

news release

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GLADSTONE PACIFIC NICKEL LIMITED (“Gladstone” or “the Company”)

(ACN 104 261 887)

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER BEIJING

Effective 1st January 2008 Mr Wang Gongping, “Gordon” will be appointed as the General Manager for Gladstone in Beijing.

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”). Gordon 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 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. During February 2008 he will spend considerable time at the Company’s corporate office and project sites at Gladstone, Marlborough and New Caledonia.

The CEO of Gladstone, John Downie said, “Gladstone is very fortunate to have attracted such a highly regarded senior manager for Beijing. Having Gordon’s extensive nonferrous metals experience on the team in China will ensure we move to finalising the project funding and turnkey engineering commitments in the shortest possible time.”

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Note to Editors:

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited (GPNL) is an Australian mining development company presently progressing towards funding and construction of the Gladstone Nickel Project (GNP). The Company's vision is to build a major long-life nickel cobalt refinery at the deepwater Port of Gladstone, in Central Queensland, Australia, treating abundant high grade nickel laterite ores from New Caledonia and other south-west Pacific islands, underpinned by beneficiated ores from its own Marlborough deposits. The Project has the potential to be one of the largest of its type in the world producing some 126,000 tpa nickel (8 -10% of global nickel demand) and 10,400 tpa of cobalt metal from its first two stages.

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