NICKEL EXPLORATION DRILLING TO COMMENCE AT JUBILEE AND WATTLE DAM IN MARCH

Nickel sulphide company Pioneer Nickel Limited (ASX:PIO) today announced a 25-hole reverse circulation (RC) drilling campaign will commence at its Acra-Jubilee Project, located 80 kilometres east of Kalgoorlie, and its Wattle Dam Project, located 20 kilometres south west of Kambalda, in mid March.

Pioneer has now completed Moving Loop Electromagnetic (MLTEM) surveys at its Acra-Jubilee Project and has completed 50% of its 1,140 station programme at Wattle Dam.

Pioneer Nickel Managing Director David Crook said the drilling programme would test geophysical anomalies generated by the Company since listing.

“The planned drilling programme includes 25-reverse circulation holes (totalling 2,500m) and is scheduled to take approximately 40 days to complete. Results will be announced on an on-going basis and MLTEM surveys, which identify zones prospective for nickel sulphide mineralisation within ultramafic units, will continue,” Mr Crook said.

“To date, Pioneer’s surveys have generated four priority drill targets utilising conventional RVR sensors. The Company is now simultaneously trialling an alternative technology capable of detecting conductors which occur at greater depths.”

Southern Geoscience Consultants (SGC), Pioneer’s geophysical consultant at Wattle Dam, has identified a number of well defined bedrock conductors. Amongst these, two are high priority discrete bodies with very high late-time (192ms) conductance.

“These conductors are quite distinct from stratigraphic responses evident elsewhere within the survey area. They have been modelled by SGC who conclude that results are consistent with the response expected from a massive sulphide body,” Mr Crook said.
About Pioneer Nickel Limited

Pioneer Nickel listed on ASX on 4 December 2003 and currently has $4.77 million in cash reserves.

Pioneer has a large portfolio of leases prospective for nickel sulphide mineralisation with a target deposit size of 24,000 tonnes of contained nickel metal. The project portfolio includes Acra-Jubilee, Pioneer, Wattle Dam, Higginsville and Maggie Hayes Lake (a joint venture with LionOre Australia (Nickel) Ltd).

Pioneer’s extensive tenement package is largely within the Eastern Goldfields and was acquired to apply modern exploration technology to proven nickel sulphide geological provinces with a history of high grade nickel sulphide mining. The Company also owns tenements in Tasmania.

Pioneer will be the first company to complete TEM surveying with follow-up drilling and down-hole TEM surveys on ground, a majority of which has seen little nickel exploration since the 1970s.

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