

## **Canada Nickel Company**

## Delivering the Next Generation of Nickel

TSX-V: CNC July 2024

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Foreign Exchange Assumptions

All amounts discussed herein are denominated in CAD dollars unless otherwise specified.

### Summary



## Canada Nickel is the leader in the next generation of large scale nickel supply and one of few new sources of potential supply outside Indonesia/China

Nickel market fundamentally short of nickel in medium and long-term – little to no supply growth outside Indonesia/China – potential supercycle emerging which occurs every 15-20 years

- Significant corporate activity in sector. Further activity expected to be driven by need for North American supply Canada Nickel consolidation of a substantial new nickel district in established Timmins mining camp represents the Next Generation of Nickel large scale, lower grade, open pit nickel sulphide projects with potential for zero carbon production led by its rapidly advancing Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project
  - Key Investors: Agnico Eagle (11.0%), Samsung SDI (8.7%) and Anglo American (7.6%)
  - Crawford BFS \$2.5 billion after-tax NPV8% and IRR of 17.1%; increasing to \$2.6 billion after-tax NPV8% and IRR of 18.3% with projected Carbon Capture & Storage tax credits. 41 year project life
  - Crawford is world's 2nd largest nickel reserve and 2nd largest resource<sup>1</sup>
    Annual EBITDA of \$811 million, free cash flow of \$546 million, and 48ktpa of nickel during peak 27 year period
  - 1.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually from IPT Carbonation process. Net negative contributor to global CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of 30 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity per tonne of nickel (after project footprint)
  - Permitting process underway targeting mid-2025 First phase of federal permitting process successfully completed, Impact Statement (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) to be completed by mid-2024. Groundbreaking impact assessment agreements with First Nations
  - Consolidated 42 km² of ultramafic/mag highs 25X the 1.6km² geophysical footprint of Crawford Successfully tested Reid, Midlothian, Texmont, Sothman, Bannockburn, Deloro, Mann Northwest, Reaume
  - 10 targets > footprint than Crawford Fully funded to unlock district potential in 2024
  - NetZero Metals Development of downstream nickel & stainless steel processing facilities in Timmins region

# **Capital Structure Analyst Coverage**



#### **Share Price Performance**



#### Capital Structure as of June 30, 2024

Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding (M)	204.1
Warrants	7.2
Stock Options and RSUs	15.7
Basic Shares Outstanding	181.2

Source: S&P Capital IQ, Bloomberg

- (1) Cash balance as of April 30, 2024 (most recent quarter)
- (2) Includes volume traded on TSXV and OTCQX

Capitalization as of April 30, 2024

Ticker		TSXV: CNC
Share Price	(C\$)	\$1.24
Market Capitalization	(C\$M)	\$225
Cash & Equivalents (1)	(C\$M)	\$36
Debt <sup>(4)</sup>	(C\$M)	\$0

Market Data		
20-Day VWAP	(C\$)	\$1.26
52-Week High / Low (2)	(C\$)	\$2.24 / \$0.89
30-Day Avg. Daily Volume	(000's)	279

Agnico Eagle	11.0%
SAMSUNG SDI	8.7%
<b>AngloAmerican</b>	7.6%
Management and Board	3.7%

#### **Research Coverage**

- Cantor Fitzgerald
- Cormark Securities
- Echelon Wealth Partners

**Red Cloud Securities** 

Haywood Securities

## **Management and Board**

**Chris Chang** 

VP, Corporate

**Development** 



Mark Selby CEO B.Comm.	<ul> <li>Previous CEO of Royal Nickel Corporation</li> <li>Corporate development, strategy, business planning and market research Executive with Quadra Mining and Inco</li> <li>Nickel market expert</li> </ul>	David Smith Chair P.Eng., C.Dir.	<ul> <li>Senior VP, Finance and CFO of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited;</li> <li>Chartered Director, Director of Sprott Resource Holdings</li> </ul>
Wendy Kaufman CFO CPA, CA	<ul> <li>&gt;25 years of experience leading mining companies in project finance, capital structure, capital markets, accounting and internal controls, tax, financial reporting and public disclosure; completed \$4 billion finance for Cobre Panama</li> </ul>	Francisca Quinn Director M.Sc.	<ul> <li>Co-founder and President of Quinn &amp; Partners Inc., a recognized advisory firm advancing sustainability in business and capital markets;</li> <li>Previously with Carbon Trust and WSP Global</li> </ul>
Steve Balch VP, Exploration P.Geo.	<ul> <li>Geophysicist with 35 years experience specializing in Ni-Cu-PGE deposits including for Inco Ltd in the Sudbury Basin and Voiseys Bay</li> <li>Active in developing geophysics technology used in exploration globally</li> </ul>	Jennifer Morais Director BA, MBA, CFA	<ul> <li>&gt;20 years as senior executive in private equity, alternative finance, mining finance and management consulting; previously with TPG Capital, CPPIB, OMERS, Hatch and CIBC</li> </ul>
John Leddy Senior Advisor, Legal LL.B.	<ul> <li>Senior Advisor, Legal and Strategic Matters at Karora Resources Inc. (formerly RNC Minerals);</li> <li>Over 20 years' experience as a business lawyer and former Partner at Osler</li> </ul>	Kulvir Singh Gill Director B.Comm., ICD.D	<ul> <li>20 years of experience in innovation and sustainability in mining; lead innovation and growth projects for Fortune 500 clients across the mining, O &amp; G and heavy industrial sectors</li> </ul>
Pierre-Philippe Dupont VP, Sustainability M.Sc.	<ul> <li>&gt;15 years of experience in successfully obtaining environmental, community stakeholder and First Nation approvals for mining projects, including permitting Dumont Nickel and Canadian Malartic; former Director of Sustainability at Glencore</li> </ul>	Mike Cox Director B.Sc., MBA	<ul> <li>Managing Partner at CoDa Associates; previously head of Vale UK and Asian refineries following over 30 years in senior leadership roles in Base Metals with Inco and Vale</li> </ul>
Desmond Tranquilla VP, Projects P. Eng	<ul> <li>&gt;32 years supporting major capital projects.</li> <li>Experience with both major greenfield and brownfield infrastructure projects, including Detour Gold project delivered on-time, on-budget</li> </ul>	Adam Schatzker, VP, Corporate Development (Carbon Businesses)	<ul> <li>20+ years of experience on Sell Side both equity research &amp; investment Banking; RBC Capital Markets.</li> <li>3+ years in Corp Dev incl Uranium One. Also worked with Mining Private Equity Fund</li> </ul>

17 years Investment Banking & Capital Markets. Institutional Equities Mining Specialist Sales;

Macquarie, Raymond James. Helped raise over \$1

billion of equity funding for junior and mid cap

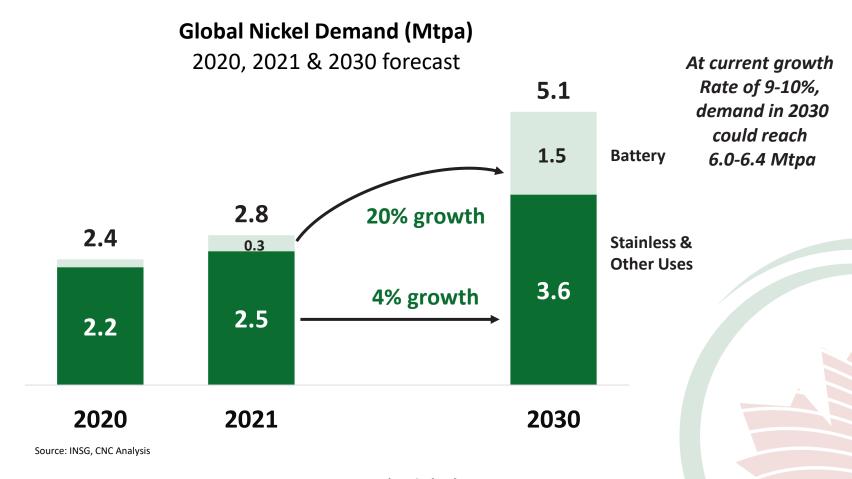
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### **Nickel Demand Growth Accelerating from EVs**



Nickel demand growth continues to be underestimated – demand on track to be up 9-10% annually in first 3 years of decade (3-4X other base metals) and forecasted by CNC to double by 2030 to 5+ Mt and potentially > 6 Mt.



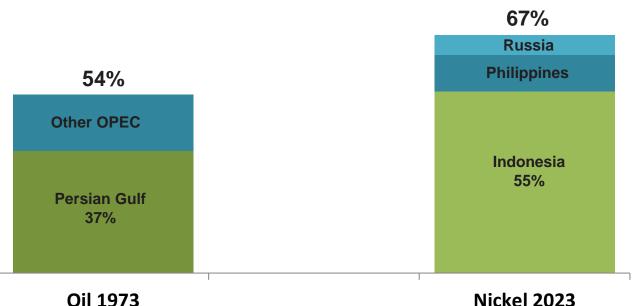
## Nickel Supply – Significant Political Risk Is there an ONEC in our future??



Nickel supply facing increasing political risk as Indonesia now dominates nickel supply growth. Just 3 countries control more nickel supply than OPEC did at its peak in 1973.

Once HPAL build out largely completed by 2026, expect Indonesia to manage supply through mining quotas

> **Nickel Supply Concentration (2023)** vs Oil Supply Concentration at OPEC peak (1973)



#### These 3 countries:

- Face revenue shortfalls
- Have intervened directly into mining sector

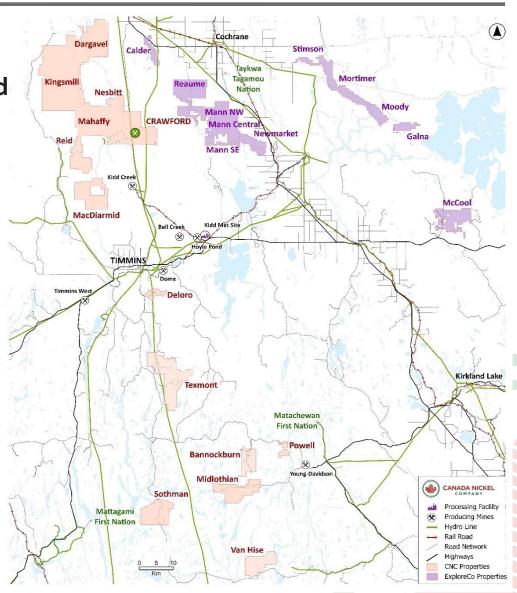
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# **Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project Location & Infrastructure**



One of the largest nickel sulphide resources located in a well-established mining camp with infrastructure

- Major support infrastructure in place
  - Roads, power, water
  - Rail connection
- Rich mining history and skilled, local workforce
- Long history of resource development
- Close proximity to contractors and producing mines



## **Crawford Bankable Feasibility Study Highlights**



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 Carbon Capture &amp; Storage tax credit)</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, 13kozpa PGMs, 1.6mtpa iron, and 76ktpa chrome over 27 year peak production period</li> <li>1.6Mt of nickel, 58Mt of iron, 2.8Mt of chrome over project life</li> <li>41-year mine life (US\$1.9 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 and free cash flow of US\$546 million during 27 year peak period</li> <li>Life-of-mine US\$667 million and US\$431 million respectively</li> </ul>

## **Crawford BFS Operating Costs & Capex**



Two phase production plan peaks at nickel production of 48ktpa with a life-of-mine AISC of US\$1.54/lb (\$3,395 per tonne)

	Unit	Phase I (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
<b>Nickel Production</b>	ktpa	26	48	18	38
Net C1 Cash Cost	US\$ / Ib	\$2.67	\$0.68	(\$2.39)	\$0.39
Nickel Recovery	%	48%	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 (Net of 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

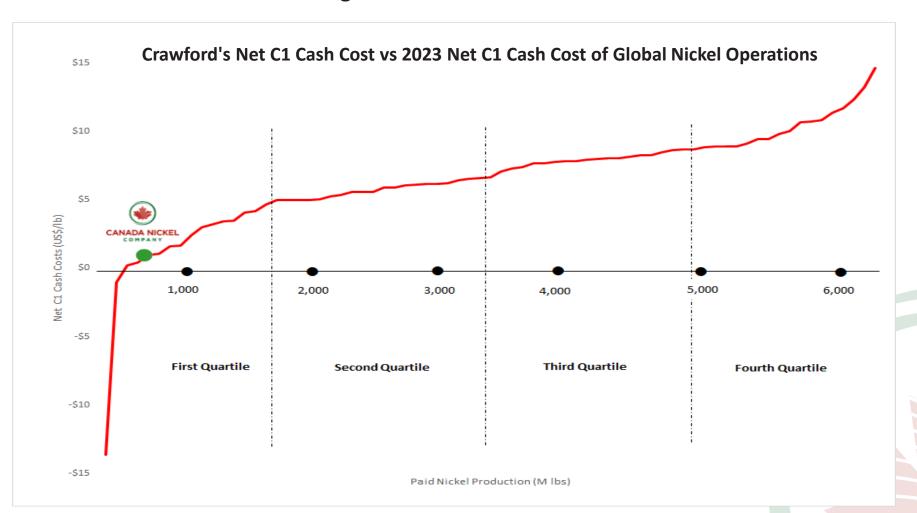
Source: Bankable Feasibility Study news release, titled "Canada Nickel Announces Positive Bankable Feasibility Study For its Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project", Effective Date of October 12, 2023

### **Crawford:**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quartile Net Cash Cost Producer



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.

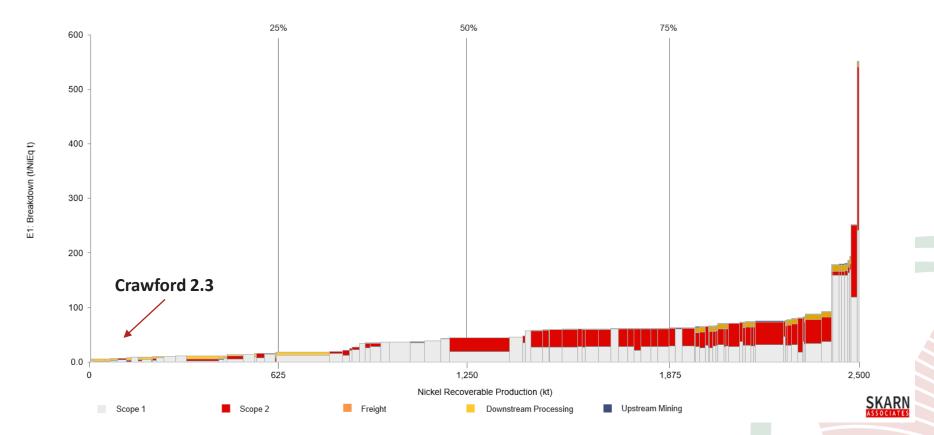


## **Crawford: Low Carbon Footprint**



Crawford estimated to produce 2.3 tonnes  $CO_2$  per tonne of nickel equivalent production: 89% lower than industry average of 34 tonnes of  $CO_2$  based on Skarn  $E_0$ .

#### Nickel GHG Intensity Curve - CO<sub>2e</sub> Intensity (tCO<sub>2e</sub>/t NiEq)



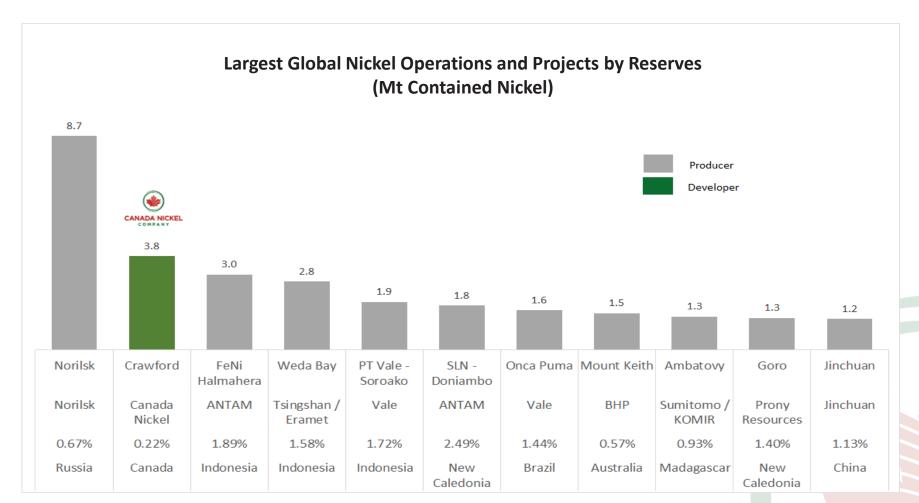
Source: Skarn Associates Q2-2023

E<sub>0</sub> basis is to first saleable product (concentrate); does not include any downstream processing (other sulphides: 4 - 6 t CO<sub>2</sub> / t Nickel); based on Scope 1 + Scope 2 emissions.

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



### Crawford contains the world's 2nd largest nickel reserves

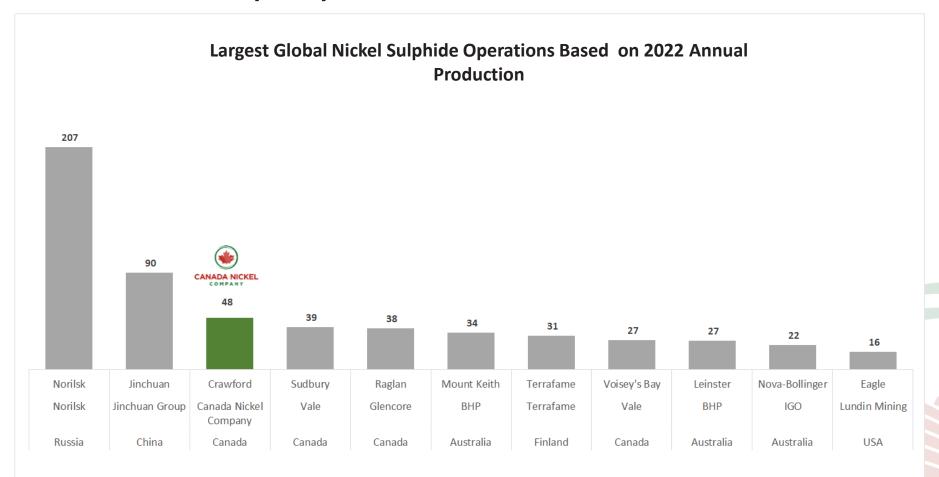


Source: Wood Mackenzie, Company fillings

## **Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project**



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



Source: Wood Mackenzie, Company fillings

### Crawford Anchored by 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Nickel Resource<sup>1</sup>



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

	Tonnage				Grade						Contain	ed 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: Wood Mackenzie, Nickel Cost Service Q3 2023 data

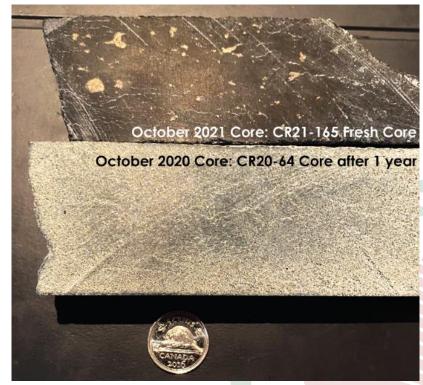
# Accelerated Carbonation Process Achieves NetZero and Generates Substantial CO<sub>2</sub> Credits



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 CO<sub>2</sub> in storage fees from IPT Carbonation process
- Potential demand for 20 million tonne annual storage is in excess of 1.5 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)



# Permitting Milestone: Successful Completion of First Phase of Federal Permitting



Successfully completed first phase of federal permitting process

**Commencement of the Impact Statement Phase** 

Signed ground-breaking Impact Assessment Process Agreements



"Taykwa Tagamou Nation is proud of the partnership we have with Canada Nickel. This innovative model of applying Traditional Knowledge through a land use study enables our community to both understand the project's impacts through all stages of its life cycle, while ensuring that, as the stewards of our Traditional Territory, development is conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner", said Chief Bruce Archibald

"True Indigenous partnerships, such as ours with Canada Nickel, provide certainty for proponents, along with economic opportunity for Northern Ontario and impacted Indigenous communities," said Deputy Chief Derek Archibald. "With this certainty, Taykwa Tagamou Nation is meaningfully participating in the project's economic development from beginning to end".

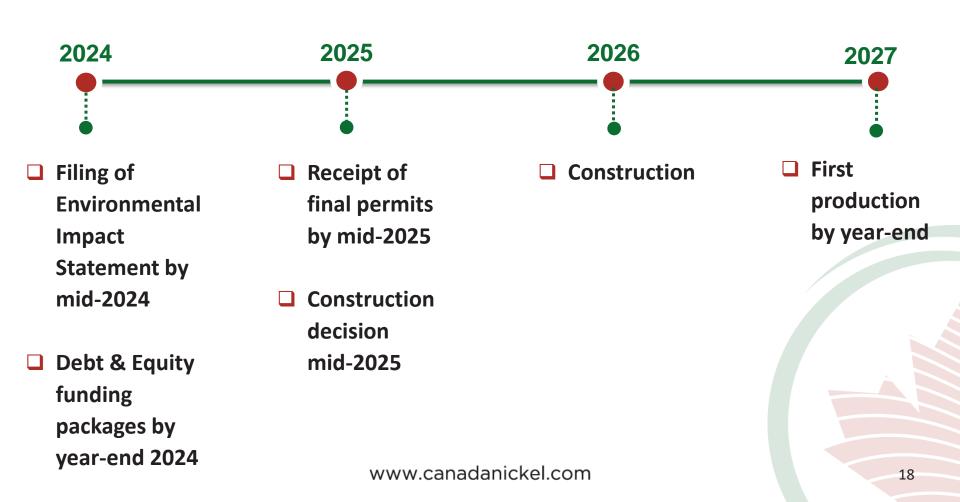


Chief Chad Boissoneau, of Mattagami First Nation, commented "Agreements of this nature, built upon honest and genuine relationships, benefit both the First Nation and the Proponent. First Nations can fully participate in the Impact Assessment of a major project on our Traditional Land, while supporting Canada Nickel in making properly informed, sustainable, and respectful decisions about a project that stands to be of great benefit to our community."

## **Crawford Project Milestones**



# Project is less than 15 months away from target receipt of permits and construction decision



#### **Timmins Nickel District**

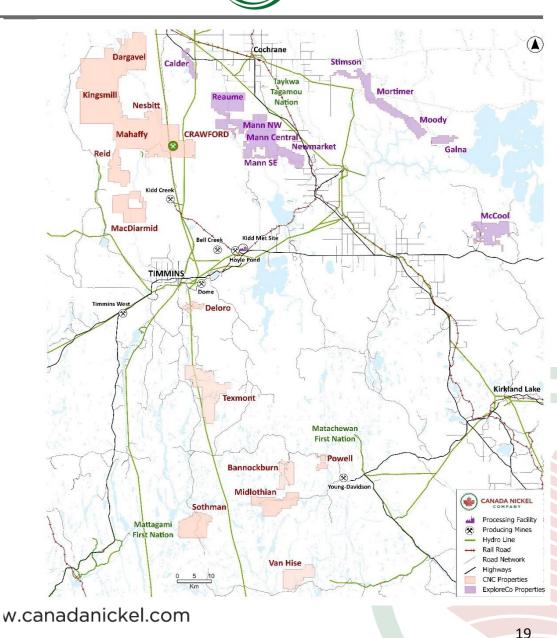


## Potential to be World's Largest Nickel Sulphide District

Consolidated 20+ targets with 42km<sup>2</sup> of target geophysical footprint 25X the scale of 1.6 km<sup>2</sup> at Crawford

#### Since 2019:

- 15 of 16 new properties successfully drilled
- 10 properties have target footprint larger than Crawford
- 180 of 192 drillholes (67,669m), 94% success rate in intersecting target mineralization
- Reid best drill interval to date 687 metres of 0.27% nickel including 36.0 metres of 0.41% nickel and 7.5 metres of 0.5% nickel
- Successful initial metallurgical tests with Crawford flowsheet at Reid, Mann NW



### **2024 Exploration Objectives**



### 2024 Exploration target - 7 new resources within 12 months, 6 potential discoveries

#### **Resource Targets**

Property	Drilling Start	Resource Timeline	Geophysical footprint (km²)
Texmont	Q1-24	Q2 2024	0.1
Deloro	Q1-24	Q3 2024	0.4
Reid	Q1-24	Q4 2024	3.9
Mann Central	Q2-24	Q4 2024	3.1
Mann NW	Q3-24	Q1 2025	6.0
Bannockburn	Q3-24	Q1 2025	0.4
Midlothian	Q3-24	Q1 2025	1.7
TOTAL			<u>15.6</u>

#### **Discovery Targets**

Property	Geophysical footprint (km²)
Newmarket	2.2
Mann SE	4.1
Moody	1.8
Stimson	0.7
Mortimer	0.6
Van Hise	2.3
TOTAL	<u>11.7</u>

**Multiple of Crawford Footprint** 

9.8X

Multiple of Crawford Footprint

7.3X

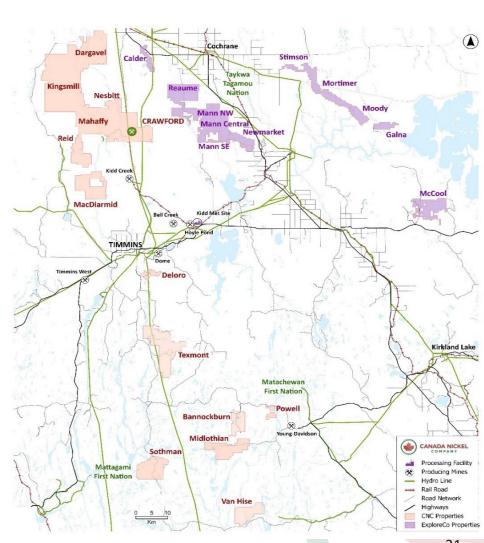
## **ExploreCo**

### **Spin-out of Eastern Exploration Properties**



Canada Nickel's 80% owned subsidiary, ExploreCo – will control properties in Mann, Newmarket, and Reaume Townships and other properties northeast of Timmins

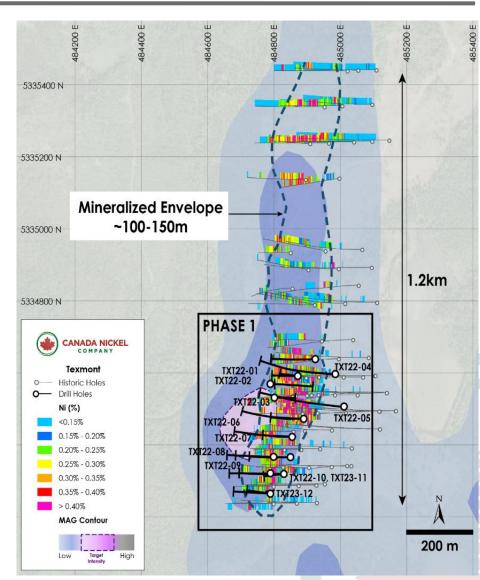
- Transaction with Noble Mineral Exploration consolidates surface rights ownership at Crawford and surrounding properties facilitating and simplifying future development of Crawford and other nearby regional properties
- ExploreCo will be led by current VP Exploration of Canada Nickel, Steve Balch. Canada Nickel will also continue to operate and provide administrative and technical support. ExploreCo may seek to become publicly listed if market conditions permit
- The first \$5 million of funding for ExploreCo will be provided from existing funds by Canada Nickel, after which costs will be funded by pro rata ownership, which will initially be 80% Canada Nickel and 20% Noble



## **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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## NetZero Metals – Downstream Nickel & Stainless Steel Processing Facilities



## Canada Nickel's wholly owned subsidiary, NetZero Metals – to develop Downstream Nickel Processing & Stainless Steel Facilities in the Timmins Region

- Expected to be the largest nickel processing facility in North America and largest stainless-steel and alloy production facility in Canada to fill a key gap in the North American electric vehicle supply chain – utilizing proven, low environmental footprint technology
- Each production facility is expected to use Canada Nickel's carbon storage capacity at its Crawford
   Nickel project to deliver zero carbon nickel and stainless steel and alloy production
- The Company has appointed SMS, Metso, and Ausenco to lead the engineering studies for the facilities. Feasibility studies are underway and expected to be completed by year-end, with the nickel processing plant expected to begin production by 2027
- NetZero Metals will be led by Mike Cox 35 years of nickel processing experience and senior leadership positions with Inco Ltd. and Vale SA overseeing a global portfolio of nickel refineries. Mike has assembled a global experienced team
- Funding for each project expected to come from various government programs (Federal/provincial/DOD) and potential partners (multiple discussions underway)

### Really?? A New Nickel District?



- Nickel resources are very concentrated in just 6 regions East half Sulawesi (Indonesia), Sudbury (Canada), Taimyr Peninsula (Russia), Eastern Goldfields (Australia), Bushveld (southern Africa), Surigao/Palawan (Philippines), Jinchuan (China)
  - The transactions demonstrate the potential of the Timmins region to join this list
- History of large new sources of nickel supply is: 1) new approach to existing resource and 2) new source of demand to create significant value not necessarily new discoveries
  - First generation of supply relied on development of ability to separate nickel from copper and new use in World War 1 created Inco and Sudbury (discovered in 1885, but not unlocked until early 1900s)
  - Second generation led by Tsingshan realization that nickel/stainless is one market and use of laterite resources sitting around untapped in Indonesia and Philippines since the 1960s/70s considered "too low grade" by traditional nickel industry to respond to massive stainless demand growth in China
- Canada Nickel has developed the expertise to unlock value from low grade ultramafics and EV market is huge source of new demand which needs a low carbon nickel (which broader market also needs)
  - Canada Nickel has consolidated a new Timmins nickel district ideally positioned to deliver to the
     North American auto industry and western nickel consumers in North America and Europe

## **Corporate Activity in Nickel Accelerating**





In June 2020, BHP acquired the Honeymoon Well project from Norilsk Nickel. The tenements are located 50km from BHP's Mt. Keith operation lying in the prolific Agnew-Wiluna greenstone belt; *contains estimated 173Mt of M&I resource grading 0.68% nickel*.



In October 2020, Oz Minerals acquired the remaining shares (30%) of Cassini Resources who owns the West Musgrave project consisting of three Ni-Cu sulfide projects including the Nebo-Babel deposit for A\$76M (implied 100% value of **A\$280 million**). West Musgrave contains 550Mt of resource grading 0.23% nickel and 0.42% copper.



In August 2021, BHP announced the expansion of Mt. Keith + Yakabindie production by 40% (reserve base of 247Mt grading 0.57% nickel).



In December 2021, Wyloo Metals topped BHP's bid to acquire Noront Resources for over **C\$600+ million** (multiple bids). Noront owns the Eagle's Nest high grade nickel sulfide deposit located in the Ring of Fire in Northern Ontario.



Also in December 2021, Australia-based IGO acquired 100% of nickel miner Western Areas a Western Australia nickel sulphide producer, for A\$3.36/sh valuing Western Areas at **A\$1.1 billion.** 



In January 2022, BHP invested an initial US\$50 million in Kabanga Nickel, which owns the Kabanga nickel sulfide project in Tanzania with contained nickel equivalent resource of 1.9Mt grading 3.44% NiEq. The investment values the Kabanga project at **US\$658 million** on a 100% basis.



In December 2022, BHP agreed to acquire Oz Minerals for A\$9.6 billion, which implies a **A\$2.2 billion** valuation for OZL's West Musgrave nickel-copper project in Western Australia.



In March 2023, Wyloo Metals announced an all cash offer to acquire the remaining shares (77%) of Mincor Resources at a **A\$760 million** valuation. Mincor operates the Cassini underground mine and the Northern Operations (Durkin North & Long Mines) in Kambalda.

### Summary



#### **Investment Highlights**

- Key Investors: Agnico Eagle (11%), Samsung SDI (8.7%) and Anglo American (7.6%)
- 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
- Development of NetZero Metals
- Well-established mining friendly jurisdiction with significant infrastructure in place
- Crawford Bankable Feasibility Study completed October 12, 2023

#### **2024 Catalysts**

- √ \$35 Million Flow-Through Financing
- √ Samsung SDI Investment
- ✓ NetZero Metals
- Offtake Agreement
- Texmont Resource & PEA
- Continued Systematic District Exploration & Resource Definition
- Environmental Impact Statement
- First Nations Definitive Agreements
- Crawford Funding Package (Offtake, Equity, Debt)



# **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	Type		Oper		,
Capital Expenditures	. 7,60		<b>0 pc.</b>		
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
Recovered Palladium & Platinum	Kozpa	8	13	10	12
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)	\$1.54
Payables	% / Recovered	·	91% Ni, 50% Fe, 60% Co, 75	, ,	

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### **Crawford BFS Summary – Capital Costs**



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 Management	US\$ millions	\$98	\$84	\$103	\$285
Infrastructure	US\$ millions	\$205	\$93	\$74	\$372
Indirects	US\$ millions	\$185	\$132	\$0	\$317
Owners	US\$ millions	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
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.

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

### **Crawford Proven & Probable Reserves**



#### Crawford Mineral Reserves (effective August 31, 2023)

	Ore (Mt)	Grade								Contained Metal						
		Ni %	Co %	Pd g/t	Pt g/t	Fe %	Cr %	Brucite %	Ni (kt)	Co (kt)	Pd (koz)	Pt (koz)	Fe (Mt)	Cr (kt)	Capture	
HG Main Zone																
Proven	208	0.31	0.013	0.027	0.011	6.23	0.60	1.78	641	27	180	74	13	1,249	8	
Probable	64	0.29	0.013	0.023	0.012	6.47	0.54	1.98	185	8	47	24	4	348	3	
LG Main Zone																
Proven	213	0.21	0.013	0.011	0.009	6.69	0.58	1.15	445	27	75	58	14	1,226	6	
Probable	368	0.18	0.013	0.011	0.009	6.82	0.53	1.03	678	47	133	106	25	1,961	10	
HG East Zone																
Proven	375	0.26	0.012	0.014	0.009	5.92	0.64	2.84	965	47	170	112	22	2,418	18	
Probable	148	0.25	0.012	0.009	0.007	5.83	0.63	2.87	369	18	44	32	9	926	7	
LG East Zone																
Proven	198	0.15	0.012	0.011	0.011	7.00	0.50	0.32	295	24	73	67	14	998	1	
Probable	141	0.15	0.011	0.012	0.010	6.54	0.47	0.60	212	16	53	46	9	659	2	
Total Crawford R	leserve															
Proven	994	0.24	0.013	0.016	0.010	6.37	0.59	1.75	2,345	125	498	311	63	5,892	33	
Probable	721	0.20	0.012	0.012	0.009	6.53	0.54	1.41	1,444	89	278	208	47	3,895	22	
Proven + Probable 1,715		0.22	0.013	0.014	0.009	6.44	0.57	1.61	3,789	215	777	519	110	9,787	54	

The Mineral Reserve Estimate was prepared in accordance with CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (CIM, 2014) by QP Dave Penswick, P.Eng who is an independent consultant. Mineral Reserves are included within the reported Mineral Resources. Mineral reserves are contained within a Lerchs-Grossmann pit shell using prices of \$15,650/t nickel, \$26,000/t cobalt, \$878/oz palladium, \$748/oz platinum, \$211/t iron (equivalent to \$58/t iron ore price) and \$2,500/t chromium; metallurgical recoveries based on test work, open pit mining costs ranging from C\$1.35 – C\$3.17/t mined, depending upon depth and size of equipment, mill + G&A costs of C\$7.54/t milled and royalties to 4.1% of NSR. The QP is not aware of any environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-economic, marketing, political, or other relevant issues that could potentially affect this Mineral Resource Estimate.

#### **Crawford Mineral Resources**



#### **Crawford Mineral Resources (effective August 31, 2023)**

	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														<u> </u>		
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		

Mineral Resources have an effective date of August 31, 2023. Mr Scott Jobin-Bevans with Caracle Creek International Consulting Inc at the time of preparation of the estimate, is the Qualified Person responsible for the Mineral Resource Estimate. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Mineral resources are contained within a Lerchs-Grossmann pit shell using prices of \$20,000/t nickel, \$48,500/t cobalt, \$1350/oz palladium, \$1,150/oz platinum, \$290/t iron (equivalent to \$80/t iron ore price) and \$2,290/t chromium; metallurgical recoveries based on test work, open pit mining costs ranging from C\$1.35 - C\$3.17/t mined, depending upon depth and size of equipment, mill + G&A costs of C\$7.54/t milled and royalties to 4.1% of NSR. The QP is not aware of any environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-economic, marketing, political, or other relevant issues that could potentially affect this Mineral Resource Estimate.

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