

Nickel Rim South Project

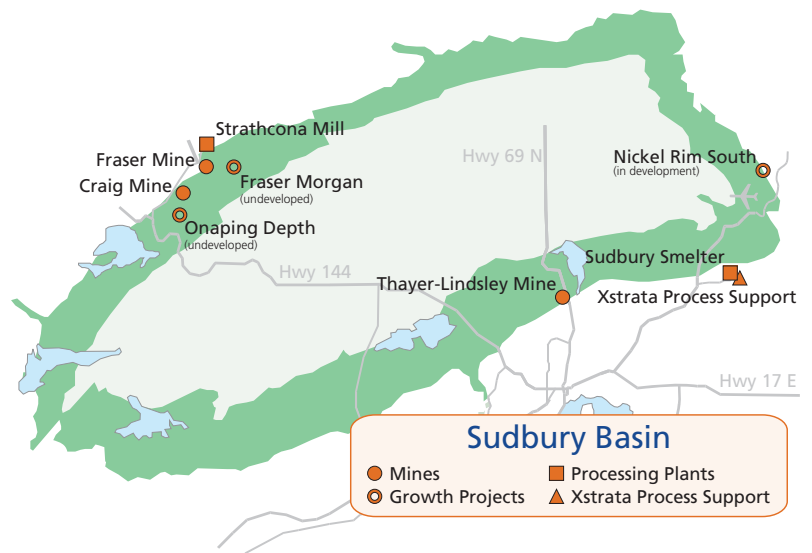


Overview of Project

- Nickel Rim South was discovered in 2001 and is a high-grade mineral resource at a depth of 1,100 - 1,800 metres.
- The project is located 9 kilometres from Xstrata Nickel's Sudbury smelter.
- Five year deposit definition project is nearing completion.
- Decision to proceed to production will be made following an extensive underground definition drilling program, detailed mine plan development and completion of a feasibility study.

Project Timeline

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| 2001 | Nickel Rim South discovery |
| 2002 | Surface diamond drilling continued |
| 2003 | Feasibility study completed for deposit definition project |
| 2004 | Site preparation commenced |
| 2005 | Shaft sinking commenced and surface plant completed |
| 2006 | Phase 0 underground diamond drilling commenced |
| 2007 | Began underground lateral development |
| 2008 | Underground diamond drilling for deposit definition |
| 2009 | Complete project / ramp up production |
| 2010 | Full mine production |



Inferred Resource - 14.5 Million Tonnes

- Based on surface and underground diamond drilling program results, the inferred resource at Nickel Rim South is estimated at 14.5 million tonnes with the following grades:

% Nickel	% Copper	% Cobalt	g/t Gold	g/t Platinum	g/t Palladium
1.6	3.1	0.03	0.7	1.7	1.9

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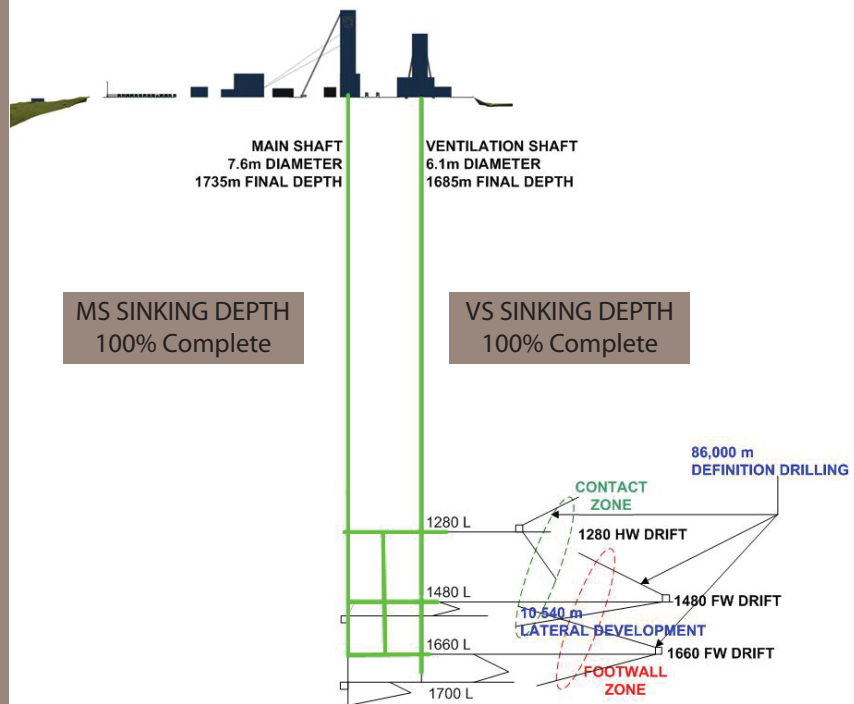


Project Highlights

- Excellent HSEC performance:
 - Incident frequencies below targets and well below industry norms
 - No lost-time Injuries since August 2004; 3.9 million hours without a lost-time injury achieved (as of September 15, 2008)
- Environmental performance and design continues to surpass project targets and industry standards.
- Ongoing First Nation, community and stakeholder engagement.
- Project is on schedule and within budget.
- Nickel Rim South discovery team received the 2005 Bill Dennis Prospector of the Year Award from the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.

Scope and Progress

- Deposit definition project began in the first quarter of 2004 and activities include:
 - Site preparation and construction of surface works
 - Simultaneous sinking of two shafts and underground lateral development
 - 86,000 metres of underground diamond drilling to elevate the inferred resource to the measured and indicated categories
- Infrastructure at the site has been designed and constructed to achieve production of at least one million tonnes per year of ore.
- Surface infrastructure is essentially complete.
- Main Shaft completed to the 1735 metre level; Vent Shaft completed to the 1685 metre level.
- Underground mobile equipment fleet selected and contracts awarded.
- Results from the deposit definition drilling are as anticipated.



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