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Sherritt Announces December Production Update on Ambatovy Nickel Operation

TORONTO, January 8, 2015 – Sherritt International Corporation (“Sherritt” or the “Corporation”) (TSX:S) announced today the December 2014 operational results for the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Operating results attributable to Sherritt at a 40% ownership basis are summarized in the following table:

	2014	2013	Change	December 2014	November 2014	October 2014
Production volumes (tonnes – 40% basis)						
Finished nickel	14,821	10,059	47%	1,302	1,108	1,554
Finished cobalt	1,166	833	40%	76	67	134

For the month of December, finished nickel production was 1,302 tonnes (3,254 tonnes, 100% basis), and finished cobalt production was 76 tonnes (189 tonnes, 100% basis). Finished nickel production increased 47% in 2014 compared to 2013 and increased 47% in the fourth quarter 2014 compared to the fourth quarter 2013. For the month of December, ore throughput in the PAL circuit was a record 417,412 tonnes (100% basis), or approximately 83% of nameplate capacity, and finished nickel production represented approximately 64% of nameplate capacity.

One autoclave in the PAL circuit returned to service in mid-December from its planned maintenance as anticipated. Planned maintenance activities for the refinery continued in early December, which partially impacted finished nickel volumes for the month.

Ambatovy's 2014 production was 37,053 tonnes which was in line with the 2014 guidance range. Planned maintenance is complete on four of the five PAL autoclaves and planned maintenance will commence on the fifth autoclave in February.

Sherritt remains focused on the ramp up of production at Ambatovy and is currently working towards the key milestone of reaching a production rate equivalent to 54,000 tonnes of nickel on an annualized basis (approximately 90% of nameplate capacity). The production rate is measured over 90 days in a 100 day continuous period and the target to achieve this milestone is mid-2015.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Sherritt is a world leader in the mining and refining of nickel from lateritic ores with projects and operations in Canada, Cuba, and Madagascar. The Corporation is the largest independent energy producer in Cuba, with extensive oil and power operations across the island. Sherritt licenses its proprietary technologies and provides metallurgical services to mining and refining operations worldwide. The Corporation's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "S".

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