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# McMahon mine lifts Mincor

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Mincor Resources yesterday unveiled plans for a \$23 million development of its McMahon nickel project, its seventh mine in the Kambalda region.

The go-ahead could see the West Perth-based company lift production to 20,000 tonnes of nickel a year by the end of 2008-09. Work will begin immediately.

With the opening of McMahon, Mincor expects an additional annual yield of between 2500 and 3000 tonnes of nickel-in-concentrate.

Mincor picked up McMahon as part of its \$68.5 million purchase of GMM Pty Ltd in July. McMahon project would be developed by its team at the nearby Otter Juan mine, which was acquired in the GMM deal along with the Coronet mine.

Mincor managing director David Moore said the McMahon development would substantially enhance the value of the GMM acquisition and he was confident that exploration would increase the McMahon resource.

The McMahon project contains a mineral resource of 373,650 tonnes at a grade of 4.1 per cent nickel, which would yield 15,180 tonnes of nickel over the life of the project.

Shares of Mincor rose 29¢ to \$4.76.

Elsewhere, Heron Resources shares jumped 5.5¢ to \$1.055 on confirmation CVRD will proceed with a pre-feasibility study over the Kalgoorlie nickel project, which holds one of the world's biggest undeveloped laterite nickel deposits. The study is due for completion in 2009.