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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### PANORAMIC PURCHASES BRILLIANT MINING'S 25% INTEREST IN THE LANFRANCHI NICKEL PROJECT

Panoramic Resources Limited ("Panoramic") is pleased to announce that it has agreed to purchase the 25% holding in the Lanfranchi Project held by its Canadian based, TSXV listed joint venture partner Brilliant Mining Corp. ("Brilliant"), bringing Panoramic's ownership of the Lanfranchi Project to 100%. This will consolidate Panoramic as one of Australia's major nickel sulphide miners, increasing shareholders' in-ground nickel resources to over 200,000t Ni contained (using latest published Resource Statements adjusted for mine production from July to December 2008).

Managing Director, Peter Harold, said on signing the agreement, "This is a wonderful outcome for both Panoramic and Brilliant shareholders. By moving to 100% ownership of the Lanfranchi Project, Panoramic receives an instant increase in resources, reserves and production, as well as simplifying administration and management of the Lanfranchi Project. We believe this transaction is also beneficial to Brilliant shareholders who become shareholders in Panoramic, effectively maintaining an interest in Lanfranchi while gaining exposure to our Savannah Project. In our view this is a "win-win" for both parties."

#### Details of Proposed Purchase

Panoramic will acquire Brilliant's wholly owned Australian subsidiary, Donegal Resources Pty Ltd ("Donegal"), which owns a 25% interest in the Lanfranchi Project. Details of the transaction are as follows:

- Consideration 12 million fully paid ordinary shares in Panoramic (escrowed for six months from the date of issue) and 3 million unlisted, non-transferable options over Panoramic shares (exercise price \$1.50, expiry 31 December 2012);
  - Effective Date 1 November 2008;
  - Major Conditions Precedent Completion of Panoramic financial due diligence on Donegal, and Brilliant shareholder approval.

#### Commentary

The consolidation of the Lanfranchi Project represents an important strategic and complimentary acquisition for Panoramic and falls within our nickel growth strategy. Panoramic's medium to long term strategy is to grow and diversify our portfolio of projects in nickel and other selected commodities (specifically copper, lead, zinc, pgms and gold). In this regard, Panoramic is continuing to assess acquisition opportunities that are consistent with this strategy and complementary to Panoramic's existing businesses and capabilities.

On the assumption that Brilliant shareholders approve the sale, Brilliant will hold approximately 6% of Panoramic's issued share capital, post completion. Brilliant has indicated that post completion of this transaction, it is considering distributing the Panoramic shares it will own to its shareholders. Panoramic welcomes Brilliant as a major shareholder and looks forward to welcoming Brilliant shareholders onto its register in due course.



#### Background

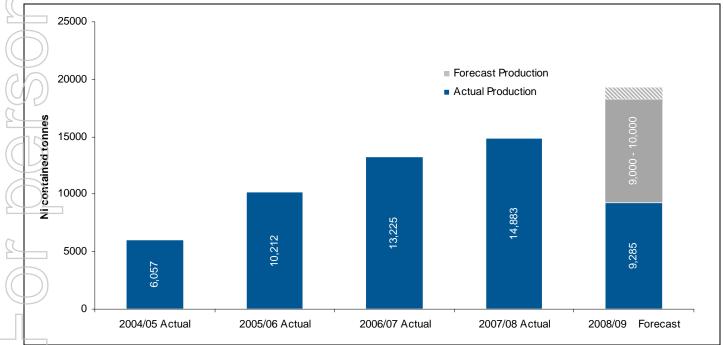
In November 2004, Panoramic (75%) in joint venture with Donegal (25%) purchased the Lanfranchi Project from WMC Resources Limited (now BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd). At the time of the purchase, Lanfranchi was on care and maintenance with reported reserves of 12,000t Ni contained and resources of 70,000t Ni contained. Since recommencing operations in 2005, the Lanfranchi Project (100% Basis) has produced over 20,000t Ni contained and significantly increased the Project's resource base to over 130,000t Ni contained (using latest published Lanfranchi Resource Statements adjusted for Lanfranchi mine production from July to December 2008).

Panoramic announced on 14 January 2009 a 13% increase in the Deacon Resource to 71,800t Ni contained. Mine planning studies to convert this Resource to Ore Reserve status are expected to be completed during the March 2009 quarter. Previous Resource to Reserve conversions at Deacon have achieved conversion rates of 95% on a contained nickel basis. The new ventilation system for Deacon is currently being commissioned, allowing ore production at Deacon to ramp up to above 30,000t per month.

Based on the current production schedule, the Lanfranchi Project has a mine life of at least six years. However, given the significant underlying resource, the continuing exploration success, and the prospectivity of the tenements, Panoramic is confident, subject to the nickel price, that the Lanfranchi Project will be in operation for at least the next 10 years.

#### Production Outlook

The production forecast for Panoramic's combined operations (Lanfranchi & Savannah) for 2008/09 is expected to be in the range of 18,000 -19,000t Ni contained plus copper and cobalt credits (100% project basis), which represents a 20-30% increase on FY2007/08. With the consolidation of the Lanfranchi Project ownership (subject to Brilliant shareholder approval and based on the effective date of 1 November 2008), Panoramic's equity share of forecast production for 2008/09 is now expected to be in the range of 17,000-18,000t Ni contained.



Notes

1. Savannah production is based on Ni in concentrate (PAN owns 100% of Savannah)

2. Lanfranchi production is based Ni in ore (PAN owning75% of Lanfranchi to 31 Oct 2008, and 100% following the purchase of the remaining 25% of the project)

3. 2008/09 Forecast is based on Deacon ventilation system commissioning in late February 2009 and 3 Jumbo operating scenario



#### About the Company

Panoramic Resources Limited (ABN:47 095 792 288) is an established Western Australian based nickel sulphide producer with two underground mines, the Savannah Project (100% owned), in the Kimberley and the Lanfranchi Mine (75% moving to 100% owned) 42km south of Kambalda. In 2007/08 our operations produced close to 15,000t Ni contained. The Company has a target for group production of 20,000t Ni per annum for at least the next 10 years. Panoramic has a significant exploration portfolio in the Kimberley and at Lanfranchi and is expanding exploration activities in order to grow the resource base and to increase each operation's mine life. Panoramic is continuing to assess opportunities to grow the Company through acquisitions of projects and/or companies that would be complementary to existing business, and reflect the Company's commodity expertise and risk profile.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by John Hicks. Mr Hicks is a full-time employee of Panoramic Resources Limited. Mr Hicks is a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Hicks consents to the inclusion in the release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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