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Horizonte* (HZM LN) – Drilling update on Lontra nickel laterite project in Northern Brazil.

Horizonte have identified a new discovery on their Lontra nickel laterite project in Brazil close to another significant nickel laterite mine run by Xstrata and another project being evaluated by Teck Cominco. While it is too early to tell if the Horizonte discovery will definitely become a mine, the grades released today indicate the orebody may prove to be Horizonte's next mine. Horizonte are issuing data from the re-analysis of auger drill samples yields encouraging results with grades averaging up to 1.5% nickel, with cobalt grades up higher than previously thought. Ongoing auger drilling continues to extend the known zones and test new nickel targets. The company plans to start resource definition drilling in May. The project is being developed as part of a 50/50 JV with a local company.

The identification of an economic resource would add significantly to the value of Horizonte. However, it will be necessary to determine whether the ore would be for direct ore shipment to a nickel in pig iron producer, put through concentrating process e.g. heap leach, or full processing of the ore via high pressure acid leach and into a smelting refining operation. Variables that will influence this will be the properties of the ore, infrastructure to transport the material, and the size and grade of the deposit.

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