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### MMC NORILSK NICKEL ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED PRODUCTION RESULTS FOR 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2013, AND PRODUCTION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

**Moscow, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 2013 as well as its production outlook for full year 2014.

#### Nickel

- Consolidated nickel production was up 1.5% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) to **73.5** thousand tonnes in 4Q13.
- In 2013, consolidated nickel output was down 5% to **285** thousand tonnes owing to the following factors:
  - Lower deliveries of high-grade matte from the Polar division to Kola MMC;
  - Decrease of shipments of nickel semis from Boliden and Talvivaara to Norilsk Nickel’s Harjavalta nickel refinery in Finland;
  - Lower metal grades in the ore mined by Norilsk Nickel’s Tati operations in Botswana;
  - Mothballing of Lake Johnston operations in Australia.
- The Company fully met its nickel output guidance published in the beginning of 2013.

#### Copper

- Consolidated copper production increased 0.6% q-o-q to **93** thousand tonnes in 4Q13.
- In 2013, the Company beat annual production guidance with **371** thousand tonnes of copper output, up 2% year-on-year. This growth was mainly attributed to an increase in the volume of cuprous ores mined and processed by the Russian operations and a new contract for the sale of copper cake by Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta.

#### Platinum Group Metals

- 4Q13 palladium and platinum output amounted to **614** thousand troy ounces and **147** thousand troy ounces, down 13% q-o-q and 16% q-o-q, respectively. Production volumes declined in 4Q13 mainly because the PGMs output in previous quarters was well ahead of the budget.
- In 2013, palladium and platinum production reached **2,662** thousand troy ounces and **651** thousand troy ounces, respectively, down 3% y-o-y and 5% y-o-y, respectively, fully in line with the production guidance. The decrease of production volumes as compared to FY2012 was driven by the reduction of PGM grades in the processed ore.

#### Russian operations

In 4Q2013, the combined nickel output of Norilsk Nickel’s Russian operations, comprised of Polar and the Kola divisions, increased 4.8% q-o-q to **61.4** thousand tonnes. In 2013, Russian operations’ nickel output amounted to **231.8** thousand tonnes, marginally down (1%) from FY2012. The decrease was mainly driven by the reduction of shipments of high-grade nickel matte from the Polar division to Kola



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MMC owing to non-scheduled repair works at Oktyabrsky mine and Nadezhda Metallurgical Plant.

The copper production in 4Q2013 at **90.2** thousand tonnes was almost flat q-o-q. The copper output reached **359.1** thousand tonnes in 2013, up 1.8% y-o-y. The increase in copper production was driven mainly by an increase in mined volumes of cuprous ores.

In 4Q13, the Company's Russian operations produced **602** thousand troy ounces of palladium, down 12% q-o-q as palladium production in the first nine months of 2013 was well ahead of the budget. In 2013, palladium output amounted to **2,580** thousand troy ounces, down 1.8% y-o-y due to a lower metal content in the mined ore. In 2013, the Company fully met its palladium production guidance for the year.

4Q13 platinum output amounted to **143** thousand troy ounces, down 13% q-o-q. Similarly to palladium, this decline was a result of the first nine months of 2013 platinum production being well ahead of production targets. In 2013, platinum production was down 4.8% y-o-y to **628** thousand troy ounces owing to a decline in PGM ore grades. The annual platinum production result was in line with the production guidance. .

### Norilsk Nickel Finland

In 4Q13, the Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta refinery in Finland produced **11** thousand tonnes of nickel, down 16% q-o-q due to the reduction of shipments of semi-products by a Boliden smelter owing to its technological problems. In 2013, Harjavalta's nickel production was down 2.6% y-o-y to **44.3** thousand tonnes. This reduction was driven by the issues at the Boliden smelter, and operational issues at Talvivaara mine, which had been the main suppliers of semi-products to Harjavalta refinery.

4Q13 output of copper (copper cake for the sale to third parties) increased by 25% q-o-q to **1.6** thousand tonnes. During the full year 2013 Harjavalta produced **6.5** tonnes of copper, up more than 6 times y-o-y.

Harjavalta produced **8** thousand troy ounces of saleable palladium (palladium in copper cake) in 4Q13, while the 2013 output amounted to **39** thousand troy ounces, up 46% y-o-y.

The production of saleable platinum (platinum in copper cake) in 4Q13 amounted to **3** thousand troy ounces and **16** thousand troy ounces, up 43% y-o-y, in the full year 2013.

### Norilsk Nickel Africa

In 4Q13, Tati Nickel produced **1.1** thousand tonnes of nickel in concentrate and **6.4** thousand tonnes of nickel in concentrate in 2013.

The production of nickel in concentrate by Nkomati (reported on 50% basis) in 4Q13 amounted to **3.0** thousand tonnes and **11.9** thousand tonnes in 2013, up 24% y-o-y. In the reporting period all nickel in concentrate produced by Nkomati was delivered for further processing to the Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta refinery in Finland and Kola MMC. The growth of nickel production in 2013 was attributed to the stable and well-coordinated operation of concentration facilities and an increase of nickel grades in ore.

### Norilsk Nickel Australia

In 2Q13, Lake Johnston mine was put on care and maintenance as part of the cost control measures implemented by the new management. Thus, FY2013 nickel production declined three-fold y-o-y to

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2.8 thousand tonnes.

### Production targets for FY2014: Russian operations

In 2014, Norilsk Nickel is targeting nickel production in Russia in the range of **225-235** thousand tonnes, with a possible slight decline y-o-y owing to the scheduled capital repairs of a flash smelter at Nadezhda Metallurgical Plant.

The management is expecting copper production in Russia to amount to **340-350** thousand tonnes, implying a marginal decrease y-o-y as low margin toll processing volumes at Kola MMC are targeted for a reduction and copper ore grade is expected to reduce marginally.

The management is targeting palladium output in the range of **2,530-2,550** thousand troy ounces and platinum in the range of **625-635** thousand troy ounces, both expected to remain almost unchanged as compared to FY2013.

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### ABOUT MMC NORILSK NICKEL:

MMC Norilsk Nickel, a company incorporated under the laws of the Russian Federation, is the largest diversified mining and metals company in Russia, the world's largest producer of nickel and palladium and one of the world's largest producers of platinum, rhodium, copper and cobalt. In addition to this, MMC Norilsk Nickel produces a large number of other by-products, including gold, silver, tellurium, selenium, iridium and ruthenium.

The key production units of the Company's group in Russia are at the Polar and Kola Peninsulas. MMC Norilsk Nickel international assets include operations in Finland, Australia, Botswana and South Africa.

MMC Norilsk Nickel's shares are traded on the Moscow Exchange. ADR's on the Company's shares are traded on the other the counter market in the US and on the London and Berlin stock exchanges.



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MMC NORILSK NICKEL SALEABLE METALS PRODUCTION	FY2013	4Q2013	3Q2013	2Q2013	1Q2013	FY2012	Y-o-Y, %
<b>TOTAL METAL PRODUCTION<sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Nickel, tonnes</b>	<b>285,292</b>	<b>73,485</b>	<b>72,422</b>	<b>67,814</b>	<b>71,571</b>	<b>300,340</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Copper, tonnes</b>	<b>371,063</b>	<b>93,003</b>	<b>92,438</b>	<b>94,596</b>	<b>91,026</b>	<b>363,764</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Palladium, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Platinum, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Russia (Polar and Kola Divisions)</b>							
<b>Nickel, tonnes</b>	<b>231,798</b>	<b>61,394</b>	<b>58,422</b>	<b>55,504</b>	<b>56,478</b>	<b>233,632</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Polar Division	122,700	31,753	29,844	30,603	30,500	124,000	-1%
Kola MMC	109,098	29,641	28,578	24,901	25,978	109,632	0%
<b>Copper, tonnes</b>	<b>359,102</b>	<b>90,331</b>	<b>90,288</b>	<b>89,679</b>	<b>88,804</b>	<b>352,466</b>	<b>2%</b>
Polar Division	296,760	74,732	74,487	74,366	73,175	295,610	0%
Kola MMC	62,342	15,599	15,801	15,313	15,629	56,856	10%
<b>Palladium, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Polar Division	2,006	472	545	566	423	1,989	1%
Kola MMC	574	130	137	159	148	639	-10%
<b>Platinum, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Polar Division	504	117	139	145	103	529	-5%
Kola MMC	124	26	30	34	34	131	-5%
<b>Finland (NN Harjavalta)</b>	<b>0</b>						
Nickel, tonnes	<b>44,252</b>	<b>10,968</b>	<b>12,810</b>	<b>9,224</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>45,518</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Copper, tonnes	<b>6,549</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>551%</b>
Palladium, thousand troy ounces	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>85%</b>
Platinum, thousand troy ounces	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Australia (Lake Johnston)</b>							
Nickel in concentrate, tonnes	<b>2,826</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>-69%</b>
<b>Africa (Tati and Nkomati)</b>							
<b>Tati: nickel in concentrate to third parties, tonnes</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>12,215</b>	<b>-47%</b>
Tati: nickel in concentrate processed by the Group, tonnes	1,655	743	912	0	0	0	
Nkomati (50%) nickel in concentrate processed by the Group, tonnes	11,920	2,969	2,961	3,339	2,651	9,624	
<b>Tati: copper in concentrate to third parties, tonnes</b>	<b>5,412</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>10,292</b>	<b>-47%</b>
Tati: copper in concentrate processed by the Group, tonnes	1,403	497	906	0	0	0	
Nkomati (50%) copper in concentrate processed by the Group, tonnes	5,034	1,268	1,318	1,310	1,138	4,594	
<b>Tati: palladium in concentrate to third parties, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>-49%</b>
Tati: palladium in concentrate processed by the Group, thousand troy ounces	13	10	3	0	0	0	
Nkomati (50%) palladium in concentrate processed by the Group, thousand troy ounces	46	14	12	11	9	32	
<b>Tati: platinum in concentrate to third parties, thousand troy ounces</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-50%</b>
Tati: platinum in concentrate processed by the Group, thousand troy ounces	2	1	1	0	0	0	
Nkomati (50%) platinum in concentrate processed by the Group, thousand troy ounces	20	7	6	4	3	12	

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Totals may differ from the sum of numbers as a result of rounding