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Widgie Townsite Mineral Resource Update

Highlights

- Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for Widgie Townsite 2.50Mt @ 1.53% Ni for 38,260 nickel tonnes.
- Increased Confidence of resource with 69% of the nickel metal classified as Indicated Resources for 26,460t of nickel.
- Indicated contained nickel metal has increased 32% from 2021 MRE¹ update.
- 2024 MRE now includes Palladium + Platinum + Gold (3PGE). With Au (0.08g/t), Pt (0.10g/t) and Pd (0.21g/t) for 0.39g/t 3PGE (equating to **6,350oz Au, 7,965oz Pt and 16,650oz Pd**).
- Mineralisation remains open at depth with prospective Eastern Limb untested.
- 71% of the 90,230t of contained nickel at the Widgie South Project Area is now classified as Indicated Resources.
- Total Mt Edwards Nickel Resource stands at 190,300t of contained nickel.

Widgie Nickel Managing Director and CEO, Mr Steve Norregaard, commented:

"The fourth of 6 resource revisions we have fortuitously been able to achieve prior to the Scoping Study, represents a further success in building confidence with what was previously a 50% inferred resource. We now have 69% of the contained nickel in the indicated category. Whilst nickel grade has marginally reduced we are now better armed with no surprises in store with an underlying mining rationale adopted in our Scoping Study able to accommodate all possible scenarios."

"A modest reduction in overall contained metal is evidence of the rigour and the drilling effort we have put into Widgie Townsite to get it right! Alongside Gillett and Widgie 3, over 90,000t of nickel metal is now defined, which will underpin a restart of mining at Mt Edwards. We have removed ambiguity and uncertainty which the company will otherwise be exposed to early in operational life. This outcome highlights the importance of proper uncompromising technical work for which I am grateful to our drilling contractors, employee's expertise and the wise counsel from our geological consultants."

"Widgie Townsite is now another high-quality resource in the company's portfolio, cementing the positive prospects for the upcoming scoping study."

"Widgie's unique and <u>highly strategic</u> assemblage of 12 resources in close proximity make for a wonderful opportunity to build a long life, high confidence, low risk mining operation in the medium term."

¹ Neometals (ASX: NMT) - "Updated Widgie Townsite Nickel Mineral Resource at Mt Edwards" released 29 June 2021



Widgie Townsite Nickel Deposit MRE Update

Widgie Nickel Ltd (ASX: **WIN**) ("**Widgie**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce the updated MRE for the Widgie Townsite ("WTS") nickel deposit, reported in accordance with the 2012 JORC Code. Cube Consulting Pty Ltd completed the MRE which has been reported above a cut-off grade of 0.7% Ni (Table 1).

Table 1: WTS 2024 MRE by Classification and Domain type

Classification	Domain	Tonnes	Ni	Nickel	Cu	Co	Fe	As	MgO	3PGE
Classification	Domain	(kt)	(%)	(t)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppm)	(%)	(ppm)
	Massive	887	2.26	20,060	0.30	0.07	17.9	465	18.4	0.60
Indicated	Disseminated	762	0.84	6,400	0.10	0.03	10.2	763	22.7	0.19
	Sub-Total	1,649	1.60	26,460	0.21	0.05	14.3	603	20.4	0.41
	Massive	251	2.59	6,500	0.32	0.08	22.2	570	19.3	0.64
Inferred	Disseminated	602	0.88	5,330	0.08	0.04	11.7	653	19.8	0.21
	Sub-Total	853	1.38	11,800	0.15	0.05	14.8	629	19.7	0.34
TOTAL		2,502	1.53	38,260	0.19	0.05	14.5	612	20.2	0.39

Tonnes and grades have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate.

Table 2 and Figure 1 demonstrates the grade-tonnage relationship for the January 2024 WTS MRE at varying cut-offs.

Ni %	Tonnes	Ni	Cu	Со	Fe	As	MgO	3PGE
Cut-off	(kt)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppm)	(%)	(ppm)
0	3,743	1.22	0.15	0.04	13.0	536	20.9	0.31
0.4	3,678	1.23	0.15	0.04	13.1	543	20.8	0.32
0.5	3,514	1.27	0.15	0.04	13.3	560	20.6	0.32
0.6	3,159	1.35	0.16	0.05	13.7	588	20.4	0.34
0.7	2,502	1.53	0.19	0.05	14.5	612	20.2	0.39
0.8	1,858	1.80	0.23	0.06	15.8	631	19.5	0.46
0.9	1,519	2.01	0.26	0.07	17.0	646	18.9	0.52
1	1,340	2.16	0.28	0.07	17.7	627	18.6	0.55
1.5	1,098	2.37	0.31	0.08	18.9	452	18.7	0.61
2	688	2.73	0.37	0.09	21.2	428	17.5	0.69

Table 2: Grade Tonnage for Combined Indicated and Inferred January 2024 WTS MRE.

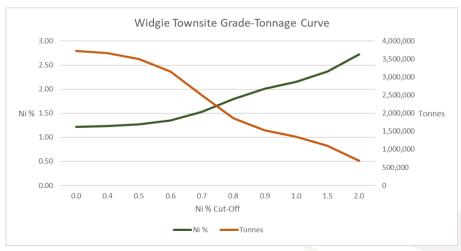


Figure 1: Widgie Townsite grade-tonnage curve



A cut-off grade of 0.7% Ni has been chosen to reflect Reasonable Prospects for Eventual Economic Extraction (RPEEE) of the MRE via conventional underground mining techniques.

Project Location

The WTS Nickel Deposit is located on Mining Lease M15/94, 1km south of Widgiemooltha. Access is via the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway, with the turn-off to the mine site 63 km from Coolgardie (Figure 2). WTS is part of the larger Widgie South Project Area at Mt Edwards which consists of Widgie 3, Gillett and WTS nickel deposits shown in Figure 3 below. Widgie South in aggregate now contains 6.37Mt at 1.42% Ni for 90,230t of nickel over a strike length of 2.8km. Widgie holds the nickel mineral rights over M15/94, representing a significant portion of the highly prospective Widgiemooltha Dome.

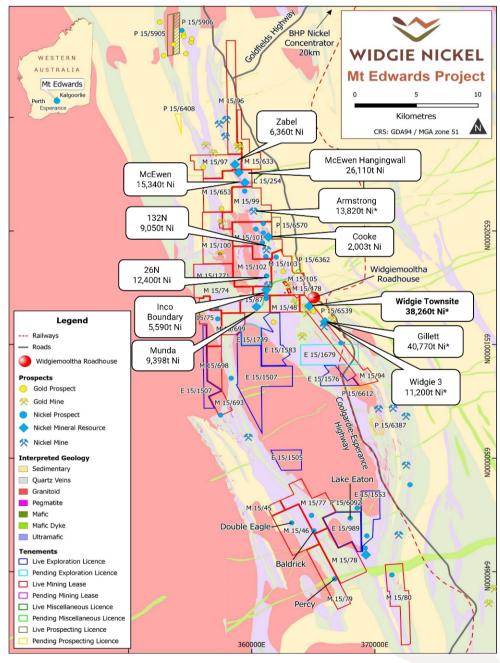


Figure 2: Regional Geology showing WTS Nickel Deposit and surrounding nickel deposits. *Reported at 0.7% Ni cut-off. All other resources reported at 1% Ni cut-off



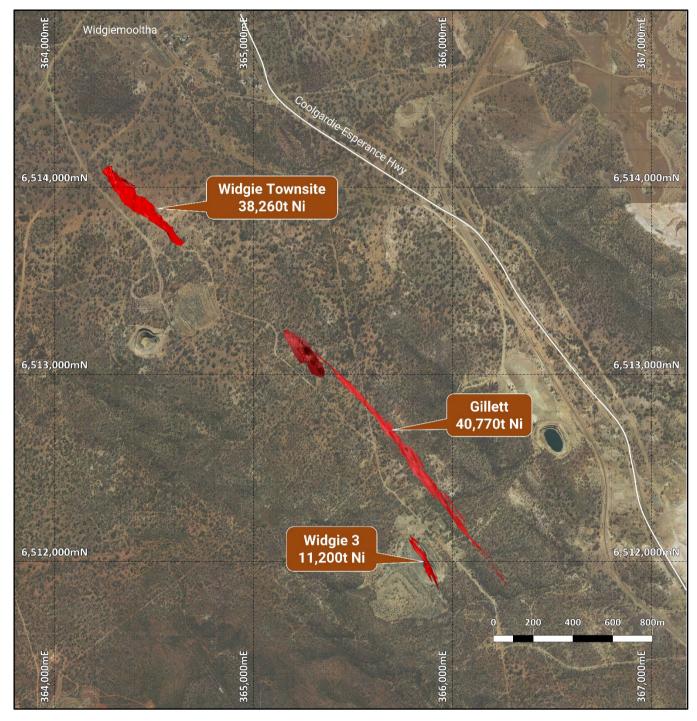


Figure 3: Widgie South Project Area including Widgie 3, Gillett and WTS Nickel Deposits

Nickel Mineral Resources

Widgie Nickel's total nickel MRE now stands at 13.16Mt at 1.45% Ni for 190,300t of nickel (Table 3). The Widgie South Project Area (Widgie 3, Gillett and WTS deposits) contains 6.37Mt at 1.42% Ni for 90,230t of nickel (Table 4) with 71% of nickel metal at Widgie South classified as Indicated resources. All Mineral Resources except for at Widgie South and Armstrong have been reported at a 1% Ni cut-off



grade. The Mt Edwards Nickel Project Scoping Study currently underway supports a revised lower cutoff grade of 0.7% Ni which will be used for all forthcoming nickel resource estimate updates.

Table 3: Widgie Nickel's Total Nickel Mineral Resources

	Indic	ated	Inferred		тот	AL Resourc	es
Deposit	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Nickel (t)
Widgie Townsite	1,649	1.60	853	1.38	2,502	1.53	38,260
Widgie 3	512	1.34	222	1.95	734	1.53	11,200
Gillett	2,267	1.35	871	1.16	3,138	1.30	40,770
Armstrong	949	1.45	10	1.04	959	1.44	13,820
132N	34	2.90	426	1.90	460	2.00	9,050
Munda			508	1.85	508	1.85	9,400
Cooke			154	1.30	154	1.30	2,000
Inco Boundary			464	1.20	464	1.20	5,590
McEwen			1,133	1.35	1,133	1.35	15,340
McEwen Hangingwall			1,916	1.36	1,916	1.36	26,110
Mt Edwards 26N			871	1.43	871	1.43	12,400
Zabel	272	1.94	53	2.04	325	1.96	6,360
TOTAL	5,683	1.48	7,480	1.42	13,164	1.45	190,300

All Resources reported at 1.0% Ni cut-off except for WTS, Widgie 3, Gillett and Armstrong which are reported at 0.7% Ni cut-off.

Tonnes and grade have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimates.

Table 4: Widgie South Project Area Nickel Mineral Resources

	Indica	ated	Inferred TOTAL Resources			rces	
Deposit	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonnes (kt)	Nickel (%)	Nickel (t)
Widgie Townsite	1,649	1.60	853	1.38	2,502	1.53	38,260
Widgie 3	512	1.34	222	1.95	734	1.53	11,200
Gillett	2,267	1.35	871	1.16	3,138	1.30	40,770
TOTAL	4,428	1.44	1,945	1.35	6,374	1.42	90,230

Tonnes and grade have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimates

Geology and Mineralisation Interpretation

WTS is located on the northeast flank of the Widgiemooltha Dome within a sequence of intercalated mafic and ultramafic rocks. At the deposit scale the main ultramafic formation (Widgiemooltha Komatiite) consists of numerous flows of picritic to peridotitic composition with minor interflow cherty sediments. The sequence generally strikes northwest southeast, faces east and dips at 70° to 80° to the east. The footwall rocks underlying the ultramafic sequence consist of relatively undeformed Mt Edwards Basalt. The sequence is folded with a syncline of Widgie South Fold Complex with mineralisation found on the Western and Eastern Limbs and fold closure of the southerly plunging fold nose as schematically illustrated in Figure 4 below.



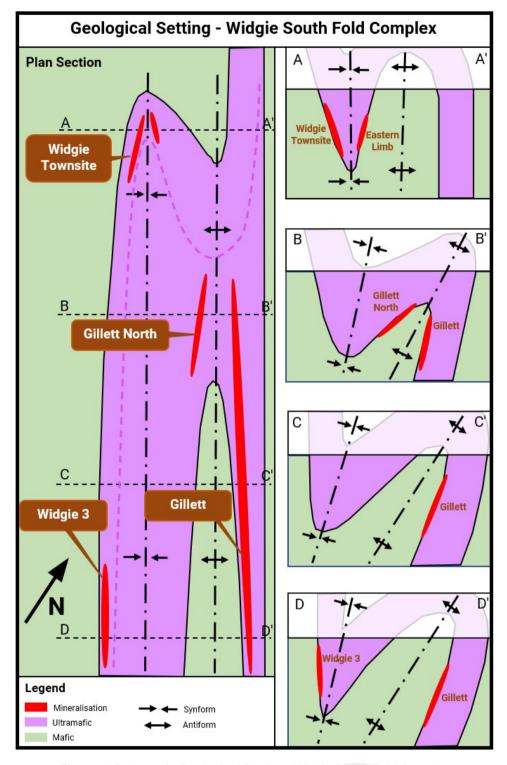
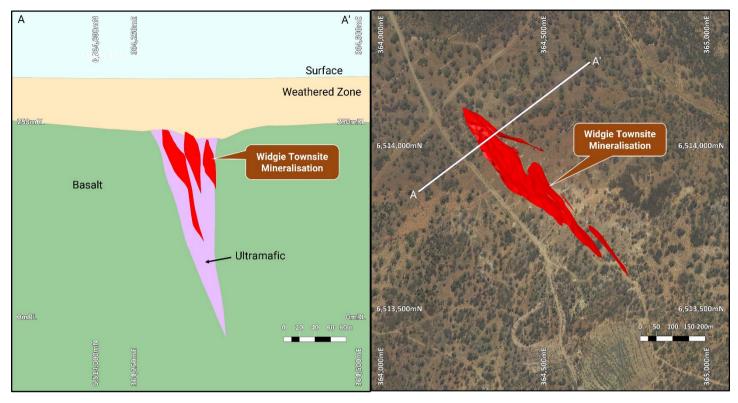


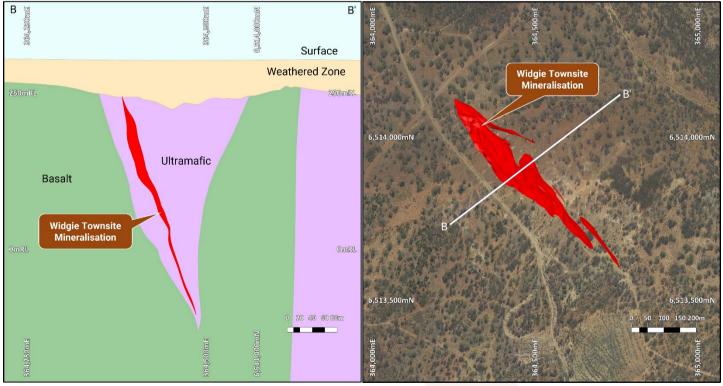
Figure 4: Schematic Geological Setting - Widgie South Fold Complex

The mineralisation comprises several lenses of massive to disseminated nickel sulphide mineralisation occurring within the ultramafic unit generally off the basal contact (Figure 5). The massive sulphide mineralisation is modelled as within or coincident to the disseminated domain outlines. Six massive sulphide domains (one main and five minor) are on average 3.1m wide, but up to 10m at its widest section whilst the disseminated mineralisation domains (one main and eight minor) are typically 7.5 m wide extending up to 17 m at its widest section.











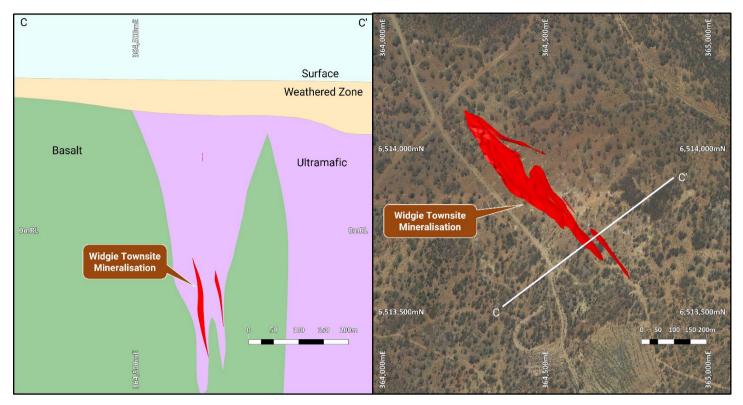


Figure 5: WTS deposit Geology and Mineralisation. Sections looking north-west

The overall nickel sulphide mineralisation strikes north-northwest for approximately 750m from a depth of approximately 60m to 600m below surface. Mineralisation dips steeply between 70° to 80° to the east with a moderate plunge to the south as illustrated in Figure 6 below.

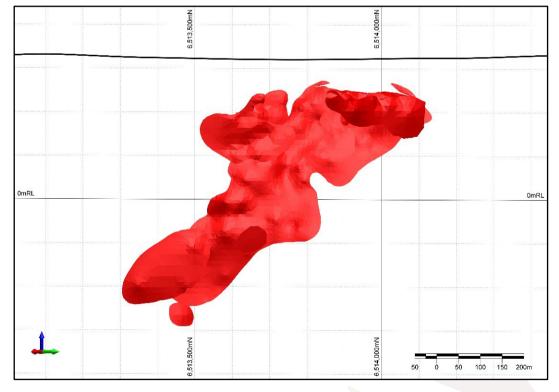


Figure 6: WTS mineralisation (red) Long section looking southwest





The depth of weathering at WTS is approximately 60m with minor transported cover within situ regolith profile potentially hosting a substantial body_of oxide nickel mineralisation² that has not been reported as part of this MRE update.

Drilling Techniques and Spacing

The drilling database for the WTS deposit consists of reverse circulation (RC), diamond drilling (DD) and RC with DD tails (RC/DD). For the 2024 MRE, only RC, DD and RC/DD were used with a combined drill spacing ranging from 20m × 20m in shallow areas out to approximately 50m × 100m at depth.

The January 2024 MRE update is supported by 79 DD holes, 72 RC holes and 28 RC/DD holes, for a total of 50,791m of drilling. Recent drilling completed by Widgie during 2022 and 2023 at WTS includes 5 RC holes and 28 RC/DD holes, for a total of 13,235m of drilling.

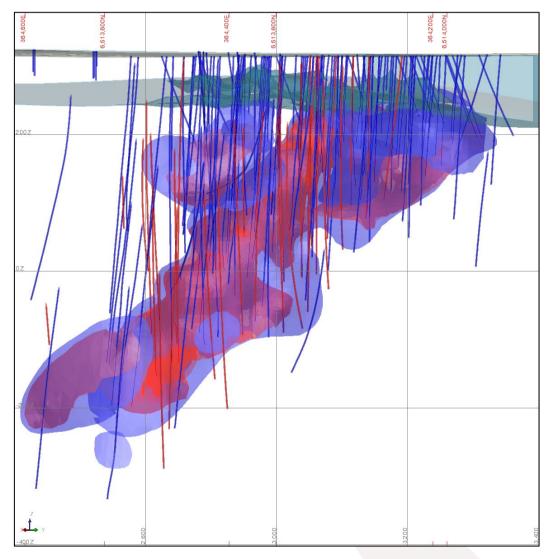


Figure 7: WTS Mineralisation (Blue wireframe disseminated, Red wireframe massive sulphide domains) and Drilling (red trace 2022/2023) - looking southwest

² Widgie Nickel (ASX:WIN) – "Widgie Townsite Grows Legs High Grade Nickel Hits" released 31 July 2023

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Sampling Techniques and Assaying Summary

RC drilling was sampled at 1m sample intervals with the sample passing through a cyclone mounted cone splitter to provide a 2-3kg sample and the spoil collected in large plastic bags. Initial RC samples were submitted as 4m composites comprising 4 equally sized scooped/speared sub-samples from the large plastic bags combined into single calico sample bag which was then submitted for assay. If an initial composite sample returned an assay >0.4% Ni, the constituent 1m calico samples were submitted for assay and the individual results replacing the composite assay data.

Diamond core was sampled using 0.3m to 1.3m sample lengths with core halved and quartered using an Almonte core saw. The ¼ core was bagged into calico sample bags and submitted for assay. The remaining ¾ core was retained with ½ core submitted for metallurgical test work and remaining ¼ core retained for reference. Submitted RC and diamond samples weighed a nominal 2kg to 3kg, some weighing up to 5kg.

On receipt by a commercial registered laboratory the samples were initially weighed as received, then dried in an oven at 105° C for up to 12 hours. Diamond core was initially crushed using a jaw crusher to <2 mm particle size. Crushed core and RC samples greater than 3 kg were 50:50 riffle split, and the excess discarded. The retained split was then placed in a LM5 mill and pulverised for 5 minutes to achieve an 85% passing 75 µm, with 1:50 checked to ensure a suitable grind sized is achieved. A 300g sub-sample was taken for analysis and the remainder retained.

A range of base metal certified reference material (CRM) was inserted at a rate of 1:20 into the sample stream and blank samples introduced at a rate of 1:20 to test analytical accuracy and/or contamination. RC field duplicates were taken at a rate of 1:50 within visibly mineralised samples to test sample precision.

Estimation Methodology

Grade estimation included a combination of Ordinary Kriging (OK) of downhole composites within a traditional 3D block model and OK of accumulation composites within a 2D plane block model.

The disseminated mineralisation and the largest massive sulphide domain were estimated with downhole composites in a 3D block model given these domains exhibit sufficient width to allow some internal selectivity across dip. Downhole composites of 1m length were extracted for Ni, Cu, Co, As, MgO, S, Fe, Au, Pt, Pd and density. Exploratory data analysis (EDA) using a combination of methods including spatial location, histograms, log probability plots and Coefficient of Variation (CV's) was conducted to determine the influence of extreme values. This influence was reduced by applying a combination of high-grade capping and/or distance based grade cutting.

Variogram modelling was undertaken for the composited data for the main disseminated domain. Kriging Neighbourhood Analysis (KNA) and the domain width and orientation were used to determine the most appropriate block size. A rotated block model (toward 325° or -35° Surpac convention) with a parent block size of $10m(Y) \times 5m(X) \times 10m(Z)$ was used for grade estimation and a sub-blocked size of $1.25m(Y) \times 0.3125m(X) \times 1.25m(Z)$ for volume resolution.

KNA was also used to determine other estimation parameters such as minimum and maximum samples, discretisation and search distance to be used during estimation. Grade attributes (including density) for the disseminated mineralisation were estimated by OK using dynamic anisotropy to honour





the undulating orientation. A two-pass search strategy was used with the first pass criteria including a search radius for nickel of 70m and minimum and maximum number of samples of 6 and 18 respectively. For the single massive sulphide domain estimated in 3D, the domain was sub-divided into north, central and deep areas to allow a south-easterly plunge to be honoured for the wider central and deep areas and less obvious anisotropy in the narrower northern portion. The second pass strategy used two times the primary search distance and the same minimum and maximum composites but for nickel this represented only 1% of the total estimate.

The smaller massive sulphide mineralisation domains are typically narrow with no across dip selectivity possible and therefore estimated by OK of accumulation variables within a 2D plane block model. Drill-hole samples were length and density weight composited across the whole mineralised interval creating a single composite per intersection. The intersection composite widths were measured based on an east-west projection plane orientation. A triple accumulation variable for each composite interval was calculated based on grade*width*density plus a double accumulation (width*density). EDA and Quantitative Kriging Neighbourhood Analysis (QKNA) was completed for the accumulation variables and minor grade caps were used to limit the influence of population outliers, especially in sparsely populated areas.

Estimation by OK of the accumulation variables (triple and double) within a 2D plane block model based on $20m(Y) \times 20m(Z)$ parent cells was completed with minimum and maximum number of samples required set as 4 and 8 respectively. A two-pass search strategy was used with the first pass criteria including a search radius varying from 65m to 145m with almost 100% of the nickel estimate completed in the first pass. The final block grade is back-calculated from the 2D kriged accumulation with the grades then projected into the final 3D block model.

Two minor disseminated domains and two of the minor massive sulphide domains did not contain sufficient sample data for OK estimation and were assigned the mean composite grade for each domain.

Mineral Resource Classification

The Mineral Resource has been classified as a combination of Indicated and Inferred based on a number of factors such as the confidence in geology, mineralogy, grade continuity, consideration of the quality of the sampling and assay data and confidence in the grade estimation. Indicated resources include areas where the drilling approximates $30m \times 30m$ but does extend to $40m \times 40m$ in some areas. This represents the majority of modelled massive or disseminated sulphide. Inferred resources include areas where the data density is consistently wider than a $30m \times 30m$ spacing which is typically the deeper areas of the deposit. The Mineral Resource classification for the massive and disseminated mineralisation is outlined below with the drilling intersections for reference.



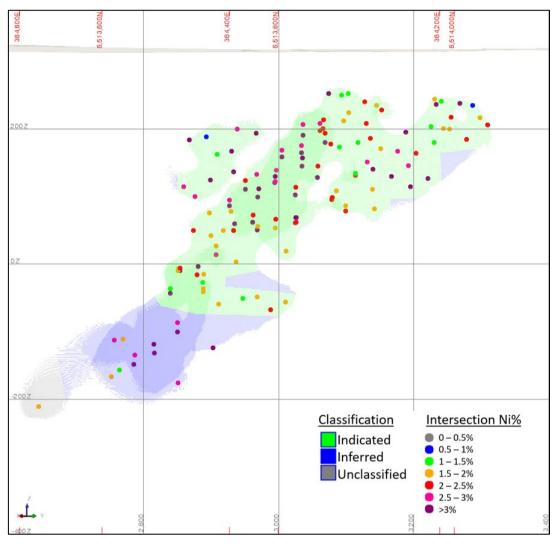


Figure 8: WTS Classification for the Massive/Matrix Sulphide Mineralisation with Drillhole Intersections – Long Section View looking South-West



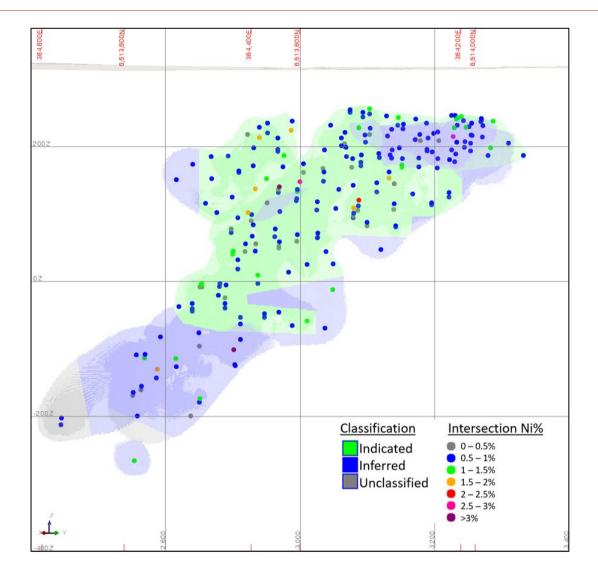


Figure 9: WTS Classification for the Disseminated Sulphide Mineralisation with Drillhole Intersections – Long Section View looking South-West

Cut-off Grades and Reasonable Prospects of Eventual Economic Extraction (RPEEE)

The disseminated sulphide mineralisation is based on a combination of logging and the presence of nickel typically greater than 0.5% Ni. The massive sulphide mineralisation is modelled within or coincident to the disseminated outline and is based on a combination of criteria such as logging, nickel typically greater than 1% Ni, sulphur typically greater than 3% or when the nickel and iron concentration is greater than 15%.

The WTS MRE has been reported above a cut-off grade of 0.7% Ni for sulphide material only. This reporting cut-off grade assumes medium scale underground mining to exploit the sulphide mineralisation and is supported by a Mt Edwards Nickel Project Scoping Study being undertaken currently.



Mining and Metallurgical Factors

The Mineral Resource mineralisation envelope uses a 0.5% Ni cut-off reflecting the on-set of sulphide nickel mineralisation on the likelihood that the mined ore will be processed using conventional sulphide concentration processes. There has been no historic mining at WTS however the Widgie 3 deposit (approximately 2km south of WTS) was mined via open pit and underground from 1988 to 1991. The sulphide ore from Widgie 3 was trucked and processed at the Kambalda Nickel Concentrator (KNC), demonstrating fresh sulphide ore from Widgie South can be successfully processed into a sulphide concentrate using conventional flotation. Only the fresh rock zone of the WTS nickel sulphide mineralisation has been reported in the Mineral Resource with all nickel oxide or transitional areas excluded. Other than the assumption that future mining will be by underground mining methods exclusively, no other mining and metallurgical factors or assumptions were used in compiling the updated MRE.

Comparison to Previous Models

The historic 2021 WTS MRE was previously reported above a 1% Ni cut-off for a combined Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource of 2,476kt @ 1.60% Ni for 39,300t of nickel. For comparison purposes the 2021 MRE includes 2,726kt @ 1.54% Ni for 41,970t of nickel when reported above a 0.7% Ni cut-off. Above a 0.7% Ni cut-off the updated January 2024 MRE reports 2,502kt @ 1.53% Ni for 38,260t of nickel as summarised in Table 5 below. The overall difference between the 2021 and 2024 MRE's above a 0.7% Ni cut-off is an 8% decrease in reported tonnes at approximately the same nickel grade for a 9% decrease in contained nickel metal. However, while the 2021 MRE was approximately 50% Indicated, the addition of infill drilling completed by Widgie, has increased the proportion of Indicated nickel metal to 69%.

Ni Ni As **Tonnes** Model Classification (kt) (%) (t) (ppm) Indicated 1.293 1.63 21,100 575 2021 MRE Inferred 1,433 1.46 20,870 704 Total 2,726 1.54 41,970 643 Indicated 1,649 1.60 26,460 603 2024 MRE Inferred 853 1.38 11,800 629 38,260 Total 2,502 1.53 612 Indicated 356 -0.03 5,360 28 **Actual Difference** Inferred -580 -0.07 -9,060 -75 -0.01 -3,710 Total -224 -31 **Relative Difference Total** -1% -9% -5%

Table 5: Comparison of 2021 to 2024 WTS MRE (0.7% Ni cut off)

There are two key factors that have contributed to the variance between the two models. These include:

1. Interpretation/Estimation - the 2024 geological models including lithology, weathering and mineralisation interpretations were reviewed and all completed from first principals. The overall lithology and weathering models have not changed materially between the 2021 and 2024 MRE's, however there has been a significant improvement to the mineralisation model which now includes the separate modelling of higher grade massive/matrix mineralisation from the surrounding lower grade disseminated mineralisation. The grade estimation in the 2024 MRE has used hard boundaries between the two mineralisation styles resulting in a final grade



distribution which closely honours the informing drilling data and expected insitu distribution. In comparison, the 2021 MRE was based on approximate 0.5% nickel grade envelopes (combined massive, matrix and disseminated sulphides) to represent the mineralisation domains. The 2021 grade estimate included mixed population data and resulted in an overly smooth representation of the grade distribution. An example of the difference between the two MRE's is shown below in Figure 10.

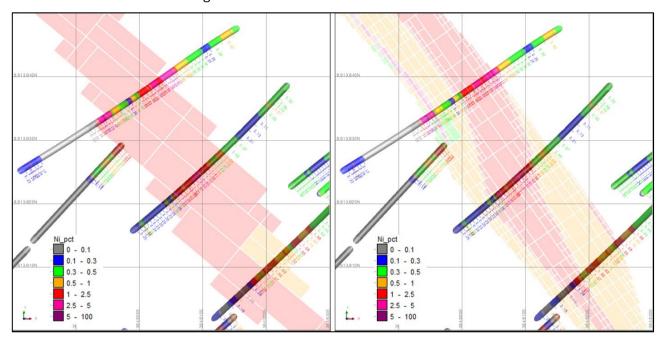


Figure 10: Widgie Townsite Comparison between 2021 (left) and 2024 (right) MRE. Plan View at 55mRl +/- 20m

2. Infill Drilling - recent drilling completed by Widgie mostly targeted existing areas of Inferred material contained in the 2021 MRE. In some instances, the infill drilling resulted in reductions in volume and/or grade to areas of previously Inferred material.

Next Steps for Widgie Townsite

This MRE update will inform the pending Scoping Study for a multi-mine operation to support a standalone nickel concentrator. Additional drilling will be required to convert any areas of outstanding lower confidence Inferred material to Indicated. This will allow for subsequent conversion of this material into a Mining Reserve upon confirmation of economic viability. Further drilling at depth below existing mineralisation represents an excellent high confidence target to add additional resources.

Competent Persons Statements

The information in this report that relates to the Mineral Resource for the WTS deposit was prepared by Mr Mark Zammit, who is a full-time employee of Cube Consulting Pty Ltd (Cube) and is a Member of the AIG. Mr Zammit has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is an undertaking 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 Zammit consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results and sampling techniques is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr William Stewart, who is a full-time employee of Widgie Nickel Limited. Mr Stewart is a member of the Australian Institute of Metallurgy and Mining (member no 224335) and Australian Institute of Geoscientists (member no 4982). Mr Stewart has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being 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 Stewart consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Compliance Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and previous MRE's are extracted from the ASX Announcements listed in the Table 6 below, which are also available on the Company's website www.widgienickel.com.au.

Table 6: Previous ASX Disclosure Summary

Announcement Date	Announcement Title
29/06/2021	Neometals (ASX: NMT) - Updated Widgie Townsite Nickel Mineral Resource at Mt Edwards
01/11/2021	Widgie Maiden Drilling Program set to commence
04/04/2023	Widgie South Nickel Exploration Success
31/07/2023	Widgie Townsite Grows Legs High Grade Nickel Hits

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

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APPENDIX 1: Table 1 as per the JORC Code Guidelines (2012)

Section 1 Sa	mpling Techniques and Data	
Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (e.g., cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g., 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m	All new data collected from the Mt Edwards project discussed in this report is in relation to Reverse Circulation (RC) and Diamond drilling program (DD) completed during the years 2022, and 2023, unless stated otherwise. All RC samples have been acquired at one metre intervals from a chute beneath a cyclone on the RC drill rig. Sample size was then reduced through a cone sample splitter. Two identical sub-samples have been captured in pre-numbered calico bags, with typical masses ranging between 2 and 3.5kg. Care was taken to ensure that both original sub-samples and duplicate sub-samples have been collected representatively, and therefore are of equal quantities. The remainder of the sample (the reject) has been retained in the short term in sample piles at the drill site. Samples assessed as prospective for nickel mineralisation have been assayed at single metre sample intervals. A mineralised sample is defined as that which when tested in a laboratory would be expected to have an assay returned above 0.3% nickel. DD samples of NQ2 size quarter core have been acquired according to logged lithological and mineralisation boundaries at lengths between 0.3 metres to 1.3 metres. No other measurement tools related to sampling have been used in the holes for sampling other than directional/orientation survey tools. Base metal, multi-element analysis was completed using a 4-acid digest with ICP-OES finish for 9 elements. PGE's (Au, Pt and Pd) analysis was completed via 25g charge Fire Assay
	samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases, more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g., submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	with an ICP-MS finish. Sampling techniques for the WMC and other parties drilling is not known.



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Drilling Techniques	Drill type (e.g., core, reverse circulation, open- hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g., core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	The RC rig is a KWL350 with a face sampling auxiliary compressor and booster. Drill rods are 6 metres long and drill bit diameter is 143mm, and hence so is the size of drillhole diameter. Holes have been drilled at a nominal dip angle of -60° with varying azimuth angles to orthogonally intercept the interpreted favourable geological contact zones. The DD rig is an Austex 1550 drilling NQ2 with standard tube. Core is oriented using Reflex ACT III tool.
Drill Sample Recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.	The sample recovery is logged by a geologist during drilling and recoveries have been considered acceptable. Minor sample loss was recognised while sampling the first metre of some drillholes due to very fine grain size of the surface and near-surface material. No relationship between sample recovery and grade has been recognised.
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.	All RC drillholes have been geologically logged for lithology, weathering, alteration, and mineralogy. All samples have been logged in the field at the time of drilling and sampling (both quantitatively and qualitatively where viable) with spoil material and sieved rock chips assessed. All RC holes have been photographed. All DD holes have been geologically logged (both quantitatively and qualitatively) for lithology, weathering, alteration and mineralogy and sampled following drilling. All DD holes have been photographed. Geochemical analysis of each hole has been correlated back to logged geology for validation.
Sub- sampling techniques	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	The sample preparation technique carried out in the field is considered industry best standard practice and was completed by the geologist.

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and sample preparation

If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.

For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.

RC: Samples collected at 1 metre intervals from a cyclonemounted cone splitter to yield a 2 to 3 kg sub-samples.

DD: Samples of NQ2 size core at lengths between 0.3 metres to 1.3 metres have been cut with an Almonte core saw and quarter core submitted for analysis. With the remaining 3/4 core retained for archived 1/4 core and/or metallurgical testing 1/2 core.

Individual samples have been weighed as received and then dried in a gas oven for up to 12 hours at 105°C.

Samples >3 kg's have been riffle split 50:50 and excess discarded. All samples have been then pulverised in a LM5 pulveriser for 5 minutes to achieve 85% passing 75um. 1:50 grind checks have been performed to verify passing was achieved.

A 300g split was taken at the bowl upon completion of the grind and sent to the next facility for assay. The remainder of the sample (now pulverised) was bagged and retained until further notice.

For each submitted sample, the remaining sample (material) less the aliquot used for analysis has been retained, with the majority retained and returned to the original calico bag and a nominal 300g portion split into a pulp packet for future reference.

Quality of assay data and laboratory tests

Quality control procedures adopted for all subsampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.

Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in-situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.

Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.

The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.

Widgie Nickel has established QAQC procedures for all drilling and sampling programs including the use of commercial Certified Reference Material (CRM) as field and laboratory standards, field and laboratory duplicates and blanks.

Nickel sulphide CRM samples have been inserted into the batches by the geologist, at a nominal rate of 5% of the total samples.

Field duplicate samples have been taken in visibly mineralised zones, at a rate of 2% of total samples.

Samples of blank material have been submitted immediately after visibly mineralised zones at a nominal rate of 5% of the total samples.

Sample size is considered appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.

Assaying was completed by SGS and Intertek Genalysis with standards and duplicates reported in the sample batches.

Individual samples have been assayed for a suite of 33 elements at SGS and 12 elements at Intertek including nickel related analytes as per the laboratory's procedure for a 4-acid digestion (HCL/HCLO4/HF/HNO3) followed by an Induced Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-OES) analytical

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For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.

Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g., standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.

technique. PGE's (Au, Pt and Pd) analysis was completed via Fire Assay with a Mass Spectrometry (MS) finish.

Internal sample quality control analysis was then conducted on each sample and on the batch by the laboratory.

Results have been reported to Widgie Nickel in CSV, PDF and SIF formats.

A detailed QAQC analysis was carried out with all results assessed for repeatability and meeting expected values relevant to nickel and related elements. Any failures or discrepancies were followed up as required.

There has been no cross-laboratory testing utilising an umpire laboratory at this stage

Verification of sampling and assaying

The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.

The use of twinned holes

The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.

Discuss any adjustment to assay data

Assay results are provided by the laboratory to Widgie Nickel in CSV, PDF and SIF formats, and then validated and entered into the database managed by an external contractor. Backups of the database are stored both in and out of office.

No holes were specially designed as twinned holes. However, recent drillholes come into close proximity (5m) of historical holes. These holes were used to confirm historical drilling intercepts spatially and assay repeatability.

Assay, Sample ID and logging data are matched and validated using filters in the drill database. The data is further visually validated by Widgie Nickel geologists and database staff.

Significant intersections are verified by senior Widgie Nickel geologists.

No adjustment of assay data has been undertaken.





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Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole	A differential RTK DGPS and handheld GPS has been used to determine the drillhole collar locations, accurate to within 0.1m.
	workings and other	MGA94_51S is the grid system used in this program.
	locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid	Downhole survey using Reflex Sprint IQ gyro survey equipment was conducted during the program by the drilling contractor.
	system used Quality and adequacy of topographic control	Downhole Gyro survey data have been converted from true north to MGA94 Zone51S and saved into the data base. The formulas used are:
	topograpino controt	Grid Azimuth = True Azimuth + Grid Convergence.
		Grid Azimuth = Magnetic Azimuth + Magnetic Declination + Grid Convergence.
		The Magnetic Declination and Grid Convergence have been calculated with and accuracy to 1 decimal place using plugins in QGIS.
		Magnetic Declination = 0.8
		Grid Convergence = -0.7
		Topographic control is provided by collar surveys drilled in this campaign, and by either collar survey or historical topographic surveys for historical data. Topographic control is considered adequate.
Data spacing and	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results	All RC drillholes have been sampled at 1 metre intervals down hole.
distribution	Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient	All DD drillhole have been sampled at between 0.3 and 1.3 metres.
	to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.	Drillholes have been designed and completed to infill and extend known mineralisation, with a nominal drillhole spacing of recent and historical drilling of 30 to 60 metres. The drillhole spacing is considered sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate to estimate and report an Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resources.
	Whether sample compositing has been applied	Compositing has been applied only as an interim measure to determine nickel grade anomalism, with follow up assay of individual samples undertaken where anomalism is detected.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.	In the Mt. Edwards region, nickel mineralisation is typically located on the favourable basal basalt contact or within the second or third ultramafic flow. All drillholes have been planned at varying dip and azimuth angles in order to, where possible, orthogonally intercept the interpreted favourable geological contact zones.





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	If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.	Geological information (including structural) from both historical geological mapping as well as current geological mapping has been used during the planning of these drillholes. Due to the steep orientation of the mineralised zones in some place, there will be some exaggeration of the width of intercepts.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security	RC samples were transported by truck to Intertek Kalgoorlie laboratory at (12 Keogh Way, West Kalgoorlie, WA) or SGS Perth (28 Reid Rd, Perth Airport) for submission.
		All DD samples were transported to Widgie Nickel's warehouse located in Carlisle, WA. Where the core was cut and sampled. The samples were then transported to Intertek Perth (544 Bickley Road, Maddington) or SGS Perth 28 Reid Rd, Perth Airport).
		Sample security was not considered a significant risk to the project. No specific measures have been taken by Widgie Nickel to ensure sample security beyond the normal chain of custody for a sample submission.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	A review of the exploration program was undertaken prior to the drill program by Widgie Nickel geology management. Regular reviews and site visits have been made during the conduct of drill program. Staff and contract geologists have been based on site prior to, during and on completion of the drill and sample program to ensure proper quality control as per the modern mining industry standards.





Section 2 Report	ting of Exploration Results	
Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.	The Widgie Townsite deposit is located on M15/94, which is held by Mincor Resources NL, with Widgie Nickel Ltd retaining nickel rights via its wholly-owned subsidiary, Mt Edwards Critical Metals Pty Ltd.
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	Widgie Nickel have held an interest in M15/94 since September 2021; hence all prior work has been conducted by other parties.
		The ground has a long history of exploration and mining and has been explored for nickel since the 1960s, initially by UniMin, Anaconda Nickel and Western Mining Corporation before 2005. Numerous companies have taken varying interests in the project area since this time.
		The most recent drilling undertaken at WTS prior to that by Widgie, was completed by Consolidated Nickel (2006-2007), Titian Resources (2005-2006).
		Historical exploration results and data quality have been considered during the planning stage of drill locations on M15/94 for this drilling program, and results of the program are being used to validate historic data.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.	The WTS is a komatiite hosted nickel sulphide deposit. WTS is located on the northeast flank of the Widgiemooltha Dome, within a sequence of intercalated mafic and ultramafic rocks. At the deposit scale the main ultramafic formation (Widgiemooltha Komatiite) consists of numerous flows of picritic to peridotitic composition with minor interflow cherty sediments. The sequence generally strikes northwest southeast, faces east and dips at 700 to 800 to the east. The footwall rocks underlying the ultramafic sequence consist of relatively undeformed Mt Edwards Basalt. The sequence is folded with a syncline of Widgie South Fold Complex with mineralisation found on the Western and Eastern Limbs and fold closure of the southerly plunging fold nose.
		The deposit mineralisation comprises several lenses of massive to disseminated nickel sulphide mineralisation





		occurring within the ultramafic unit generally off the basal contact
Drill hole information	A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:	This report does not refer to exploration results specifically but can be referred to in the ASX announcement summary in Table 6.
	easting and northing of the drill hole collar	
	elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar	
	dip and azimuth of the hole	
	down hole length and interception depth	
	hole length.	
	If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.	
Data aggregation methods	In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g., cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.	This report does not refer to exploration results specifically but can be referred to in the ASX announcement summary in Table 6.
	Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high-grade results and longer lengths of low-grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.	
	The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.	





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Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g., 'down hole length, true width not known').	All drilling is angled to best intercept the favourable contact zones between ultramafic rock and basalt rock units to best determine true widths of mineralisation.
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	Appropriate maps, sections and tables are included in the body of the Report.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	The resource estimation is the best reflection of the tenor, distribution and size of the mineralisation at WTS.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	No further exploration data has been collected at this stage.
Further work	The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g., tests for lateral extensions or large scale step out drilling.	Additional drilling maybe required to increase the indicated category of the MRE to allow for conversion to mining reserves for feasibility purposes.
	Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions,	





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	including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	Mineralisation down plunge of WTS is unconstrained. Additional extension/exploration drilling will be required to assess potential resource growth.





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Database integrity	Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying	The drillhole database for the Widgie Townsite Deposit is part of the larger Mt Edwards tenements that have been held by multiple companies.
	errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes. Data validation procedures used.	In September 2021, Widgie Nickel Ltd (WIN) acquired the Widgiemooltha leases, which included the WTS deposit and has been responsible for all current onsite data collection and database uploads. WIN have contracted database management to an external third party who is responsible for all data uploads and the exports relating to the Widgie Townsite database. This includes QAQC data compilation for the purposes of analysis.
		Drillhole data was extracted directly from the Company's drillhole Microsoft Access database which includes internal data validation protocols.
		Data was further validated by Cube Consulting upon receipt and prior to use in the estimation.
Site visits	Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits. If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.	Mr Mark Zammit, Principal Geologist at Cube Consulting Pty Ltd is the Competent Person for preparing the estimate and has not undertaken a site visit specifically to the WTS deposit but has visited the Widgiemooltha project area on numerous occasions since 2005. Diamond core photos have been reviewed in detail for recent drilling completed by Widgie
		Mr William Stewart, Geology Manager at Widgie Nickel Limited, the Competent Person for data collection, is a full-time employee of the Company and has undertaken numerous site visits.
interpretation uncertainty interpretation deposit. Nature of the assumption. The effect, i interpretation estimation. The use of ground controlling estimation. The factors	interpretation of the mineral	The confidence of the Widgie Townsite geological interpretation is sufficient and is reflected in the assigned resource classification. Although the Widgie Townsite deposit does not outcrop and there has been no exposure from previous mining there is a sufficient quality and density of drilling data plus a strong history of exploration
	The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource	and mining of similar deposits within the Kambalda/Widgiemooltha region to support the current geological interpretation.
	The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource	The Widgie Townsite deposit occurs on the northeast flank of the Widgiemooltha Dome within a sequence of intercalated mafic and ultramafic rocks. The mineralisation occurs as disseminated nickel sulphides,
	The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.	with locally developed matrix and massive sulphide mineralisation generally off the basal contact within a high MgO komatiite flow unit. The footwall consists of predominantly tholeiite basalts. Weathering surface has been interpreted for the top of fresh with all mineralisation





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		reported in the Mineral Resource representing primary sulphides. The geological interpretation was completed by Widgie Nickel and Cube Consulting based on logging and geochemical data.
		No other interpretations have been considered with the current model representing am updated and robust version of previous models.
		All available data including logging and geochemistry was used to build sound lithological and weathering models that underpin the mineralisation interpretation. The mineralisation model differentiates between massive/matrix style sulphides from lower grade disseminated.
		The key aspect of the lithology model is the ultramafic and basalt mafic contact which is the primary control for the nickel sulphide mineralisation.
		Locally the mineralisation is expected to pinch and swell. In addition, structural discontinuities are likely to result in localised offsets.
Dimensions	ensions The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.	The total Widgie Townsite mineralisation has been defined over a strike length of approximately 750m and between 60m and 600m below surface.
		The mineralisation is located typically 20 to 30m from the basalt contact dipping steeply at 70° to the northeast and plunging steeply to the southeast. Six massive sulphide domains (one main and five minor) are on average 3.1m wide, but up to 10m at its widest section while the disseminated mineralisation domains (one main and eight minor) are on average 7.5m wide but up to 17m at its widest section.

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Estimation and modelling techniques

The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.

Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.

Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.

The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.

The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products

Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (e.g. sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).

In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.

Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.

Any assumptions about correlation between variables.

The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.

Ordinary Kriging (OK) of composite data was used to estimate Ni, Cu, Co, As, MgO, S, Fe, Au, Pt, Pd and density for all mineralised domains. The estimation methodology included OK of downhole composites in a 3D model for the disseminated mineralisation domains and the main massive sulphide domain where the width was sufficient to allow some internal selectivity across dip. For the remaining massive/matrix mineralisation domains which are typically narrow with no across dip selectivity possible, they were estimated by OK of accumulation variables (grade × width × density) within a 2D plane block model.

The 3D estimate methodology involved compositing downhole to 1m. EDA, variography and QKNA was completed for all variables to be estimated. Grade capping was applied to a relatively small number of composites to limit the influence of population outliers. The minimum number of samples required was set as six and the maximum set as 18. First pass search ellipse radii and anisotropy were similar to the variogram models. Dynamic anisotropy to honour the undulating orientation for the disseminated domains was used. For the single massive sulphide domain estimated in 3D, the domain was sub-divided into north, central and deep areas to allow a south-easterly plunge to be honoured for the wider central and deep areas and less obvious anisotropy in the narrower northern portion. If a block was not estimated with this first search pass, a second pass twice the size of the first was used with 99% of the blocks being informed in the first pass. Parent block size was 5mE × 10mN × 10mRL was used for estimation and sub-blocks (minimum of 0.3125mE × 1.25mN × 1.25mRL) were used to represent the mineralised domain volumes. The block model was rotated toward 325° (-35° Surpac convention) to honour the mineralisation strike. Hard boundaries were typically used for grade estimation, with each mineralised shoot estimated separately.

The 2D accumulation estimate methodology involves length and density weight compositing across the whole mineralised interval creating a single composite per intersection. The intersection composites widths are measured based on a nominated projection plane orientation. A triple accumulation variable for each composite interval is calculated based on grade*width*density plus a double accumulation (width*density). Exploratory data analysis (EDA), variography and quantitative kriging neighbourhood analysis (QKNA) was completed in Supervisor software for the accumulation variables. Minor grade caps were applied to the triple accumulation variables to limit the influence of population outliers. The minimum number of

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samples required was set as four and the maximum set as eight. The estimation neighbourhood varies for each element based on the variogram models. For nickel the first pass search ellipse radius was 120m in the major direction (steeply to the north) and 67m in the semi-major direction (minor direction is obsolete for a 2D estimate). All blocks were estimated within this first search pass. Parent block size was 20mE × 20mN in the projected estimation plane. Hard boundaries were used for grade estimation with each mineralised sub-domain. For each grade attribute, the composite triple and double accumulation variables were estimated and the final grade estimate back-calculated. The grade estimates were exported from the 2D block model and imported into the final 3D block model.

Two minor disseminated domains and two of the minor massive sulphide domains did not contain sufficient sample data for OK estimation and were assigned the mean composite grade for each domain.

This is an updated Mineral Resource for the Widgie Townsite deposit. Check estimates using Inverse Distance methods are comparable. These estimates supported the OK estimate and yielded similar characteristics.

In addition to Ni, attributes including Cu, Co, Au, Pt and Pd have been estimated as part of the Mineral Resource however no assumptions have been made regarding recovery of by-products.

Arsenic is a deleterious element and has been estimated as part of the Mineral Resource. In addition, MgO, S and Fe have also been estimated.

A parent block size used for grade estimation was 10m(Y) \times 5m(X) \times 10m(Z) for the disseminated sulphide mineralisation compares well to a drill hole spacing approximating 20 m(Y) \times 20 m(Z) for significant areas in long section. The sub-block dimensions of 1.25m(Y) \times 0.3125m(X) \times 1.25m(Z) are appropriate for volume definition, especially in areas where the domain volume is thin across strike (X direction). A parent block size of 20m(Y) \times 20m(Z) \times 1m(X) for 2D plane estimation of the massive sulphide mineralisation domains also compares well with the drill hole spacing.

No selective mining units were assumed in the estimate.

Correlation between grade attributes is completed prior to estimation as part of the standard exploratory data analysis. Ni shows good correlation with Co, S, Fe and density while MgO shows a strong negative relationship which is typical for these styles of mineralisation.

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		No assumptions were made regarding correlation between variables and variography, search neighbourhoods and grade estimates were undertaken separately.
		The mineralisation interpretation was based on a combination of grade and geological characteristics. The disseminated sulphide mineralisation is based on a combination of logging and the presence of nickel typically greater than 0.5% Ni. The massive sulphide mineralisation is modelled as within or coincident to the disseminated outline and based on a combination of logging and/or where the sulphur concentration is typically greater than 3% S or the nickel and iron concentration is greater than 15% Ni+Fe. These criteria were the basis for the final wireframing solids used as hard boundaries to flag sample data for estimation.
		Statistical analysis of the grade populations indicated the need for minimal top caps to be applied to limit the influence of statistical outliers. However, the approach used for arsenic included minimal global top caps to be applied in conjunction with distance based top cuts during estimation. This allowed very high arsenic composites to be honoured locally and without the global estimate being biased low.
		Validation has included comparing the raw data statistics to block estimates both globally and locally. Volumes of wireframes were compared to block model volumes. Drill holes and block model plots were produced and visually compared. Overall, the grade estimate honours the informing data well.
		No historical mining has taken place at Widgie Townsite.
Moisture	Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.	Tonnages have been estimated on a dry basis.
Cut-off parameters	The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.	The Widgie Townsite Mineral Resource has been reported at a 0.7% Ni for the sulphide mineralisation with an assumption of medium scale underground mining exploiting the sulphide mineralisation. The 0.7% Ni cut-off suitably reflects the observed grade continuity capable of supporting underground mining operations based on a scoping study completed by Widgie Nickel for the Mt Edwards project area.
Mining factors or assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or,	Based on the spatial position at depth, the Widgie Townsite Mineral Resource is amenable to medium scale





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if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.

underground mining and a 0.7% Ni cut-off suitably reflects this.

Metallurgical factors or assumptions

The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.

There has been no historic mining at Widgie Townsite however the Widgie 3 deposit (approximately 2km southeast of Widgie Townsite) was mined via open pit and underground from during 1988 to 1991 demonstrating that fresh material can be successfully processed using conventional flotation. Only the fresh rock zone of the Widgie Townsite nickel sulphide mineralisation has been reported in the Mineral Resource, with all nickel oxide or transitional areas excluded. No other metallurgical factors or assumptions were used in compiling the updated MRE.

Environmental factors or assumptions

Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported

No environmental factors or assumptions were used in the MRE process however the Widgie Townsite deposit is on a granted mining lease on which nickel and gold ore from three open pit and one underground mine have been extracted as recently as 2011 indicating that potential environmental, social and governance impacts can be successfully managed during mining and haulage.

Sulphur has been modelled in the mineralised and nonmineralised rock units to assist with potential acid mine drainage assessments.





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	with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.	
Bulk density	Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples. Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.	Density was determined using water immersion method with samples weighed in air, then submerged and weighed in water and then applying the formula: bulk density = weight (air)/ (weight (air) – weight (water)). Voids within the mineralised zones are not common. From a total of 2,153 raw assays within the combined Widgie Townsite mineralisation domains, 540 samples included a measured density value. A review of the correlation between measured density values and assays showed a strong linear relationship between density and Ni+Fe+S. resulting in the regression formula: 2.788 + ((Ni% + S% + Fe%) × 0.017). This was used to calculate the density for 271 samples without a measure density determination. Where only Ni and Fe were present, the regression formula: 2.765 + ((Ni% + S% + Fe%) × 0.018) was used for a total of 647 samples with a missing density value. The remaining 966 samples with a missing density did not include Fe or S (only Ni) and a linear regression formula was calculated between density and Ni in this instance: 2.86 + ((Ni%) × 0.196). Density assignment for all mineralised domains was via Ordinary Kriging of 1m composites or intercept accumulation composites with variography and search parameters based on the density data. Non-mineralised background domains were assigned density based on weathering and lithology type.
Classification	The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories. Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (i.e., relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity, and distribution of the data). Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.	The classification adopted is based on a number of criteria such as the drillhole spacing, confidence in the continuity of mineralisation, quality of the input data and the final grade estimate. The sulphide mineralisation is classified as a combination of Indicated and Inferred. The Indicated resources include areas where the drilling approximates 30m × 30m but does extend to 40m × 40m in some minor areas. Inferred resources include areas where the data density is greater than 30m × 30m spacing which is typically the deeper areas of the deposit. No material has been classified as Measured. Taking into account key factors such as the data quality, sample spacing, geological understanding of mineralisation controls, geological and mineralisation continuity and quality of the final grade estimate, it is the





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		Competent Persons view the classification is appropriately reflected in the Mineral Resource.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.	The MRE has been internally reviewed at Cube Consulting and also with the staff at Widgie Nickel and no flaws or errors were identified and the model fit for purpose.
Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence	Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used. These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.	The relative accuracy of the Mineral Resource Estimates is reflected in the classification and reporting of the Mineral Resource as Indicated and Inferred in accordance with the guidelines on the 2012 JORC Code. All Mineral Resources are considered to be global estimates of Ni grade. There has been no historic mining at Widgie Townsite.