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HALF YEAR RESULT GUIDANCE

Independence Group NL (“Independence”) considers that most investors are aware of the likely impact of the recent fall in nickel prices on the Company’s financial results for the half year ended 31 December 2008. In particular, the Company has been subject to the adverse impact on revenue of pre-period provisional payments based on high nickel prices having to be adjusted for subsequent lower prices received when the provisional payments were finalised in the December 2008 half year.

However, ASX Listing Rule 3.1 requires that a company must disclose the estimated variation from previous corresponding period’s results where that variation could be considered material. The previous corresponding period is the 6 months ending 31 December 2007. The average nickel price during the previous corresponding period was US\$29,712/tonne. The average nickel price during the December 2008 half year period was US\$14,902/tonne.

The half year results will also reflect a write down (\$7.1 million) of the investment in Matrix Metals Ltd which has been placed into administration due to current depressed copper prices. Other listed investments have also been written down during the period (\$2.1 million) as a result of current share market conditions. The Long Nickel Mine is both profitable and cash flow positive at current nickel prices. The Company expects the second half of the year to produce a significantly improved profit result as the mine continues to produce profits and there will be no further write down of listed investments.

The financial statements of the Company have not yet been audited, but the following is an estimate of the expected variation from the previous corresponding period’s results:-

	Actual December 2007 \$’000	Estimated December 2008 \$’000
Revenue and other income	89,813	42,695
Profit before tax	53,912	129
Net profit after tax	37,770	See note below

Note: The Company expects the audit to be completed and the resulting finalised half year financial results to be released by 24 February 2009. Tax calculations will be completed and the profit after tax will then be available.

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