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## FRIEDA RIVER DRILLING RESULTS

### 580 metres @ 0.53% Cu and 0.45 g/t Au from 20 metres and finishing in mineralisation

Highlands Pacific (ASX: HIG) is pleased to announce the release of further results from the current drilling program at the Frieda River Project. The holes being reported are part of an infill drilling program at the Horse-Ivaal-Trukai Copper Gold porphyry deposit. The aim of the current program is to lift resource estimation confidence so that the bulk of the resource is in the Indicated category or better by late 2010.

The significant intersections at a 0.2% Cu lower cutoff include:

Hole 194XC08- 172 metres @ 0.86% Cu and 0.36 g/t gold from 26 metres down hole

Hole 198CX08- 428 metres @ 0.52% Cu and 0.36 g/t gold from 22 metres down hole

Hole 199XC08- 580 metres @ 0.53% Cu and 0.45 g/t gold from 20 metres down hole and

Hole 200XC08- 370 meter @ 0.53% Cu and 0.23 g/t gold from 42 metres down hole

While these holes are all within the known extent of the Horse/Ivaal/Trukai deposit, the results continue to demonstrate the world-class nature of this Cu-Au porphyry system.

Since drilling commenced in early 2008, 33,296 metres of diamond drilling has now been completed up until the end of March 2009 with seven drilling rigs operating on site at present. A total of 35,000 metres of drilling is planned for the 2009 year as part of the Pre Feasibility Study phase of the project.

"This project continues to reward the efforts and commitment of all involved in the Frieda River Project said John Gooding, Highlands Pacific Managing Director. He said that these results are extremely encouraging and that further upside from future planned drilling could be realistically expected based on the drilling results to date."

The tabulated results below show intercepts at a 0.2% Cu cut-off and higher grade portions at 0.5% cut-off. Maximum internal dilution in the zones quoted below is 6m.

*Notes:*

*The following statements apply to the Horse/Ivaal/Trukai exploration results:*

- *Mineralised intersections are quoted as down hole widths. The porphyry mineralisation occurs as disseminations and vein stockworks.*
- *Collar locations are in UTM Zone 54 co-ordinates using the AGD66 horizontal datum.*
- *Drill core is PQ, HQ or NQ size.*
- *Assays were carried out on half sawn core. The half core is crushed and pulverized to ~ 180 mesh on site. 200 gram samples are despatched for assay. QAQC control samples make up approximately 10% of each batch sent for analysis. The unused half core is stored on site.*

- Samples were analysed at ALS-Chemex in Townsville. Gold is by 50g fire assay and copper by ICP-AES on an aqua regia digest. Samples assaying greater than 0.5% Cu are re-assayed using an ore grade method suitable for higher grade samples.
- Hole positions are based on surveys of the drill pad. Actual collars are within 10m of stated locations.
- The exploration results reported here are based on information compiled by Mr L.D. Queen who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and who is employed by Highlands Pacific Limited. Mr Queen has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, The JORC Code 2004 Edition". He consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information compiled by him in the form and context in which it appears.

Hole	North	East	Level	Azimuth	Dip
194XC08	9480460	584714	600	210	-60
195XC08	9480399	585006	561	210	-60
196XC08	9480395	584851	580	210	-55
197XC08	9480450	584806	584	210	-55
198XC08	9480490	584641	608	210	-55
199XC08	9480524	584598	609	210	-72
200XC08	9480410	584948	562	210	-55
201XC09	9479984	585134	609	210	-60
202XC09	9480630	584558	609	210	-70
203XC09	9480437	584351	646	210	-70
204XC09	9480540	584246	656	210	-60
205XC09	9480358	584747	597	30	-65
206XC09	9480410	584948	562	210	-75
207XC09	9480445	584278	649	210	-60
208XC09	9480113	585125	553	30	-70

Hole	From	To	Downhole	Cu (%)	Au (ppm)	Recovery %	
			Interval (m)				
<b>194XC08</b>	26	198	172	0.86	0.36	89	
	206	264	58	0.65	0.77	85	
	288	338	50	0.25	0.24	84	
	346	467.9	122	0.38	0.21	99	
	<i>Including the following intervals at a 0.5% Cu lower cut-off</i>						
	28	196	168	0.88	0.36	89	
	206	254	48	0.72	0.88	88	
	404	430	26	0.58	0.33	100	
<b>198XC08</b>	22	450.2	428	0.52	0.36	96	
	<i>Including the following intervals at a 0.5% Cu lower cut-off</i>						
	24	98	74	0.80	0.25	94	
	106	190	84	0.81	0.83	90	
	222	238	16	0.51	0.41	99	
	250	260	10	0.41	0.19	98	
	272	274	2	0.56	0.22	95	
	304	306	2	0.56	0.34	100	
412	446	34	0.60	0.52	99		

<b>199XC08</b>	20	600.1	580	0.53	0.45	98
<i>Including the following intervals at a 0.5% Cu lower cut-off</i>						
	26	28	2	0.64	0.09	100
	48	56	8	0.57	0.29	99
	66	102	36	0.56	0.33	95
	112	232	120	0.64	0.35	96
	246	278	32	0.54	0.39	97
	296	308	12	0.65	0.72	99
	332	334	2	0.69	0.43	100
	362	364	2	0.57	0.50	100
	372	396	20	0.58	0.51	99
	400	402	2	0.71	0.22	97
	480	496	16	0.48	0.55	100
	504	510	6	0.58	0.50	100
	520	600.1	80.1	0.93	1.22	99
<b>200XC08</b>	42	412	370	0.53	0.23	90
	422	457.9	35.9	0.30	0.24	97
<i>Including the following intervals at a 0.5% Cu lower cut-off</i>						
	42	46	4	0.55	0.24	98
	60	62	2	0.55	0.26	90
	78	92	14	0.49	0.22	71
	102	106	4	0.57	0.31	80
	114	116	2	0.69	0.26	85
	132	192	60	0.58	0.28	90
	214	352	138	0.73	0.27	91
	372	374	2	0.54	0.45	95
	436	440	4	0.54	0.58	94
	450	452	2	0.53	0.20	91
<b>201XC09</b>	34	80	46	0.79	0.50	72
	148	372	224	0.43	0.24	95
	380	405.1	25.1	0.28	0.11	97
<i>Including the following intervals at a 0.5% Cu lower cut-off</i>						
	36	78	42	0.82	0.52	73
	150	160	10	0.64	0.53	79
	170	198	28	0.70	0.55	85
	272	318	46	0.68	0.27	99
	338	340	2	0.61	0.18	86
	348	352	4	0.56	0.11	94
<b>202XC09</b>	26	98	72	0.38	0.14	88
	112	432.9	321	0.37	0.29	96
<b>203XC09</b>	34	126	92	0.65	0.24	86
	136	160	24	0.49	0.12	72
	170	172	2	0.31	0.09	87
	198	334	136	0.53	0.11	65
	342	383.2	41.2	0.40	0.12	65
<b>205XC09</b>	14	94	80	0.91	0.29	95
	106	315.8	210	0.78	0.29	91

<b>206XC09</b>	42	70	28	0.31	0.11	95
	80	200	120	0.36	0.19	95
	258	298.2	40.2	0.46	0.15	94
<b>208XC09</b>	16	140	124	0.39	0.33	96
	152	164	12	0.28	0.14	100

The Frieda River Project is a joint venture between Highlands Pacific, Xstrata Copper (operating partner) and OMRD. Highlands Pacific has a 16.9% stake in the joint venture.

For more information of the Frieda River project please refer to the company's website – [www.highlandspacific.com](http://www.highlandspacific.com)

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