advised that the high EM response "has a modelled conductance in the range expected from a high quality, massive sulphide."

Outlook

The data obtained will be assessed by the Company's geophysical consultants with a view to carry out as a priority a more detailed fixed loop EM survey to further define the conductor within the known geological environment prior to further drilling.

The results of this survey will be released as soon as they become available.

Prices for nickel metal this year have ranged between US\$10,350/t and US\$17,700/t.



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