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## Ntaka Hill Nickel Project – Update on Status and Activities

Indiana Resources Limited (ASX: IDA) ('Indiana' or the 'Company') is pleased to provide the following update on the Ntaka Hill Nickel Project ('Ntaka Hill' or 'Project') located in south-east Tanzania.

The Company's Board representative, Mr Bob Adam recently met with a senior representative of the Ministry of Minerals in order to progress discussions with regards to resolution of tenure for Ntaka Hill and confirm the Company's commitment to progressing development plans for the project. The Company notes recent progress made by several companies such as Walkabout Resources Limited, Black Rock Mining Limited and Kibaran Resources Limited all of whom have recently been able to progress their projects with support and endorsement from the Tanzanian Government. Indiana is encouraged by these developments and remains committed to working with the Tanzanian Government on a suitable development plan for Ntaka Hill.

Sulphide nickel is a key component of the lithium-ion technology underpinning the EV battery storage market push and there has been a renewed focus on developing high grade nickel sulphide assets that can meet this demand. Considering the current opportunity in the nickel market which is reflected in an increasing nickel price, Ntaka Hill remains an asset of key value and Indiana is keen to make sure the value of this asset is realised for shareholders and Tanzania. Over US\$60 million has been spent on exploration at Ntaka Hill, with significant high-grade intersections recorded (see Figure 1) and a large mineral resource defined (see Table 1 below).

**Table 1. Ntaka Hill Mineral Resource<sup>1</sup>**

Category	Ore (kT)	% Ni	% Cu	% Co	Contained nickel(t)
Measured	1,124	1.74	0.29	0.06	19,500
Indicated	19,199	0.51	0.12	0.02	98,380
Inferred	35,930	0.70	0.14	0.02	238,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,253</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>356,380</b>

- ASX announcement 19 August 2013. Since announcing the Mineral Resource estimate on 19 August 2013, Indiana confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in that announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning that Mineral Resource estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The meeting in Tanzania was very positive, with Indiana confirming its commitment to progressing development plans for Ntaka Hill and its willingness to engage with the government on ensuring changes to the resources industry legal and regulatory framework are incorporated into those development plans. To support its negotiations with Government and demonstrate its commitment to Ntaka Hill, the Company is actively working on a submission for the Ministry of Minerals that will address three key areas – Regulatory, Development and Financing.

### Regulatory

The Company is currently reviewing regulatory changes introduced by the Government in July 2017 and January 2018 to consider changes that may be required to the structure and reporting framework for Ntaka Hill.

The Company has recently engaged Perth based lawyer Krista Bates, Partner at Lavan and Head of Mining and Resources to advise the Company on the required changes and to support their implementation. Ms Bates is highly experienced in working in Tanzania and has been actively working with other organisations on providing advice on changes to the Tanzanian mining code.

### **Development**

The Company has reviewed activities that would be required to commence development activities at Ntaka Hill. These activities include infill drilling to upgrade the resource classification, commencement of a desk top Feasibility Study and commencement of a Scoping Study for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

The drill programme would be used to upgrade the r Scoping Study completed in 2017 so it can be released to the market. The Scoping Study was completed on the basis of a small-scale high-grade development option which remains a feasible solution and the additional information gained from drilling will guide the advancement of a Feasibility Study.

The Company has maintained its site infrastructure (see Figures 2 and 3) at Ntaka Hill which include a core shed, assay preparation laboratory, field offices and camp. The Company has retained an in-country exploration team and is currently recruiting a Country Manager to support its activities in country, which means it is well placed to immediately commence drilling and development studies to advance the Project on finalisation of discussions with the Government.

### **Financing**

Indiana is in discussions with interested parties to support financing for advancing development activities at Ntaka Hill. Given the current interest in high grade nickel sulphide projects close to production there is solid interest from parties willing to invest in development activities. Discussions to date have focused on securing funding support as outlined above, with a focus on drilling activities to start as a priority.

The Company remains confident that a resolution can be reached that confirms tenure for Ntaka Hill and is planning to engage with the Government on a regular basis to support this outcome being achieved. Given the significance of these discussions, the Board have allocated responsibility for discussions with the Tanzanian government to Chairman Bronwyn Barnes and Non-Executive Director Bob Adam both of whom plan to be in Tanzania regularly. The seniority of this representation reflects the Company's commitment to progressing discussions. The Company will provide further updates to the market on developments in Tanzania as matters progress.

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Figure 1. Significant high-grade intersections at Ntaka Hill

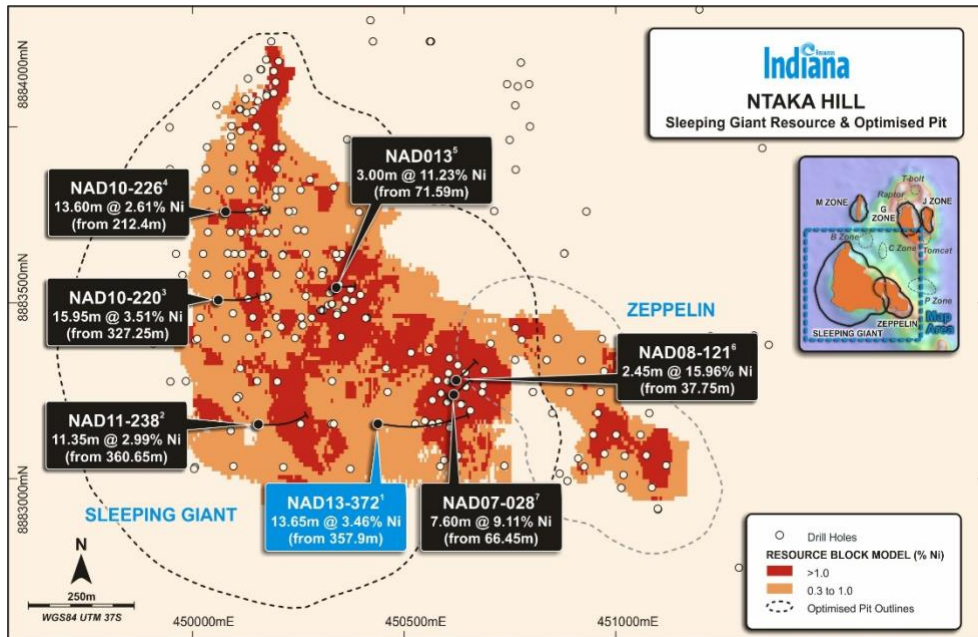


Figure 2. Ntaka Hill core shed



Figure 3. Ntaka Hill camp offices

