

IGE Nordic increases the resource target and gives an update of its Rönnebäcken Nickel Project

IGE Nordic AB (“IGE Nordic”) is pleased to announce a new, increased resource target for its 100% owned Rönnebäcken Nickel Project. IGE Nordic’s previous target for the whole Rönnebäcken Nickel Project had been 180-220 million tonnes grading 0.10 – 0.15% nickel in sulphide. The Rönnebäcken NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate exceeded this target by approximately 20% (see recent press-release no. 7 communicated on 22 April 2009). At both the Vinberget and the Rönnebäcksnäset deposits, large areas of exposed serpentinite with nickel mineralization remain untested. As a result, IGE Nordic has now substantially increased the resource target to 325 – 375 million tonnes at a grade of 0.10 to 0.15% nickel in sulphides. An increase of the present resource is to be pursued in the next drill campaign. Under the current resource, the mine-life is approximately 12.5 years at annual throughput rate of 20 million tonnes. Given the large volumes of untested serpentinite, the company is targeting a mine-life of at least 15 years and a phased production expansion alternative.

The current timelines for the Rönnebäcken Project are planned as follows:

- Completion of the Preliminary Assessment (Scoping Study), originally targeted for the end of the 2nd quarter of 2009, may be deferred until the 3rd quarter of 2009.
- An application for exploitation concession, including an Environmental Impact Assessment, is expected to be submitted by the end of the 4th quarter of 2009.
- A Pre-Feasibility Study is expected to be finalized by mid-2010.
- An application for an Environmental Permit is to be submitted at the end of the 4th quarter of 2010, with approval expected by mid-2012.
- A Bankable Feasibility Study is expected to be finalized by end-2011.
- A production decision is expected to be made by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2012.
- Commissioning is expected for the end of 2013 with production start-up in early 2014, a favourable point expected in the metal price cycle.

The capital expenditure for the project is estimated to be US\$504 million, based on a contingency of 35% and an exchange rate of 1 US\$ = 8.00 SEK. The estimated operating C1 cash cost of US\$3.42/lb (US\$7540 per tonne) is well below current nickel prices. The C1 cash cost includes direct cash costs incurred at each processing stage, from mining through to refined nickel, less net by-product credits. This is based on the first five years of operation and long-term prices of US\$7.50/lb nickel and US\$15.00/lb cobalt.

In addition to increasing the exploration target of the Rönnebäcken resource, IGE Nordic will be evaluating a phased production expansion from 20,000 to 30-35,000 tonnes per annum of contained nickel in concentrate. On-going optimization test-work is expected to lower operating costs, particularly of consumables. Alternatives have been identified to reduce overall capital expenditure.

In order to advance the development of its Rönnebäcken Nickel Project, International Gold Exploration IGE AB is considering various options for its subsidiary IGE Nordic, including alternative financing, partnering strategies and sale of IGE Nordic. As a result, aspects of the current schedule for

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development of the Rönnbäcken Nickel Project, as outlined above, may be subject to deferral or change, under any potential change in ownership.

Forward-Looking Statement

This press release contains or refers to forward-looking information, including statements regarding estimates and/or assumptions about potential mineralization, potential mineral resources and reserves, Rönnbäcken project development, recoveries and grades for concentrate, the ability of the Company to create strategic partnerships and is based on current expectations that involve a number of business risks and uncertainties. Actual results may vary from the forward-looking information contained herein.

The Company provides this information to shareholders and analysts because they are the key drivers of the business. Readers are cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for other reasons. The Company updates its Forward-looking Information as material information becomes available.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, failure to establish an estimated mineral resources and reserves, the possibility that actual circumstances will differ from the estimates and assumptions used in the potential of Rönnbäcken Nickel Project (there is no certainty that the concentrate grade or recoveries proposed will be achieved), the environmental and social cost of proceeding with any of the projects, uncertainty relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future, general business and economic conditions, inflation, changes in exchange rates, fluctuations in commodity prices, delays in the development of projects, changes in legislation governing emissions into the air and water, waste, and the impact of future legislation and regulations on expenses, capital expenditures and taxation and other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry. When used in this press release, words such as "schedule", "could", "plan", "anticipate", "estimate", "expect", "believe", "intend", "may" and similar expressions are forward-looking information.

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