

# **Canada Nickel Company**

# Delivering the Next Generation of Nickel

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# Feasibility Study successfully completed – just over 4 years from drilling 5<sup>th</sup> drill hole

- \$2.5 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> and IRR of 17.1%; increasing to \$2.6 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> and IRR of 18.3% with projected Carbon Capture & Storage tax credits
- Crawford is world's 2nd largest nickel reserve and 2nd largest resources. Initial mineral reserve of 1.7 billion tonnes of ore grading 0.22% nickel
- Production of 1.6 million tonnes nickel, 24 kt cobalt, 490 koz palladium & platinum, 58 million tonnes iron and 2.8 million tonnes chromium over 41-year project life
- Annual EBITDA of \$811 million, free cash flow (FCF) of \$546 million, and 48ktpa of nickel production during peak 27-year period
- One of Canada's largest carbon storage facilities with 1.5 Mtpa carbon captured and stored during peak 27-year period
- Crawford is a net negative contributor to global CO2 footprint with 30 tonnes of carbon capture and storage capacity per tonne of nickel remaining after accounting for project footprint



# Measured & Indicated resource increased by 74% (compared to the 2022 resource estimate) to 6.0 million tonnes

	Tonnage	Grade				Contained Metal								
	(Mt)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Pd (g/t)	Pt (g/t)	Fe (%)	Cr (%)	Bruc (%)	Ni (Mt)	Co (Kt)	Pd (Moz)	Pt (Moz)	Fe (Mt)	Cr (Mt)
Higher Grade Main Zone														
Measured	253	0.30	0.013	0.027	0.012	6.40	0.59	1.73	0.8	33.1	0.2	0.1	16.2	1.5
Indicated	296	0.28	0.013	0.023	0.012	6.93	0.57	1.36	0.8	39.0	0.2	0.1	20.5	1.7
Mea+Ind	549	0.29	0.013	0.025	0.012	6.68	0.58	1.53	1.6	72.1	0.4	0.2	36.7	3.2
Inferred	212	0.28	0.013	0.018	0.011	6.91	0.56	1.21	0.6	28.2	0.1	0.1	14.6	1.2
Lower Grade Main Zone														
Measured	280	0.22	0.013	0.011	0.009	6.89	0.59	1.15	0.6	36.8	0.1	0.1	19.3	1.6
Indicated	698	0.21	0.013	0.011	0.009	7.10	0.57	1.07	1.5	91.7	0.2	0.2	49.6	4.0
Mea+Ind	978	0.21	0.013	0.011	0.009	7.04	0.58	1.10	2.1	128.5	0.3	0.3	68.9	5.6
Inferred	1,324	0.21	0.013	0.010	0.009	7.20	0.57	0.94	2.8	173.8	0.4	0.4	95.4	7.5
Higher Grade East Zone														
Measured	394	0.26	0.012	0.015	0.009	5.92	0.65	3.10	1.0	49.2	0.2	0.1	23.3	2.5
Indicated	300	0.26	0.013	0.011	0.007	5.85	0.63	3.19	0.8	37.8	0.1	0.1	17.5	1.9
Mea+Ind	694	0.26	0.013	0.013	0.008	5.89	0.64	3.14	1.8	87.1	0.3	0.2	40.9	4.4
Inferred	112	0.26	0.013	0.010	0.007	5.90	0.62	2.89	0.3	14.2	0.0	0.0	6.6	0.7
Lower Grade East Zone														
Measured	169	0.16	0.013	0.011	0.009	7.25	0.54	0.40	0.3	21.3	0.1	0.0	12.3	0.9
Indicated	172	0.17	0.012	0.011	0.009	7.11	0.52	0.93	0.3	21.2	0.1	0.1	12.2	0.9
Mea+Ind	341	0.17	0.012	0.011	0.009	7.18	0.53	0.67	0.6	42.5	0.1	0.1	24.5	1.8
Inferred	45	0.17	0.013	0.010	0.008	7.11	0.54	0.55	0.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.2
Total Crawford Resource														
Mea+Ind	2,562	0.24	0.013	0.014	0.010	6.67	0.59	1.69	6.0	330.2	1.2	0.8	170.9	15.1
Inferred	1,693	0.22	0.013	0.011	0.009	7.08	0.57	1.09	3.7	222.0	0.6	0.5	119.9	9.7

1 Source: Wood Mackenzie, Nickel Cost Service Q3 2023 data

## Second Largest Nickel Operation & Project Globally (Proven & Probable Reserves)



#### Crawford contains the 2nd largest nickel reserves globally



Source: Company filings, Wood Mackenzie.



# The feasibility study had multiple improvements to the PEA in mine life and recoveries

		Crawfor	dFS	Crawford	Variance: FS vs PEA	
Mining & Milling	units	Phase1 -2	LOM	PEA	Phase1 -2	LOM
Life	years	30	41	25	+20%	+64%
Ore Mined	Mt	1,700	1,715	907	+87%	+89%
Ore Milled	Mt	1,230	1,715	907	+36%	+89%
Recovery						
Nickel Recovery	%	46%	41%	37%	+23%	+10%
Cobalt Recovery	%	14%	11%	8%	+69%	+38%
Palladium & Platinum Recovery	%	39%	38%	n/a		
Iron Recovery	%	56%	53%	36%	+54%	+46%
Chromium Recovery	%	29%	28%	27%	+8%	+5%
Annual Production						
Recovered Nickel	Ktpa	45	38	34	+33%	+12%
Recovered Cobalt	Ktpa	0.7	0.6	0.4	+89%	+55%
Recovered Palladium & Platinum	Kozpa	13	12	n/a		
Recovered Iron	Mtpa	1.5	1.4	0.9	+70%	+65%
Recovered Chromium	Ktpa	71	67	59	+22%	+14%
Carbon Storage	Mtpa	1.4	1.3	n/a		

Source: Bankable Feasibility Study news release, titled "Canada Nickel Announces Positive Bankable Feasibility Study For its Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project", Effective Date of October 12, 2023



The Crawford BFS demonstrates strong financial returns based on a large resource with significant upside potential.

Robust Economics	<ul> <li>US\$2.5 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8</sub>; (\$2.6 billion including expected CCUS tax credits)</li> <li>17.1% after-tax IRR (18.3% including expected CCUS tax credits)</li> </ul>
Large Scale, Long Life	<ul> <li>48ktpa nickel, 0.8ktpa cobalt, 1.6mtpa iron and 13ktpa PGMs at peak production</li> <li>1.6Mt of nickel, 58Mt of iron, 2.8Mt of chrome over project life</li> <li>41-year mine life (US\$1.7 billion initial capex)</li> </ul>
Low Cost	<ul> <li>Life-of-mine average net C1 cash cost of US\$0.39/lb</li> <li>Life-of-mine average net AISC of US\$1.54/lb</li> </ul>
Highly Profitable	<ul> <li>Average annual EBITDA of US\$811 million (LOM: US\$667 million)</li> <li>Free Cash flow of US\$546 million (LOM: US\$431 million)</li> </ul>



Two phase production plan peaks at nickel production of 48ktpa with a life-of-mine AISC of US\$1.21/lb (\$2,668 per tonne)

	Unit	<b>Phase I</b> (Years 1 – 3.5)	<b>Phase II</b> (Years 3.5 – 29)	Phase III (Years 30 – 41)	Life-of-Mine (Years 1 – 41)
Mill Capacity	ktpd	60	120	120	120
Nickel Production	ktpa	26	48	18	38
Net C1 Cash Cost	US\$ / lb	\$2.67	\$0.68	(\$2.39)	\$0.39
Nickel Recovery	%	50%	46%	25%	41%
Strip Ratio	Waste : Ore	2.37	2.29	n/a	2.33
NSR	US\$ / t milled	\$34.96	\$32.31	\$16.96	\$28.08
Onsite Costs	US\$ / t milled	\$17.48	\$12.38	\$6.31	\$10.88
Net AISC	US\$ / lb	\$2.96	\$1.54	(\$1.72)	\$1.54
C1 Cash Cost (Before By-Product Credits)	US\$ / lb	\$2.67	\$0.68	(\$2.39)	\$0.39
Initial / Expansion Capital	US\$M	\$1,943	\$1,600	\$0	\$3,543

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Project construction to be done with single expansion from 60ktpd to 120ktpd mill capacity. Peak capital investment of \$1.7 billion for *both* phases due to Critical Minerals refundable tax credit and expected Carbon Capture & Storage tax credit

					Life of
Total Capital	units	Initial	Expansion	Sustaining	Project
Mining	US\$ millions	\$499	\$420	\$1,304	\$2,222
Process Plant	US\$ millions	\$721	\$726	\$0	\$1,447
TMF & Water Manage	meUS\$ millions	\$98	\$84	\$103	\$285
Infrastructure	US\$ millions	\$205	\$93	\$74	\$372
Indirects	US\$ millions	\$235	\$132	\$0	\$317
Contingency	US\$ millions	\$185	\$145	\$0	\$330
Closure and Other	US\$ millions	\$0	\$0	\$134	\$134
Total	US\$ millions	\$1,943	\$1,600	\$1,615	\$5,157

The bankable feasibility study capital cost estimates include an allowance for growth averaging 6% within the direct estimate of applicable construction activities. In addition, a contingency averaging 11% has been applied to all direct and indirect items in the two phases of the project.

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# Crawford is expected to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest nickel operation globally, based on BFS results





Based on BFS results, Crawford is expected to be a low-cost producer with 1<sup>st</sup> quartile Net C1 Cash Cost and All-in Sustaining Costs.





Canada Nickel's simple carbon storage approach – IPT Carbonation or In-Process Tailings Carbonation – utilizes tailings directly from the mineral processing circuit and conditions them with CO<sub>2</sub> for a brief period of time

- Latest IPT Carbonation testwork demonstrates potential to store 1.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually
   leading strategy house confirms Crawford project could expect in excess of C\$25 per tonne of CO2 in storage fees from IPT Carbonation process
- Potential demand for 20 million tonne annual storage is in excess of 1 million tonne capacity for Crawford – supports Company's belief that Timmins Nickel District can anchor a Zero Carbon Industrial Cluster in the Timmins-Cochrane region
- Portion of project capital expenditures to become eligible for carbon capture and storage - refundable investment tax credits of 37.5% to 60% for years 2022-2030 and 18.75% to 30% for years 2031-2040, as announced in 2022 federal budget

#### Drill Core Oct 2021 vs Oct 2020 Spontaneous Carbonation (white minerals)





Project is less than 21 months away from target receipt of permits and construction decision

- Financing End-2024
  - Debt & Equity packages

# • Permitting Mid-2025

- Filing of Impact Statement Mid-2024
- Receipt of Permits
   Mid-2025
- Construction Decision Mid-2025
- First Production End-2027



A substantial new nickel district has been consolidated with 20+ nickel targets

- 42km<sup>2</sup> of ultramafic/mag highs
- Each target has had some amount of historical work, (in some cases, much more than Crawford did initially) confirming that these targets contain the same serpentinized dunite and/or peridotite that hosts the Crawford mineralization and has the potential to permanently sequester CO<sup>2</sup>
- Eleven target properties have larger footprint than Crawford and eleven are confirmed to contain the same host mineralization as Crawford
- All located in close proximity to existing infrastructure to help minimize carbon footprint



## Regional Exploration Success – Multiple Deposits with Larger Footprint than Crawford



- Potential to unlock a district scale nickel camp with multiple deposits comparable to Crawford
- Current drilling confirms large scale discovery at Reid – delineated mineralized footprint already 90% of Crawford footprint of 1.6 km<sup>2</sup>
- Mann Northwest target geophysical footprint of 6.0 km2 is more than triple the size of Crawford project footprint – Hole MAN23-02 returned 0.26% Ni over core length of 210 metres including 0.31% nickel over 33 metres.
- Shallow mineralized intervals at Sothman and Midlothian returned +300 metres of 0.29% nickel
- Further confirmation of targeting approach at Deloro, Bannockburn, and Reaume Reid, Midlothian, Texmont, Sothman, Bannockburn, Deloro, Mann Northwest
- Bannockburn Historic drilling with multiple high grade intervals greater than 2% nickel in "C", "D", "F" in addition to bulk tonnage "B" zone



### **Texmont Mine Acquisition: Near Term Production Potential**



- In March 2023, Canada Nickel acquired the past producing Texmont mine. A mine and mill operated on the site from July 1971 to December 1972 at a capacity of 500 tpd.
- Provides potential for near-term open pit production from near-surface high grade mineralization
- Contains an ultramafic body with a target geophysical footprint ~ 1.2 kilometres long by 150 metres wide
- A historic resource estimate of 3.2 million tonnes grading 0.9 % nickel was reported
- Drilling continues to confirm high grade mineralization over 400 metres of strike length that remains open to the north and at depth
  - Hole 22-03: 5.2 metres of 2.60% nickel within 21.0 metres of 1.22% nickel
  - Hole 22-06: 4.0 metres of 2.43% nickel within 12.0 metres of 1.45% nickel
- Initial met work yielded excellent nickel and cobalt recoveries producing high-grade concentrates:
  - Nickel recoveries of 79 84%; Cobalt recoveries of 77 - 83%
  - Concentrate grades of 18 28% nickel with up to 0.7% cobalt
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### Summary



#### **Investment Highlights**

- Nickel market entering "supercycle" by mid-decade driven by EV demand
- Recent nickel supply growth largely "dirty nickel" little visibility on supply growth outside Indonesia
- Crawford largest nickel sulphide discovery since early 1970s
- Canada Nickel consolidated Timmins Nickel District
   potential for multiple Crawfords
- Well-positioned to deliver Next Generation of Nickel – large, scalable, nickel supply with zero carbon potential to both stainless & EV markets
- Well-established mining friendly jurisdiction with significant infrastructure in place
- Crawford Bankable Feasibility Study completed October 12, 2023

#### 2023 Catalysts

- ✓ Strategic Investor
- ✓ Appointment of Debt Advisors
- ✓ Bankable Feasibility Study
- Offtake Agreement(s)
- Texmont Resource & PEA
- First Nations Definitive Agreements
- Systematic District Exploration



# Appendix

### **Crawford BFS Detailed Summary**



Ownership: 100%	Unit	Phase I (Years 1 - 3.5)	Phase II (Years 3.5 - 29)	Phase III (30 - 41)	LOM (Years 1 - 41)
Mine Type	Туре		 Open Pit		
Capital Expenditures					
Initial & Expansion	US\$ millions	\$1,943	\$1,600	\$0	\$3,543
Sustaining & Closure	US\$ millions / year	\$0	\$52	\$10	\$36
Mining & Milling					
Mill Capacity	ktpd	60	120	120	120
Ore Mined	Mtpa	36	59	0	42
Ore Milled	Mtpa	21	44	43	42
Strip Ratio	Waste : Ore	2.37	2.29	n/a	2.33
Nickel Head Grade	%	0.26	0.24	0.17	0.22
Chromium Head Grade	%	0.63%	0.60	0.49	0.57
Iron Head Grade	%	6.2	6.43	6.49	6.44
Recovery					
Nickel Recovery	%	48%	46%	25%	41%
Chromium Recovery	%	28%	29%	26%	28%
Iron Recovery	%	54%	56%	46%	53%
Production					
Recovered Nickel	ktpa	26	48	18	38
Recovered Chromium	ktpa	37	76	54	67
Recovered Iron	Mtpa	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.4
Carbon Capture	Mtpa	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.3
NSR	US\$/tonne milled	\$34.96	\$32.31	\$16.96	\$28.08
Average Costs					
Mining	US\$/tonne milled	\$9.82	\$6.21	\$0.62	\$4.78
Milling	US\$/tonne milled	\$5.31	\$5.18	\$5.19	\$5.19
G&A	US\$/tonne milled	\$2.35	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.92
Total Onsite Costs	US\$/tonne milled	\$17.48	\$12.38	\$6.31	\$10.88
C1 Cash Cost	US\$/lb Ni	\$2.67	\$0.68	(\$2.39)	\$0.39
AISC	US\$/lb Ni	\$2.96	\$1.54	(\$1.72)	\$1.21
Payables	% / Recovered	www.canadar	1 - 24% Ni- 59% Fe, 60% Co, 7	5% Pd, 76% Pt, and 65% Cr	19



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