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## NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD

### Shareholder Update.

Nex Metals Explorations Ltd (Nex or the Company) undertook the first blast in the Butterfly pit.

This was undertaken in waste rock first to test the blast dynamics. As a waste blast it was centre lifted for maximum efficiency. Overall fragmentation was excellent with no obvious signs of oversize. From this shot the indications are we may be able to widen pattern and decrease powder factor leading to lower costs. Water from recent heavy rains are flowing into the blast but will level out. Digger is expected on site this weekend from the Pilbara (delayed due to the recent cyclone in the region) which will dig a sump and commence removal of blasted rock. Stone Resources Australia Ltd (formerly A1 Minerals Ltd) advise that upgrades to the Brightstar plant is near completion with processing of Nex ore to commence on or about 31 January. Trucking from stockpiles still continues.

Costs of production are expected in the region of \$1250 per ounce (including Toll Treating and Trucking costs). With trucking costs in the range of \$380/ounce this will make cash costs on site at Orient Well, significantly lower based on initial scoping studies of refurbished mill and pit optimizations. Current planning has initial treatment capacity for 5 years. Exploration will recommence to increase resource base in the next quarter.

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#### **Responsibility Statement**

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First Blast at Butterfly Pit



Loading of blast holes



Drill and Blast staff reviewing post blast.