

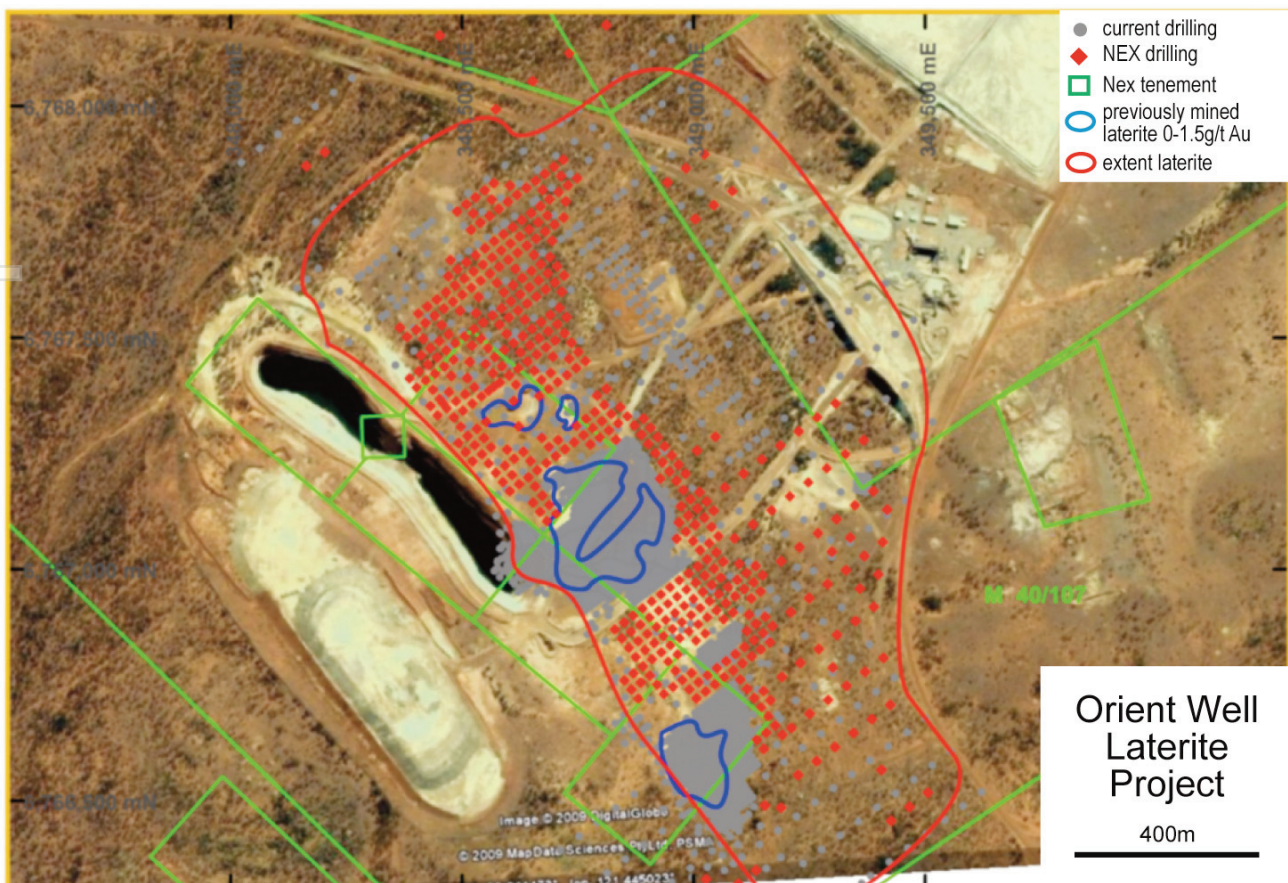


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Environmental Approval Granted for Commencement of Nex Metals Kookynie Gold Project – Phase 1

Nex Metals Explorations Ltd (ASX; NME) ("Nex") is pleased to announce that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has provided Nex with written approval to commence construction of the Phase 1 Orient Well Laterite Dump Leach Gold Project. Construction of the leach pads and gold recovery circuit will now commence in June 2010. DEC has requested an additional Hydrogeological assessment prior to completion of construction, to this extent consultants have been engaged who undertook the previous studies at the Orient Well site. Nex will now finalise contracts with suppliers and major contractors to commence in the month of June, this has been in abeyance pending final environmental approval.





Nex has worked closely with the DEC through the approval process to achieve environmental best practice where possible and is pleased with the support shown by the Department. Nex has since acquiring the Kookynie project invested heavily in improving environmental conditions due to previous mining in this historical mining area.

Phase 1 is the first step in the Nex 3 Phase Plan for Growth in the 100% owned Kookynie Gold Project.

Phase 1 - Swift Low Cost Gold Production, Orient Well Laterite Heap Leach

Phase 2 - Re – Optimisation of shallow previously mined open pits, bulk mining low grade heap leach gold recovery.

Phase 3 Establishing a High Grade Underground Goldmine supplemented by lower grade feed from surrounding open pits and processing within a Carbon in Leach (CIL) mill.

The Phase 1 ASX reported Mineral Resource Estimate is 2.82Mt @ 0.46 g/t for 41,500 ounces of gold.

Phase 1 is a Laterite Dump Leach. The ore is on the surface, has no waste overburden, and has displayed excellent metallurgical characteristics for Dump Leach gold extraction in rigorous testwork by Nex Metals.

The current Kookynie Gold Project Mineral Resource Inventory stands at 20.16Mt for 622,000 ounces of gold The Directors believe there is huge potential to expand these resources by additional drilling along strike from currently defined gold mineralisation.

For more information please visit the website www.nexmetals.com.

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Responsibility Statement

Mr E Prumm the Technical Director and Exploration Manager of the Company is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Prumm has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Prumm consents to the reporting of this information in the form and context in which it appears.