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## News Release

**ASSAYS INCREASE HIGH GRADE NICKEL INTERSECTION AT NEW MORNING**

Western Areas Ltd (ASX:WSA, “Western Areas” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce assay results from New Morning have increased both the grade and width of the drill intercept from the preliminary intersections announced on 30 August 2013.

Key highlights include:

- ✓ Increased mineralised interval of **4.4m**, including **3.6m of high grade massive sulphides**;
- ✓ The 3.6m interval of massive sulphide has increased from the Niton measure of 8.0% to **8.7% nickel, including an interval of 0.8m at 10.2% nickel**;
- ✓ Over the 4.4m mineralised interval, assay results have returned an **average grade of 7.4% nickel**;
- ✓ The massive sulphides intercepted are **70m down dip from the original intercept of 3m @ 6.3% Ni** encountered in NMD177, confirming an approximate **150m down plunge** extent of mineralisation below the reverse fault. The mineralised extent remains open below and laterally to this.

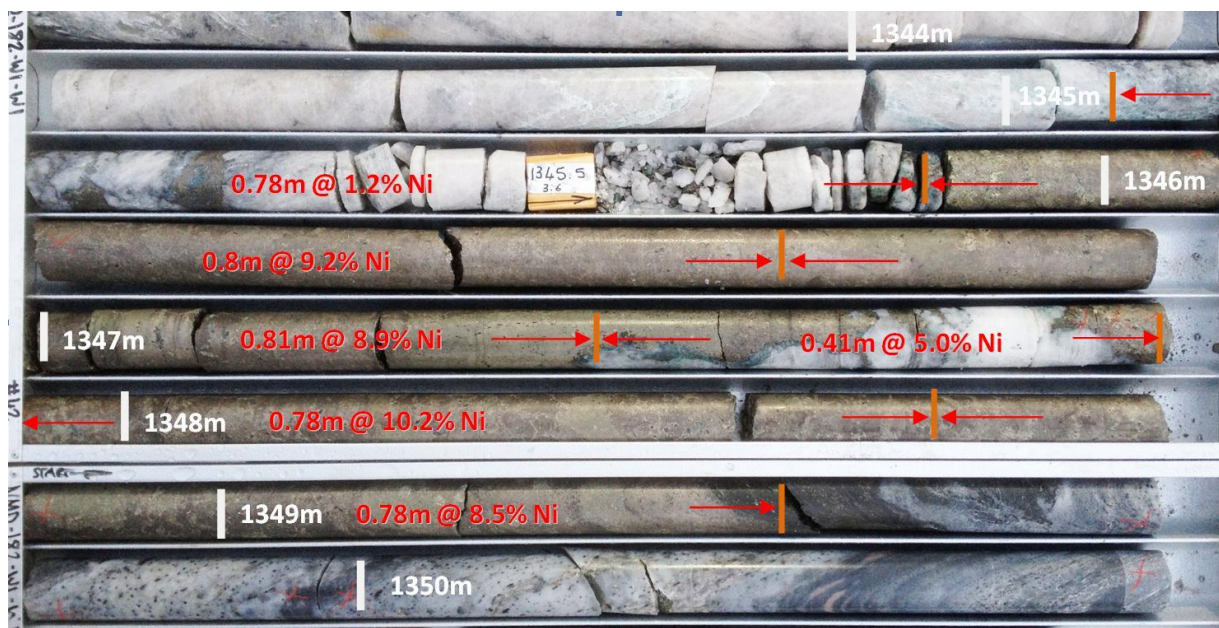


Figure 1: Mineralised drill core from NMD182W1W1 showing massive nickel sulphides

Managing Director, Dan Lougher, said the Company was pleased by the enhanced assay results.

“The assays from the recent drilling have confirmed both the highest grade and now widest intercept to date at New Morning and they are a significant step forward in the evaluation of this mineralised position. We are very encouraged with New Morning given the potential substantial capital cost savings, as any future mining would be accessed from either the existing Spotted Quoll or Flying Fox decline infrastructure.”

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“We allocated \$15 million to our exploration budget for FY14, with the majority to be spent at Forrestania, precisely because of the potential for results like these, so close to established infrastructure,” said Mr Lougher.

The table below details the individual assays over the measured intervals:

Interval (m) Downhole	Ni %	From (m)	Comments
0.78	1.2	1345.1	Quartz Breccia with Massive sulphide
0.80	9.2	1345.9	Massive sulphide
0.81	8.9	1346.7	Massive sulphide
0.41	5.0	1347.5	Quartz Breccia with Massive sulphide
0.78	10.2	1347.9	Massive sulphide
0.78	8.5	1348.7	Massive sulphide
<b>4.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1345.1</b>	Aggregate intercept
<b>3.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>1345.9</b>	Massive sulphide intercept

Integration of the down hole electromagnetic (DHEM) data from the existing drill holes, together with the current geological interpretation, has determined the drilling position of a third wedge (NMD182W1W1) off the parent hole (Figure 2). This wedge will test both the down plunge extensions of the existing intersections and also the interpretation that the mineralisation width and tenor is improving with depth. It is anticipated that further testing of the strike continuity of the existing intersections will be then undertaken, given the limited drilling in these areas. The parent hole (NMD182) continues to represent an ideal platform to test the down plunge and lateral extent of the mineralisation.

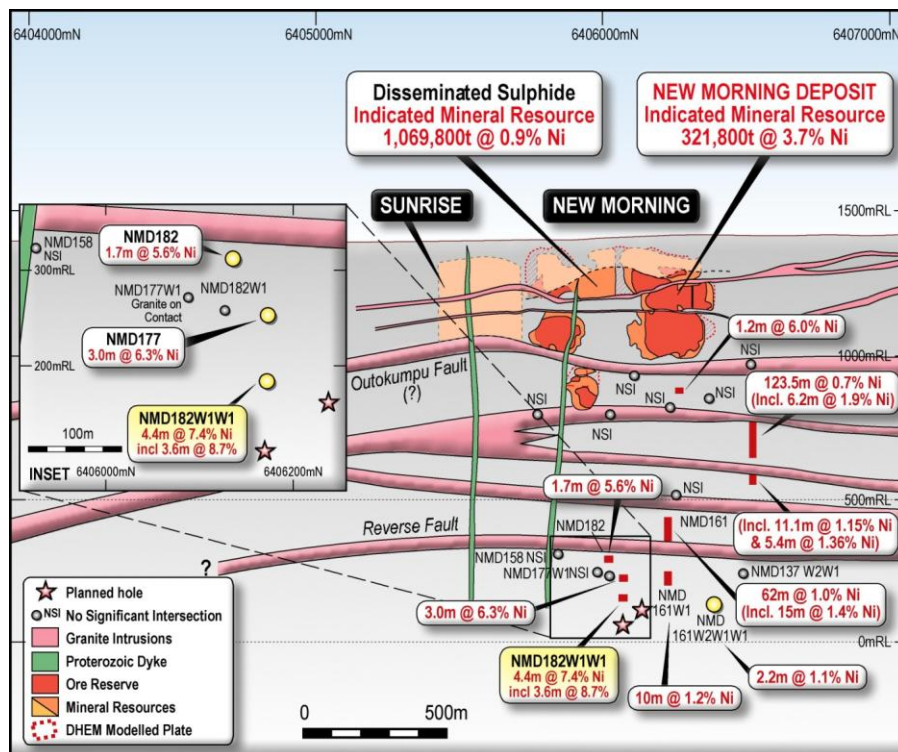


Figure 2: Interpreted Long Projection of the Footwall contact at New Morning

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**DISCLAIMER & QA-QC STATEMENT:** Mr Adrian Black from geological consultants Newexco Services Pty Ltd (“Newexco”) is responsible for the verification and quality assurance of the Company’s exploration data and analytical results from the Forrestania Nickel Project. Surface diamond drill hole collar surveys used differential GPS, down hole surveys employed a north seeking gyroscopic instrument; comprehensive density database; high assay confidence with systematic QA/QC procedures; and validated database.

The information within this report as it relates to exploration results or mineral resources is based on information compiled by Mr Charles Wilkinson. Mr Wilkinson is a member of AusIMM and is a full time employee of the Company. Mr Wilkinson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Persons as defined in the 2004 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.’ Mr Wilkinson consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information in the context in which it appears.

**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT:** This release contains certain forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements used in this release include: “We are very encouraged with New Morning given the potential substantial capital cost savings, as any future mining would be accessed from either the existing Spotted Quoll or Flying Fox decline infrastructure” and “We allocated \$15 million to our exploration budget for FY14, with the majority to be spent at Forrestania”.

These forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties beyond the Company’s ability to control or predict which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements.

This announcement does not include reference to all available information on the Company or the Forrestania Nickel Project or the New Morning deposit and should not be used in isolation as a basis to invest in Western Areas. Any potential investors should refer to Western Area’s other public releases and statutory reports and consult their professional advisers before considering investing in the Company.

For Purposes of Clause 3.4 (e) in Canadian instrument 43-101, the Company warrants that Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

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