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## UPDATE - RAMU NICKEL

Highlands Pacific Limited (ASX: HIG) has been notified by its Ramu nickel/cobalt project partner that work activity associated with construction of the project will be curtailed while a number of health and safety measures are implemented. The site-specific safety improvements will not have a material impact on overall project construction with commissioning still expected later this year.

Highlands Pacific's Managing Director Mr John Gooding said, "The Company recognises that the health and safety aspects of the operations are of paramount importance."

"The PNG Chief Inspector of Mines and the Mineral Resource Authority has advised the project operator and manager Ramu NiCo Management (MCC) Limited to undertake some additional health and safety measures. As reported in our quarterly report, Ramu is on time and on budget and we do not anticipate these initiatives impacting on the project timetable" Mr Gooding said.

### About Highlands Pacific Limited:

Highlands Pacific is listed on the ASX and PoMSox exchanges. As at 1 June 2009 it had a market capitalisation A\$65 million and held A\$28m (US\$23m) in cash. Its major development assets are holdings in two of Papua New Guinea's major resource assets - the US\$1.37bn Ramu nickel cobalt project and the Frieda River copper gold project, of which Xstrata have spent approximately US\$50m in the past 18 months.

### About the Ramu Nickel Cobalt Project:

The Ramu nickel cobalt project is located 75 km west of the provincial capital of Madang, PNG and will produce an annual output of 31,500 tonnes of nickel and 3300 tonnes of cobalt contained in high grade concentrate over a 20 year mine life. The mineral resources at Ramu have the potential to increase the mine life by a further 15-20 years. The project is currently in construction phase with commissioning due to commence by the end of 2009. Highlands has an 8.56% interest in the Ramu project which will increase to 11.3% at no cost to the Company after repayment of the debt raised to finance the project has been completed from operating cash flow (estimated to be 10 years). From commissioning, Highlands is able to have access to its pro-rata 8.56% share of Ramu's post-debt servicing net cash flow. Highlands also has an option to acquire an additional 9.25% at fair market value which could increase its interest to 20.55%.

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