

# Nickel Rim South Project

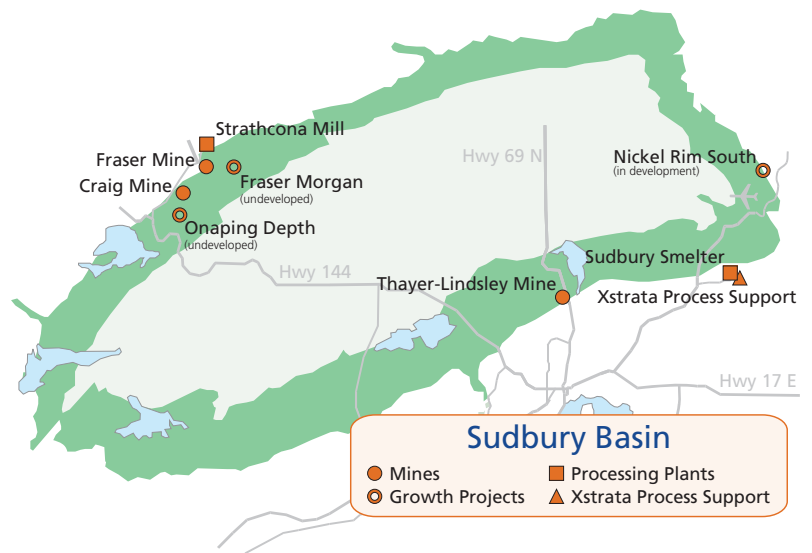


## Overview of Project

- 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

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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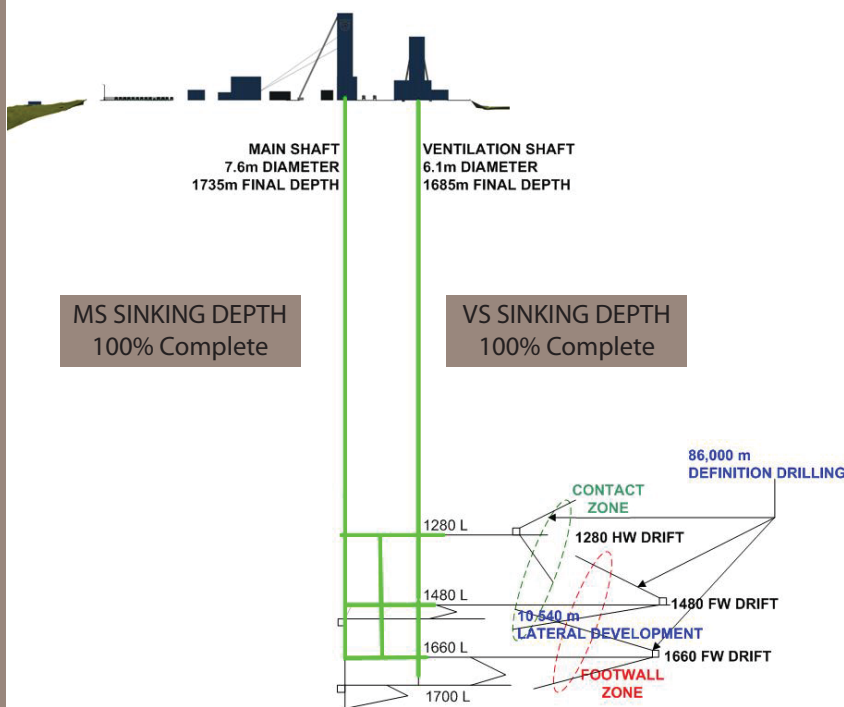


## Project Highlights

- 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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