



## GPNL Joins PCIMP

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Ltd has joined The Port Curtis Monitoring Program (PCIMP) along with a consortium of 15 members ranging from industry, local and state governments as well as research institutions.

The Port Curtis Monitoring Program was established in 2001 with the aim to develop a cooperative monitoring program to assess the ecosystem health of Port Curtis, and to ensure the environmental sustainability of the Port of Gladstone.

The program aims to assess the health of the harbour within four main research themes being Water quality and biomonitoring, Intertidal health, Oil-spill assessment and Seagrass Health.

'PCIMP Coordinator Dr. Leonie Andersen said, "It was commendable that a company such as GPN was contributing to ongoing monitoring of the harbour when not yet operational. It demonstrates commitment of industry to maintaining the status quo in terms of ecosystem health of the harbour."

Gladstone Pacific Nickel joined in 2005 and has contributed to sponsoring the monitoring since then including the new Seagrass Health theme introduced last year.



## GPNL Head Office moves to new premises

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Ltd recently relocated their Head office from the Christie Corporate Building in Adelaide Street to Level 7, 380 Queen Street, Brisbane.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Downie, said "With the recent recruitment of key staff members as well as current developments of the Gladstone Pacific Nickel Project, we found we had outgrown our existing premises."

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Ltd has over 20 staff members in offices throughout, Brisbane, Gladstone, New Caledonia as well as the Solomon Islands.

## New Caledonian News

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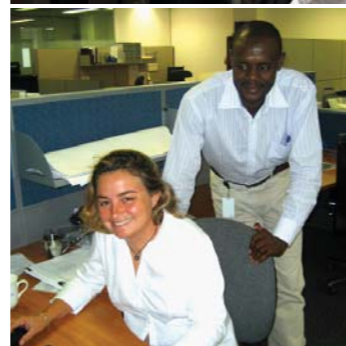
The momentum of our activities in New Cal is building as is our team. The Christmas New Year break was enjoyed by all and coming back to work was made all the more exciting as we start 2008 with two new members ...

### Introducing Jocelyne Robert ....

Jocelyne is our new Office Administrator, strengthening our team by bringing with her more than 5 years of experience in working on major international projects. Fluent in English and French (she can also swear in Greek apparently ... ) Jocelyne is pictured with some of our Brisbane team on her recent trip to visit us here in Queensland.

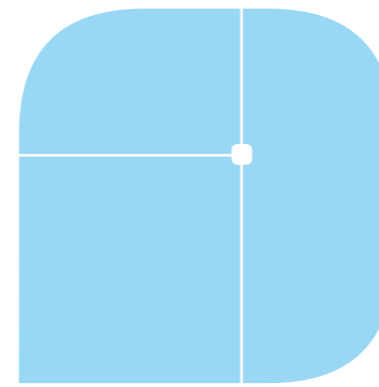
### Also introducing Sara Manzanares

Sarah joins us as our Database and Model Manager. Based in Noumea , Sarah will be responsible for all of the Resource Data Base Management at Gladstone Pacific Nickel. Also bilingual, Sarah brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience and is a really valuable addition to our team.



Above Top: Pictured from left to right - Debra , Helen , Jocelyne , Donna, Emmanuel and John.

Above: Sarah pictured with Emmanuel while recently in Brisbane.



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## A new direction for GPN Project



Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited (GPNL) has announced the restructure of its Board for the next stage of the company's development with the appointment of four new non-executive directors and the resignation of four of the company's founding directors.

Property developer turned iron ore magnate Professor Clive Palmer has taken a 14.8 per cent stake in Gladstone Pacific Nickel, and is off to China to try to line up funding and construction contracts for the GPN project. He has also been appointed non-executive Chairman of the Board. He is recognised as one of Australia's wealthiest citizens. The Australian publication Business Review Weekly ("BRW") ranked Professor Palmer as 32nd in its 2007 Rich list with a personal wealth of over A\$1 billion making him the fastest new entrant to the BRW Rich 200 for 2007.

GPN, which is listed on London's Alternative Investment Market and in Toronto, announced that Mr Palmer and investment bank, Transocean Securities, had bought most of the equity in GPN held by its founding directors.



Above Top: Professor Clive Palmer  
Above: Mr John Downie during his recent visit to China

In the Palmer deal, chairman Robert Pearce and fellow directors Peter Matheson, Andrew Daley and Peter Watson depart the board. They have been replaced by Mr Palmer, Australasian Resources chairman Domenic Martino, RAB Capital's Benjamin Hill and Geoffrey Smith, a former Gold Coast lawyer who is now legal managing director at Mr Palmer's lead company, Mineralogy. They join director James Henderson, who is the managing director of Transocean, which arranged the deal with the Palmer interests. GPN's other major shareholder, is big British hedge fund RAB Capital with a 41 per cent holding.

## Nickel negotiations underway in China

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited chairman Professor Clive Palmer and a contingent of representatives of the company have been in China negotiating with Chinese state-owned companies over the development of Gladstone's Nickel Project. "Gladstone is seeking to formalise a strategic relationship with state-owned companies for the development of Gladstone's Nickel Project," Mr Palmer said in a statement. "In essence, Gladstone is seeking confirmation from Chinese groups a turn-key EPC contract for the construction of the Gladstone Nickel Project with suitable Chinese construction groups; access to Chinese project funding; access to long term sales arrangements for the Gladstone's proposed output of Nickel, and; possible participation by Chinese state owned companies in Gladstone share capital."

Gladstone Pacific Nickel's General Manager Gavin Becker and Managing Director John Downie have been involved in technical presentations and meetings with Chinese companies. The Gladstone team returned to Australia and began reviewing the results of the China initiative and embarked on positive planning for the Project for the year ahead. Roughly 63,000 tonnes of nickel and 6200 tonnes of cobalt will be produced at the Gladstone plant.

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## Gladstone Pacific Nickel appoints Beijing General Manager

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Ltd has appointed its Beijing General Manager for the company. Wang "Gordon" Gongping, took up the appointment on January 1.

Gordon has a strong economics and business background and trained at the Beijing Foreign Trade Economic Management Institute. He was Deputy Director of China National Nonferrous Metal Import & Export Group ("CNIEC") a subsidiary of China National Metals Industry Holding Corporation ("CNNC"). He also was instrumental in setting up 80 branches with 2,000 employees in China and 36 subsidiaries around the world. He has worked in the USA as the chairman and CEO of Jia Hua International Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of CNIEC) and as president of Silver Palm Investment Inc (a Joint Venture with (CNNC).

Gordon will be responsible for ensuring Gladstone's activities in China are coordinated so that management initiatives are implemented in a timely and effective manner. Managing the critical linkages and business relationships for Gladstone in China will require Gordon to have a detailed understanding of the Gladstone Nickel HPAL Project. He will spend considerable time at the company's corporate office and project sites at Gladstone, Marlborough and New Caledonia throughout February.

## Nickel promises to reap big rewards

The Gladstone Nickel Project is likely to show a \$US625 million profit in the first year of full production according to its project feasibility study. GPNL has announced the final financial results of the feasibility study for stage 1 of the project. Managing director John Downie said the study indicated that based on current prices, after a two year ramp up, full production would generate gross revenues of \$US2,417million before tax and interest. "The plant is expected to produce almost 65,000 tonnes of nickel and almost 6,200 tonnes of cobalt in its first full year of operation," he said.

"The company plans to build one of the world's largest nickel and cobalt production facilities at its (Gladstone) site." "The plant will process Marlborough ores blended with ore imported from Gladstone's joint venture in New Caledonia", Mr Downie said.

Stage 1 comprises a two autoclave plant which will produce refined nickel and cobalt metal. While the exact number of jobs is yet to be finalized some 530 employees could be required. Stage 2 of the project involves expansion to four autoclaves when the project will produce about 120,000 annual tonnes of nickel and 12,000 annual tones of cobalt. The total project when completed will place Gladstone as one of the world's most significant nickel and cobalt producers. "The directors believe this is one of the most advanced projects in the nickel pipeline," Mr Downie said. "It is situated in a low sovereign risk environment and it has strong economics as well as potential for significant expansion. The study analyses confirmed the net present value at \$US4322 million.



Above Top: Beijing's newly appointed General Manager Wang "Gordon" Gongping

Above: Marlborough resident, Sharon Howard.

## Local Marlborough resident compiles information booklet

Sharon Howard and her husband David have been at Coorumburra for four years settling in the area in April 2004. David is the manager of Coorumburra Rural Enterprises (CRE) which runs a pastoral operation on Coorumburra Station owned by Gladstone Pacific Nickel Ltd. The Coorumburra Rural Enterprises board is a remarkable group of indigenous people who really want to set the operation up to help train youth to return to work in the rural industry.

Marlborough Nickel Pty Ltd and Traditional Owner Groups (TOs) negotiated a Project Agreement in 1999 that included TO access to Coorumburra Station for pastoral activities.

Gladstone Pacific Nickel came up with the concept of creating a community information booklet that would give an overview of, and

## Gladstone Pacific Nickel sponsors Queensland's great yacht race

Gladstone Pacific Nickel has thrown their support behind the iconic Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race becoming major race partners for this year's 60th anniversary race which sets sail at Easter.

Under the sponsorship agreement, the first yacht to cross the finish line will take out the Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited Line Honours.

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited CEO John Downie said the company recognized the race as a major economic and tourism driver not just for Gladstone but as one of Queensland's major event assets.

"The race has a huge economic impact on Gladstone and in our bid to ensure the Gladstone Pacific Nickel Project goes ahead, we want to contribute and support Gladstone's community," Mr Downie said.

"Gladstone Pacific Nickel values the support of the community and recognizes the upshots of the yacht race for Gladstone's ongoing development."

"Gladstone needs events like this to prosper and Gladstone Pacific Nickel is proud to help underpin and increase the success of this vital event."

Gladstone Mayor, Peter Corones commended Gladstone Pacific Nickel for their support of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

"The Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race is undisputedly Gladstone's biggest event asset that has paved the way for the city's Gladstone Harbour Festival, one of the most successful in regional Australia, and Easter popularity.

"It is my vision to see the race outgrow the Sydney to Hobart in popularity inside the next decade."

"Through this sponsorship, Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited has proven they are diligent corporate citizens, dedicated to Gladstone's development as an up and coming, exciting Australian city."

The Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race fleet will set sail on Good Friday, 21st March 2008 at 11am, 500 metres offshore from Sandgate Pier and then tackle 308 tough nautical miles to Gladstone.

The race is an Australian sporting icon being Queensland's premier blue water classic. It is



"Alegria" entrant in the 2008 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. Photo by Andrea Francolini © Photo.

recognized nationally and internationally as one of the most challenging and notable races in the world.



## Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Status

GPNL is still working through the EIS process. The public review process has finished. A number of agencies and private individuals provided submissions during the public process. GPNL has completed further studies and investigations to deal with the issues raised. An EIS Supplement incorporating this new information has been prepared for those who formally commented on the EIS. This has been issued to the Co-ordinator General for distribution. The Co-ordinator General will prepare an Assessment Report taking on board the comments raised on the EIS by all interested parties.

The report will recommend that necessary approval(s) (from agencies such as the EPA or councils) be either approved with certain conditions or refused.

