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Dear Sirs,

**COMMENCEMENT OF SAMPLING PROGRAMMES
AT WINDIMURRA AND JILLAWARRA PROJECTS**

Apex Minerals NL is pleased to announce the commencement this week of field programmes at its Windimurra and Jillawarra projects.

At **Windimurra** (Apex 80%) 700 soil samples will be taken to infill broad gold anomalies generated by previous explorers in the vicinity of a series of gold workings in laterites. These workings comprise part of the extensive but relatively untested historical Paynesville gold mining district.

A further 1,300 samples will systematically cover a majority of the remainder of the generally lateritic terrain in the area. Sampling density will be increased over areas associated with structural features identified by Apex's recently flown high resolution aeromagnetic and radiometric survey.

Also, a comprehensive soil and Maglag sampling campaign by joint venture partners Falconbridge-Implats over the Narndee layered intrusion to the south of Windimurra will be completed by the end of November. The joint venture is exploring the region for platinum and nickel-copper mineralisation and commenced this work in early August.

At **Jillawarra** 1,000 soil samples will be taken along a series of parallel lines designed to test a majority of the 15 kilometre prospective Woodlands fault corridor.

This work is targeting possible iron oxide associated copper - gold mineralisation related to this north-east trending fault. Recent work by Apex has indicated that this fault and parallel structures such as the Manganese Range fault may have served as primary conduits for the introduction of mineralising fluids into the area.

Several specific zones of interest within the Woodlands corridor correspond to gravity anomalies identified by a detailed ground survey undertaken by Apex in July. These anomalies are encouraging as Apex believes that any copper – gold mineralisation present may not necessarily have a strong magnetic signature. It is also clear from Apex's compilation of work by previous explorers in the region that a majority of these gravity anomalies have received little or no attention. This is particularly the case where they are independent of any prominent magnetic anomalies which tended to be the focus of earlier exploration strategies.

Results from all three sampling programmes are likely to be available for the December Quarterly Report.

Apex is planning to infill and drill test early in 2003 any anomalies resulting from its programmes.

Yours faithfully

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