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# Production begins at McMahon

PRODUCTION has started at Mincor Resources' newest operation, the McMahon Nickel Mine.

Mincor said the owner-operator development was completed on time and on budget by its North Kambalda operational team, and first ore had been delivered to surface less than eight months after the company's decision to proceed.

Mincor Managing Director David Moore said provisional figures showed the company had met its full-year production target and had achieved record nickel production for the 2007/8 financial year.

Mincor recorded a 28 percent increase in nickel produced over the previous financial year.

"We are delighted with the success of our team in bringing McMahon into production safely and on time and budget," Mr Moore said.

"They have done an outstanding job and I believe the project will add tremendous value to our North Kambalda operations in the years to come."

Mr Moore said it was a great way to round off a milestone year for Mincor.

"We have achieved record nickel production, developed two new mines and enjoyed significant exploration suc-

cess," he said.

"After completing a major acquisition as well as substantial capital and exploration investments, we end the year with more than \$100 million in the bank and no debt, and have laid strong foundations for our next phase of growth.

"We look forward to the new financial year with great confidence."

Mr Moore said Mincor had a record production of 18,900 tonnes of nickel in ore, just more than 16,500 tonnes of nickel in concentrate.

He said Mincor's provisionally estimated operating surplus of \$34.5 million for the final quarter of the financial year brought its operating surplus for the 2007/8 financial year to a very strong \$168 million.

Mincor expects to release its quarterly report for the period ending 30 June 2008 by no later than 23 July 2008.

Mincor is Australia's third largest listed nickel producer.

The Company is targeting a long term production rate of 20,000 tonnes of nickel in ore per annum, and is pursuing an aggressive exploration growth strategy, with eight drilling rigs currently active in the world-class Kambalda Nickel District.