

NEWS RELEASE

### **HORIZONTE MINERALS - RESULT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**1 April 2015 - Horizonte Minerals Plc, (AIM: HZM, TSX: HZM) ('Horizonte' or 'the Company')** the nickel development company focussed in Brazil, held its Annual General Meeting ('AGM') yesterday and all resolutions were passed.

At the AGM CEO Jeremy Martin made the following statement, "In the last 12 months we have delivered a number of key milestones on our Araguaia project as we work towards developing the next major nickel project in Brazil.

"In 2014 we delivered the Pre-Feasibility Study for Araguaia with the Base Case offering an after tax NPV<sub>8</sub> of US\$519 million and an IRR of 20%. Notably, the high grade resource is suitable for the Rotary Kiln Electric Furnace ("RKEF") process, a proven nickel laterite processing technology utilised over the last 60 years with 20 plants operational today. The first phase RKEF pilot test work was positive, with the Araguaia ore performing well with low dust levels and optimum particle size. This will be followed by the full scale continuous pilot, to be run in late April 2015 with the aim of producing ferronickel to commercial specification on a continual basis.

"The last quarter has seen a number of deliverables on the environmental and social side of the project. The SEIA report has been filed with the Pará State Environmental Agency to comply with the Brazilian Environmental laws. This was followed, a successful public hearing in January was attended by over 1,000 people from the local community and government authorities, a key milestone for achieving a Preliminary Licence for Araguaia. We expect to receive full SEIA approval in Q3 2015.

"With the current difficult market climate, the past year has been challenging for Horizonte and indeed the mining sector as a whole. With this in mind the Company has a solid cash position to continue delivering at the project level, however management are actively reducing costs across the Company and indeed evaluating capital reduction options of Araguaia. Work is currently focussed on completing all activity streams that will flow into the Feasibility Study, with the overall timings linked to the wider commodity market conditions.

“The Company to date has a strong track record of delivering milestones on time and on budget. Although the current nickel prices are depressed, the mid-term nickel market fundamentals are good with a predicted supply deficit forecast which is aligned with the development timeline for Araguaia. The Company is led by an experienced Board who have worked through previous mining cycles, with the ability to take Araguaia through to production. We believe we are well placed to deliver significant value to shareholders over the next 24 to 36 months.”

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### **About Horizonte Minerals:**

Horizonte Minerals plc is an AIM and TSX-listed nickel development company focussed in Brazil, which wholly owns the advanced Araguaia nickel laterite project located to the south of the Carajas mineral district of northern Brazil.

The Company is developing Araguaia as the next major nickel mine in Brazil, with targeted production by late 2017 or early 2018.

The Project, which has excellent infrastructure in place including rail, road, water and power, has a current NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource of 71.98Mt grading 1.33% Ni (Indicated) and 25.4Mt at 1.21% Ni (Inferred) at a 0.95% nickel cut-off; included in Resources is a Probable Reserve base of 21.2Mt at 1.66%Ni.

A Pre-Feasibility Study has been completed which underpins the robust economics of developing a mine with a targeted 15,000tpa nickel in ferro-nickel output with a 20% Fe-Ni product over a 25 year mine life utilising the proven

pyrometallurgical process of Rotary Kiln Electric Furnace technology. At these production rates, the project has a post-tax NPV of US\$519m at a discount rate of 8% and an IRR of 20%, with a capital cost of US\$582m which puts this project in the lowest quartile of the cost curve.

Horizonte has a strong shareholder structure including Teck Resources Limited 38.5%, Henderson Global Investors 14%, Anglo Pacific Group 7%.

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