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Quarterly Report – Q3 FY26

Nex Metals Explorations Ltd (ASX:NME) (**NME** or the **Company**), a gold project explorer and developer, provides the following Quarterly Activities Report for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 (Q3 FY26) and the corresponding Appendix 5B.

Highlights:

- Binding agreement to divest 20% Arika JV interest for \$2.5 million cash (before funding contributions) and 58.8 million ARI shares, plus 12 million deferred milestone shares
 - Agreement amended post-quarter, with deferred shares converted to upfront consideration, increasing total equity to 70.8 million ARI shares (\$2.3 million implied value)
 - EGM scheduled for 15 May 2026 to seek shareholder approval for the divestment
- Metallurgical test work commenced at Kookynie Tailings Project; samples submitted to ALS Metallurgy post-quarter
 - Existing NME and WTAC equipment confirmed as well-suited to proposed flowsheet, supporting capital-light development
- Drilling programme planned for May 2026 with programme completion targeted by October 2026
- MoU with WTAC underpinning expanded collaboration on additional WA gold project opportunities under profit-sharing arrangements
- Egypt Eastern Desert entry continues with NME team on site in Egypt last week

Commenting on recent developments, Managing Director Ken Allen, said:

"Since commencing metallurgical test work at the Kookynie Tailings Project in March, we have made solid progress in advancing the programme toward a defined processing flowsheet.

"Samples have now been submitted to ALS Metallurgy and we are encouraged that existing equipment owned by NME and WTAC continues to look well-suited to the proposed flowsheet, supporting our aim of establishing our own beneficiation capability without reliance on third-party toll treatment and without significant additional capital investment.

"Results from this programme will directly inform our upcoming targeted drilling campaign and our broader development strategy. We look forward to updating shareholders as those results come to hand."

Divestment of Arika JV Interest

During the quarter, NME announced the execution of a binding term sheet with Arika Resources Limited (ASX:ARI) for the divestment of NME's 20% interest in the Yundamindra and Kookynie Gold Projects held under joint venture.

Under the proposed transaction, NME will receive \$2.5 million in cash (before funding contributions) and 58,823,529 fully paid ordinary shares in ARI.

The Arika JV has accrued cash contributions owed by NME in excess of \$2 million. NME and Arika have agreed that up to \$2 million of the cash consideration will be applied towards repayment of these

outstanding amounts, such that NME will receive no less than net \$0.5 million in cash from the divestment as well as the ARI shares.

In April 2026, the parties agreed to vary the transaction such that 12 million shares originally structured as deferred milestone consideration will instead be issued to NME at completion, increasing the total equity consideration to 70,823,529 ARI shares (\$2.3 million implied value at \$0.032 per ARI share).

The Company considers the timing of the transaction to be opportune, crystallising value from the JV interest against a backdrop of historically elevated gold prices and sustained interest in quality gold assets across the Western Australian goldfields. NME and its shareholders will continue to hold indirect exposure to the Yundamindra and Kookynie Gold Projects through the substantial shareholding in Arika post-transaction.

An Extraordinary General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, 15 May 2026 to consider the transaction. A Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement was dispatched to shareholders in April.

Kookynie Tailings Project advances towards production with WTAC

NME is the 100% owner and operator of the Kookynie Tailings Project. The Company continues to advance the project pursuant to its Empowerment Profit Sharing and Rehabilitation Agreement with the Wangkatja Tjungukla Aboriginal Corporation (WTAC).

During Q3 FY26, the Company commenced early-stage metallurgical test work at the project. The test work is designed to assess potential processing pathways for the historic tailings material and inform the Company's development strategy. NME is evaluating a processing pathway that would allow it to establish its own beneficiation capability rather than relying on third-party toll treatment, utilising equipment already owned by NME and WTAC.

Since quarter end, two 50-kilogram samples have been collected from tailings dumps 5 and 6 and submitted to ALS Metallurgy. The structured test work programme includes particle size distribution and analysis, grind establishment test work, heavy liquid separation, Knelson concentration, and direct cyanidation, and is expected to take approximately one to two months to complete.

Existing NME and WTAC equipment has been confirmed as well-suited to the proposed flowsheet, supporting the Company's capital-light development approach.

Results are expected to directly inform the planned May 2026 drilling programme, with overall programme completion targeted by October 2026

Broader strategic collaboration with WTAC

The MoU with WTAC executed in Q2 FY26 continues to provide a framework for expanded collaboration beyond the Kookynie Tailings Project. Under the MoU, NME and WTAC are evaluating additional gold exploration and development opportunities across the Western Australian goldfields, with NME acting as project developer and operator under profit-sharing arrangements.

Evaluation of entry into Egypt's Eastern Desert

NME continues to advance its evaluation of opportunities in Egypt's Eastern Desert — a region widely regarded as one of the world's most underexplored gold provinces despite its long history of gold mining.

The Company's focus remains on the North Henai Concession production block and a larger exploration block currently under negotiation.

Due to the evolving geopolitical situation in the Middle East, the Company's team had deferred travel to Egypt and associated on-ground exploration activities during the quarter, with activities being largely remote.

The Company considers the North Henai Concession to represent a potential near-term production opportunity, where there is scope to bring capital-light process improvements to existing small-scale gold production on site. North Henai also presents itself as a valuable foothold in the region whilst the Company also pursues a broader exploration block.

NME team, including Managing Director, Ken Allen have been in Egypt in late April and a further update following key meetings and discussions in-country is expected shortly.

Additional Disclosure

Staff costs of \$22,000 and administration and corporate costs of \$26,000 were incurred during the quarter. The Company received a tax refund of \$10,000. Net cash used in operating activities was \$38,000 for the quarter.

The Company received \$94,000 in proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment during the quarter which comprised sales of minor ancillary equipment to an unrelated third party. Borrowings of \$20,000 were drawn during the quarter. Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end were \$88,000, up from \$12,000 at the end of Q2 FY26. Allen's Business Group Pty Ltd continues to provide an unsecured credit facility of \$750,000 with no set maturity date and no interest chargeable. No amounts were drawn against this facility at quarter end. There were no payments to related parties and their associates made during the quarter.

No cash exploration expenditure was incurred during the quarter although exploration and evaluation activities have occurred as set out above, particularly at the Kookynie Tailings Project. The Company has continued to take a cash-conservation approach to its payables, with expenses incurred being accrued for future payment from proceeds of the Arika JV divestment and other future cash inflows.

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ASX release authorised by the Managing Director, Kenneth Allen.

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Competent Person Statement

The information in this release that relates to metallurgical test work has been reviewed by Mr Eugene Dardengo. Mr Dardengo is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (MAusIMM) and a consultant to Nex Metals Explorations Limited. Mr Dardengo has sufficient experience with the style of processing response and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Dardengo consents to the inclusion in this report of the contained technical information in the form and context as it appears.

About Nex Metals Explorations Limited (ASX:NME)

NME aims to be a cash-generative gold-producing entity with a capital-light strategy. NME's project portfolio comprises the Kookynie Gold Tailings Project and various gold-prospective exploration projects in Western Australia. The Company also has an interest in the Kookynie and Yundamindra Gold Projects under joint venture with Arika Resources Limited (ASX:ARI) which the Company proposes to realise (subject to shareholder approval). NME has also announced its proposed strategic entry into Egypt's Eastern Desert, one of the most under-explored prospective mining districts in the world.

Forward Looking Statements

This announcement includes forward-looking statements based on the Company's current expectations, estimates and assumptions as at the date of this announcement. Words such as "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "target", "believe", "may" and "could", and similar expressions, are intended to identify such statements.

Forward-looking statements relate to matters including funding needs and timing, exploration and development plans and costs, approvals and permitting, availability of labour and equipment, operational performance, market conditions (including commodity prices and exchange rates), changes to laws and regulations, and the results and interpretation of exploration activities. These statements involve risks and uncertainties, many outside the Company's control, that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied.

No representation or warranty is given as to the accuracy, completeness or likelihood of achievement of any forward-looking statement. Except as required by the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules or other applicable law, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements. Prospective investors should not place undue reliance on them.

Important Notice – Regulatory Authorities

No securities exchange, regulation services provider, securities commission or other regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this announcement, irrespective of its release or disclosure on a public platform.

Important Notice - Previous Announcements

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous market announcements noted above and or in the footnotes and that all material assumptions and any technical parameters underpinning those previous market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

Nex Metals Explorations Ltd

ABN

63124706449

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 March 2026

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date 9 months \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1 Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
(b) development	-	-
(c) production	-	-
(d) staff costs	(22)	(59)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(26)	(168)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4 Interest received	-	-
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8 Other (Tax Refund)	10	7
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(38)	(220)
2. Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1 Payments to acquire or for:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-
(e) investments	-	-
(f) other non-current assets	-	-

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date 9 months \$A'000
2.2 Proceeds from the disposal of:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment	94	94
(d) investments	-	-
(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3 Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5 Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	94	94

3. Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1 Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2 Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3 Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4 Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5 Proceeds from borrowings	20	66
3.6 Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7 Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8 Dividends paid	-	-
3.9 Other (Loan to Others)	-	-
3.10 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	20	66

4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	12	148
4.2 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(38)	(220)
4.3 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	94	94
4.4 Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	20	66

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date 9 months \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	--	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	88	88

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	88	12
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	88	12

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	0
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	0

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

7. Financing facilities	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
<i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>		
7.1 Loan facilities	-	-
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	750	-
7.3 Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4 Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		750
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
Allen's Business Group Pty Ltd has agreed to cover any short-term funding needs with a facility of clear credit of \$750,000 that is unsecured, with no set maturity date and no interest chargeable. No additional facilities have been entered into after March Quarter end		

8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	38
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	-
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	38
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	88
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	750
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	838
8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	22.05
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>	
8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
Answer: N/A	
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
Answer: N/A	
8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
Answer: N/A	
<i>Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.</i>	

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 28 April 2026

Authorised by: Managing Director, Kenneth M Allen

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.