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MMC NORILSK NICKEL ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED PRODUCTION RESULTS FOR 4th QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2014, AND PRODUCTION OUTLOOK FOR 2015

Moscow, January 30, 2014 – OJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel (hereinafter – “Norilsk Nickel”, “the Company” or “the Group”), the world’s largest nickel and palladium producer, announces preliminary consolidated production results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2014 as well as its production outlook for full year 2015.

Nickel

- 4Q14 nickel production amounted to **74 thousand tonnes** increasing 5% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). The increase was mainly driven by processing of work-in-progress material.
- 2014 consolidated nickel production was down 4% year-on-year (y-o-y) to **274 thousand tonnes**. The decrease was attributed to scheduled capital repairs at Nadezhda Metallurgical Plant, reduced deliveries of raw materials from Boliden and BCL to Harjavalta refinery, lower nickel grades in the mined ore of Norilsk Nickel African assets (Tati Nickel) and the exit from Australian assets (Lake Johnston) in 3Q14.

Copper

- 4Q14 copper output amounted to **95 thousand tonnes**, up 6% q-o-q. The increase was driven by the growth of cuprous ore mining and thus higher grade of copper in the mined ore and by processing of work-in-progress materials.
- 2014 consolidated copper output reached **368 thousand tonnes**, practically unchanged (down 1%) y-o-y. A slight decline was attributed to reduced delivery of third party copper cake to Kola MMC and lower sales by Tati Nickel of nickel semis to third parties.

Platinum Group Metals

- 4Q14 palladium and platinum output amounted to **640 thousand troy ounces**, down 17% q-o-q and **148 thousand troy ounces**, down 20% q-o-q, respectively. The decline was scheduled as production volumes in the prior months of 2014 were above production targets.
- 2014 palladium and platinum output increased 3% y-o-y to **2,749 thousand troy ounces** and 1% y-o-y to **657 thousand troy ounces**, respectively, mainly owing to the increase of processing of work-in-progress material at the Company’s Russian operations.

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Russian operations

In 4Q14, the Company's Russian operations increased nickel production 6% q-o-q to **61 thousand tonnes**. In 2014, nickel production was down 1% y-o-y to **228 thousand tonnes (in line with 225-235 thousand tonnes production target)** owing to the reduction of low-margin tolling processing of third party material at Kola MMC.

In 4Q14, the volumes of copper production in Russia were up 4% q-o-q to **89 thousand tonnes**. The consolidated copper output in 2014 was down 1% y-o-y to **355 thousand tonnes (above 340-350 thousand tonnes production target)** owing to reduced delivery of third party copper cake to Kola MMC.

In 4Q14, the output of palladium and platinum in Russia decreased 18% q-o-q and 23% q-o-q, respectively, to **609 thousand troy ounces and 136 thousand troy ounces**. The reduction of output in 4Q14 was scheduled as production volumes in the prior months of 2014 were above production targets. In 2014 the Company's Russian operations increased palladium output 3% y-o-y to **2,660 thousand troy ounces (above 2,530-2,550 thousand troy ounces production target)** due to processing of work-in-progress material. The production of platinum in 2014 was unchanged y-o-y at **625 thousand troy ounces (in line with 625-635 thousand troy ounces production targets)**.

Norilsk Nickel Finland

In 4Q14, Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta produced **13 thousand tonnes of nickel**, down 5% q-o-q. In 2014 nickel production decreased 4% y-o-y to **43 thousand tonnes** due to the reduction of raw materials supplies from third parties.

In 4Q14, output of copper (copper cake for the sale to third parties) increased 94% q-o-q to **5 thousand tonnes**. In 2014 copper output increased 62% y-o-y to **11 thousand tonnes**, which was attributed to the growth in copper cake sales to third parties.

In 4Q14, Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta increased the production of saleable palladium (palladium in copper cake) and saleable platinum (platinum in copper cake) by 24% q-o-q and 83% q-o-q, respectively, to **26 thousand troy ounces and 11 thousand troy ounces**. In total, in 2014, the output of saleable palladium increased 82% y-o-y to **71 thousand troy ounces** and the output of saleable platinum was up 81% y-o-y to **29 thousand troy ounces** driven by the growth in copper cake sales to third parties.

Norilsk Nickel Africa

In 4Q14, Tati Nickel produced **1.7 thousand tonnes of nickel in concentrate**, out of which 0.9 thousand tonnes were sold to third parties. In 2014, the production of **nickel in concentrate** was down 21% y-o-y to **6.4 thousand tonnes**, of which 3.2 thousand tonnes of nickel were sold to third parties. The decrease was driven by lower nickel content in mined ore and non-scheduled maintenance works at the enrichment facilities. In line with the agreement signed in August 2013, in 2014, the 50% of nickel semis produced by Tati were shipped for further processing to Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta refinery, while the remaining 50% were available for sale to third parties.

In 4Q14, the production on nickel in concentrate by Nkomati (reported on a 50% basis) amounted to **2.4 thousand tonnes**. In 2014, the production of nickel in concentrate was down 5% y-o-y to **11.4**

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thousand tonnes owing to lower nickel content in mined ore.

All nickel concentrate produced by Nkomati was delivered for further processing to the Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta refinery and Kola MMC.

Production targets for 2015 FY:

In 2015, Norilsk Nickel is targeting nickel production from Russian raw materials (including processing of Norilsk's Russian materials at Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta) at **220-226 thousand tonnes**, which should be in line with 2014 production volumes.

The management is expecting copper production in Russia at **360-368 thousand tonnes**, which would be a slight increase y-o-y owing to expected increase in mined ore volumes as well as the average copper grade due to a larger share of cuprous ores in the total ore volume.

The management is targeting palladium output in the range of **2,580-2,610 thousand troy ounces** and platinum in the range of **590-615 thousand troy ounces**, both expected to remain almost unchanged y-o-y.

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ABOUT MMC NORILSK NICKEL:

Open Joint-Stock Company Mining and Metallurgical Company Norilsk Nickel is a diversified mining and metallurgical company, the world's largest producer of nickel and palladium and a leading producer of platinum, cobalt, copper and rhodium. In addition, the Company produces gold, silver, iridium, selenium, ruthenium and tellurium.

The production units of MMC Norilsk Nickel's group in Russia are at the Norilsk Industrial District and the Kola Peninsula, as well as Finland.

MMC Norilsk Nickel's shares are admitted to trading on the Moscow and on the Saint-Petersburg Exchanges. ADR's representing shares in MMC Norilsk Nickel are admitted to trading on the over the counter market in the US and on the London and Berlin stock exchanges.



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MMC NORILSK NICKEL SALEABLE METALS PRODUCTION	YE2014	4Q 2014	3Q 2014	2Q 2014	1Q 2014	YE2013	change y-o-y, %
TOTAL METAL PRODUCTION¹							
Nickel, t	274,247	74,400	71,146	60,885	67,818	285,292	-4%
Copper, t	368,016	94,733	89,213	93,698	90,374	371,063	-1%
Palladium, koz	2,749	640	769	730	610	2,661	3%
Platinum, koz	657	148	184	177	149	651	1%
Norilsk Nickel Polar and Kola Divisions (Russia)							
Nickel, t	228,438	60,851	57,168	54,713	55,706	231,798	-1%
<i>Polar division</i>	122,390	31,547	30,145	30,007	30,691	122,700	0%
<i>Kola division</i>	106,048	29,304	27,023	24,706	25,015	109,098	-3%
Copper, t	354,944	89,363	86,247	90,440	88,894	359,102	-1%
<i>Polar division</i>	297,552	74,239	72,384	76,650	74,279	296,760	0%
<i>Kola division</i>	57,392	15,124	13,863	13,790	14,615	62,342	-8%
Palladium, koz	2,660	609	745	709	597	2,580	3%
<i>Polar division</i>	2,065	470	587	557	451	2,006	3%
<i>Kola division</i>	595	139	158	152	146	574	4%
Platinum, koz	625	136	177	167	145	628	0%
<i>Polar division</i>	499	109	145	135	110	504	-1%
<i>Kola division</i>	126	27	32	32	35	124	2%
Norilsk Nickel Finland²							
Nickel, t	42,602	12,686	13,298	5,373	11,246	44,252	-4%
Copper, t	10,598	4,708	2,422	2,659	809	6,549	62%
Palladium, koz	71	26	21	17	7	39	82%
Platinum, koz	29	11	6	9	3	16	81%
Norilsk Nickel Australia							
LaKe Johnston nickel to third parties, t	0	0	0	0	0	2,826	-
Norilsk Nickel Africa							
Tati Nickel nickel total, including	6,414	1,726	1,360	1,598	1,732	8,071	-21%
Tati Nickel nickel to third parties, t	3,207	863	680	799	866	6,416	-50%
Tati Nickel nickel processed in the Company, t	3,207	863	680	799	866	1,655	94%
Nkomati (50%) nickel processed in the Company, t	11,359	2,391	2,968	2,944	3,056	11,920	-5%
Tati Nickel copper total, including	4,950	1,197	1,197	1,197	1,197	6,815	-27%
Tati Nickel copper to third parties, t	2,475	662	544	599	671	5,412	-54%
Tati Nickel copper processed in the Company, t	2,475	622	544	599	671	1,403	76%
Nkomati (50%) copper processed in the Company, t	4,958	1,087	1,249	1,313	1,289	5,034	-2%
Tati Nickel palladium total, including	36	10	6	8	12	56	-36%
Tati Nickel palladium to third parties, koz	18	5	3	4	6	43	-58%
Tati Nickel palladium processed in the Company, koz	18	5	3	4	6	13	38%
Nkomati (50%) palladium processed in the Company, koz	48	11	13	12	13	46	4%
Tati Nickel platinum total, including	6	2	2	2	2	9	-33%
Tati Nickel platinum to third parties, koz	3	1	1	1	1	7	-57%
Tati Nickel platinum processed in the Company, koz	3	1	1	1	1	2	50%
Nkomati (50%) platinum processed in the Company, koz	19	4	5	4	6	20	-5%

Notes:

¹Totals may value from sum of numbers as a result of rounding

²Production results include processing of nickel concentrate from Tati, Nkomati and purchased materials