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We humbly acknowledge that our gathering takes place today on Robinson-Huron Treaty Territory. Additionally, we wish to express our sincere acknowledgment that Laurentian University is situated on the ancestral lands of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek (ah-tig-amay-guh-shing ah-nish-nah-bek), and the Greater City of Sudbury encompasses the traditional territories of the Wahnapitae First Nation.

In recognizing the profound indigenous history and vibrant culture of Ontario, we commit to fostering and promoting the values of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth—values that have been upheld by the First Nations since time immemorial.

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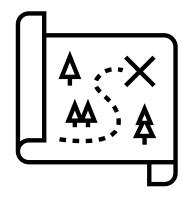


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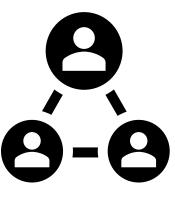
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# **Executive Summary**



**Property** 



People



Plenty of Money



Recommendation: Initiate a buy rating for Canada Nickel Company with an initial target price of \$3.76

# **Section 2 – Introduction**

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# **Evaluation Criteria**

The investment universe was analyzed using three key investment criteria with each company receiving a rating from 1-4 for each criterion



- Applicable Technical Experience
- Proven Record of Project Financing
- Diverse Management Team
- Strategic Partnerships



- Deposit Quality and Size
- Infrastructure and Access
- Permitting Jurisdiction
- Simplicity in Mining Method



- Access to Financing
- Capital Structure and Debt Capacity
- Balance Sheet
- Metal Market Considerations

# **Investment Universe**

Out of the investment universe Canada Nickel presents the strongest risk-reward and is best positioned to capture LT critical mineral tailwinds

Company	Primary Asset	Management Expertise	Development Potential	Financial Capacity	Overall
AMAGNA MINING INC.	Shakespeare Ni-Cu-PGM deposit and Crean Hill Ni-Cu-PGM deposit, both situated within the Sudbury Basin				
TALEN CORP	<b>Tamarack</b> Ni-Cu-Co deposit located in the US state of Minnesota.				
CANADA NICKEL COMPANY	<b>Crawford</b> Ni-Cu-Co-PGM deposit located north of Timmins, Ontario				

# Section 3 – Analysis of Magna Mining and Talon Metals

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# **Magna Mining**

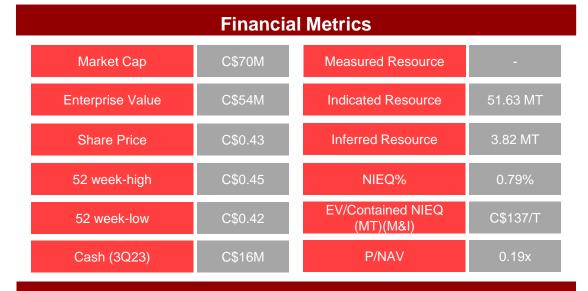


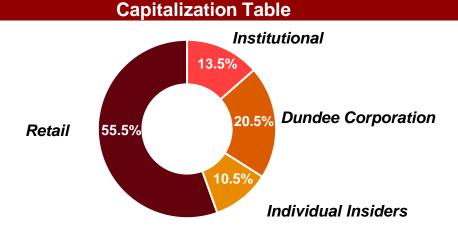
Magna Mining is a Sudbury focused base metal exploration company that is developing the Shakespeare & Crean Hill deposits

### **Company Overview**

- Magna Mining (TSX.V:NICU) is focused on advancing its primary assets, the Shakespeare Ni-Cu-PGM deposit and Crean Hill Ni-Cu-PGM deposit, both situated within the Sudbury Basin nickel district
- Shakespeare has 20.34 Mt at 0.55% Ni Eq. of M&I resources, Crean Hill has 31.29 Mt at 1.58% Ni Eq of M&I resources
- Shakespeare has permitting to revamp the old mill and Crean Hill released a recent PEA in Q3 of 2023







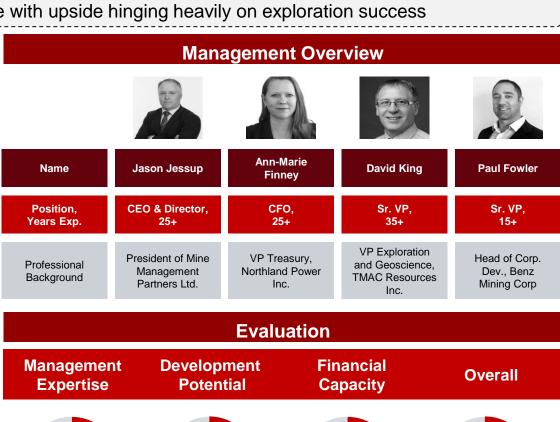


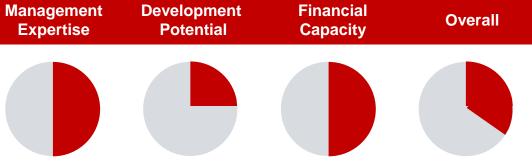
# **Magna Mining**



Experienced nickel project development team, but concerns lie with upside hinging heavily on exploration success

### **SWOT Analysis STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES** Shakespeare Shakespeare has Permitting Low Grade and Short LOM Existing Crean Hill lacks a Infrastructure Prior Nickel Feasibility Study Development Exp. **OPPORTUNITIES THREATS** Critical Minerals **Limited Indications Grant Financing** of Strategic Toll Milling Investor Interest Potential Crean Hill Development Delays





# **Talon Metals**



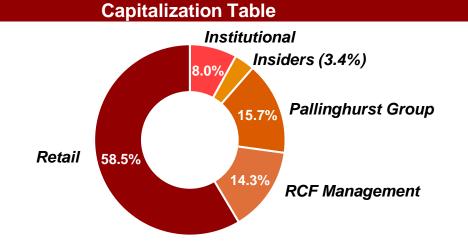
Talon is a TSX.V listed base metals company focused on advancing the Tamarack deposit in a joint venture with Rio Tinto

### **Company Overview**

- Talon Metals (TSX:TLO) is focused on developing its flagship asset, the Tamarack Ni-Cu-Co deposit located in the US state of Minnesota.
- Tamarack has 8.56 Mt at 2.34% Ni Eq of M&I resources along with 8.46 Mt at 1.19% Ni Eq of inferred resources.
- Tamarack is one of the three high-grade nickel sulphide deposits in the world that were discovered in the 21st century



### **Financial Metrics** C\$140M Measured Resource Market Cap Indicated Resource **Enterprise Value** C\$129M 8.56 MT C\$0.15 Inferred Resource 8.46 MT **Share Price** C\$0.50 NIEQ% 52 week-high 2.34% **EV/Contained NIEQ** 52 week-low C\$0.15 C\$738/T (MT)(M&I) C\$11M Cash (2Q23) P/NAV 0.23x

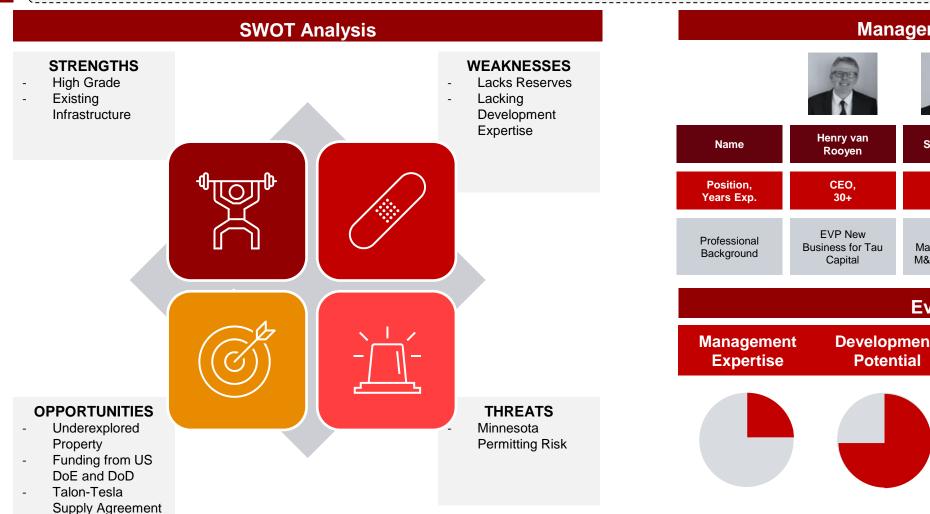




# **Talon Metals**



Industry leading Nickel Sulphide project by ore grade, but concerns lie with permitting process in Minnesota and resource progression





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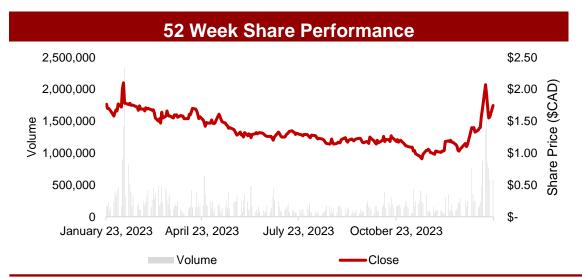
# **Canadian Nickel Company**

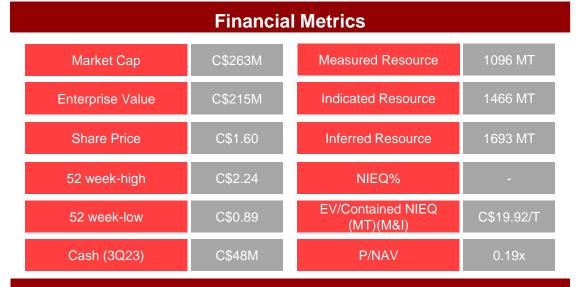


Canada Nickel Company was created in 2019 and has rapidly progressed its Crawford asset to the feasibility stage over the 4-year period

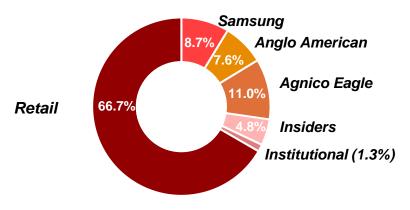
### **Company Overview**

- Canadian Nickel Company (TSX.V:CNC) is focused on developing its primary asset, the Crawford Ni-Cu-Co-PGM deposit, located 43 kilometres north of Timmins, Ontario.
- Crawford has 1,715 Mt at 0.45% Ni Eq. of P&P reserves, with an additional 2,562 Mt at 0.48% Ni Eq of M&I resources
- Nearby Texmont deposit to be both a high grade and near surface mineralization. The deposit has the potential for near term production beginning in 2025/2026





### **Capitalization Table**



# **Canadian Nickel Company**



CNC holds the world's second-largest Nickel Sulphide resource with sizeable exploration potential

### **SWOT Analysis Management Overview STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES** Large Scale Open High CAPEX Low Grade Skilled Local Deposit Workforce Existing Name Marc Selby Infrastructure Prior Nickel CEO & Director, Position, Development Exp. Years Exp. President and Professional CEO. Roval Background Nickel Corp **Management Potential Expertise OPPORTUNITIES THREATS Texmont Resource** Financing and PEA Capacity District-scale Dependent on Nickel Potential High Tonnage **IPT Carbonization** Unproven Nickel **Process ITCs** Processing

### Wendy Kaufman **David Smith** Steve Balch **VP** Exploration, CFO, Chairman. 25+ **EVP Finance and** CFO, Khiron Life Founder, Triumph CFO, Agnico Sciences Corp Instruments Eagle Mines Ltd **Evaluation Development Financial** Overall Capacity



# **Section 5 – Investment Thesis**

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## **Investment Thesis Overview**



The market is missing CNC's unique industry position and potential to be a global Nickel Sulphide Hub supported by strong strategic backing



### **Long Term Nickel Industry Outlook**



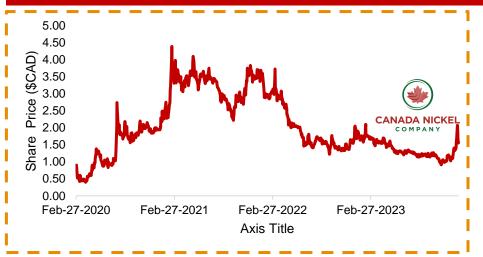
### **Compelling Asset with Exploration Potential**



### **Strategic Investor Backing and M&A Interest**

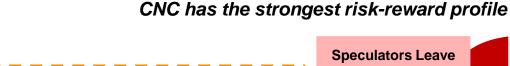
- Resource nationalism, a lack of Nickel Sulphide projects, and rising demand for "clean nickel"
- Crawfords scale and low carbon potential, coupled with CNC's exploration properties best position the company to capture industry tailwinds
- Market is not realizing the importance of large-scale Nickel Sulphide projects in the critical minerals race
- Exploration potential presents a strong re-rating opportunity, with 11/20 properties potentially larger than Crawford
- Strategic investors provide unique expertise, and validation, with Agnico making their first non-gold public deal into CNC
- Potential to be a global Nickel Sulphide hub opens the door to potential M&A

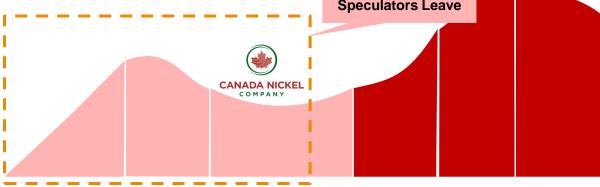
### **Lassonde Curve Position: Risk to Reward**





**Development Phase** 





**Exploration Phase** 

**Development Phase** 

**Mining Phase** 

# **Investment Thesis (I)**



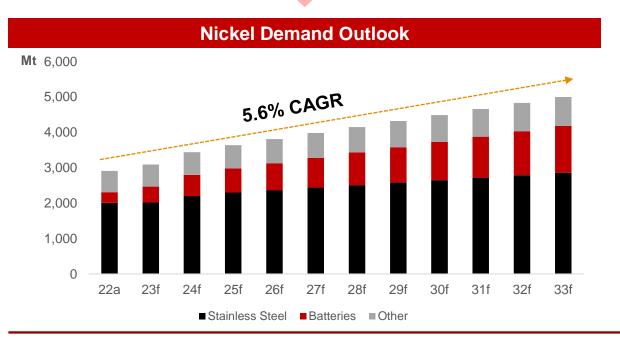
Short terms challenges mask long-term industry tailwinds that Canada Nickel is best positioned to capture

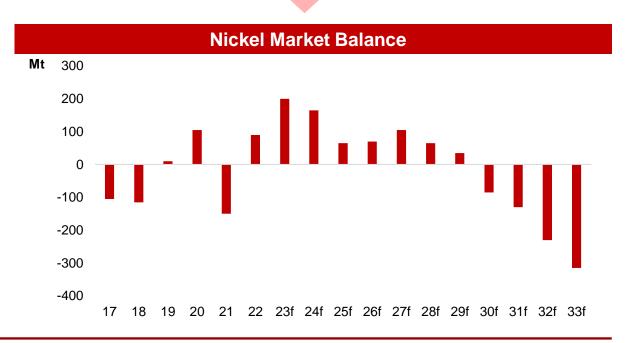
### The Importance of Clean Nickel

- Nickel laterites are environmentally hazardous to convert into batteries via High-Pressure Acid Leaching
- Auto industry will prefer simpler-to-process nickel sulphide deposits to supply Class 1 nickel requirements

### **Lack of Large Nickel-Sulphide Deposits**

- In 2023, 54% of global nickel exploration budgets were spent by majors to replenish reserves
- Indonesian nickel production caters to Chinese demand, while less than 30% of global nickel reserves are located in OECD countries





# **Investment Thesis (I)**



Canadian Nickel Company's Crawford project is the best global top ten deposit to be developed before 2030

	Largest Nickel Development Projects Globally						
Rank	Property	Jurisdiction	Majority Owner(s)	Development Status	Geology	Total Resources (Mt Ni)	Assessment
1	NORI Clarion - Clipperton	Nauru	The Metals Company	Advanced Exploration	Sediment Hosted Manganese	11.5	Seabed Deposit, Huge Permitting Risk
2	TOML Clarion - Clipperton	Tonga	The Metals Company	Advanced Exploration	Sediment Hosted Manganese	10.0	Seabed Deposit, Huge Permitting Risk
3	Sangaji	Indonesia	ANTAM	Advanced Exploration	Nickel – Cobalt Laterite	6.7	Lateritic Nickel Deposit not Suitable for Batteries
4	Crawford	Ontario, Canada	Canada Nickel Company	Feasibility	Magmatic Sulfide	6.0	Most Experienced Management Team, Best Jurisdiction
5	Turnagain	BC, Canada	GIGA Metals	Prefeasibility	Magmatic Sulfide	5.8	Micro cap, Challenging Permitting and Infrastructure
6	Dumont	Quebec, Canada	Waterton Global	Feasibility	Magmatic Sulfide	5.7	Private Equity Owned, Unlikely to Develop
7	Decar - Baptsite	BC, Canada	FPX Nickel	Prefeasibility	Magmatic Sulfide	4.6	Challenging Permitting, Awaruite Unproven Processing
8	Twin Metals Minnesota	Minnesota, USA	Antofagasta	Prefeasibility	Magmatic Sulfide	4.2	Permit Rejected
9	Jacare	Brazil	Anglo American	Prefeasibility	Nickel – Cobalt Laterite	3.9	Lateritic Nickel Deposit not Suitable for Batteries
10	Mesaba	Minnesota, USA	Teck/Polymet Mining	Scoping	Magmatic Sulfide	3.3	Huge Permitting Risk

# **Investment Thesis (II)**



Market is overweighting Crawfords head grade & capital costs and not realizing the assets capital efficiency, scale, and clean nickel advantage

### **Key Highlights**

- For every \$ of capital cost investors receive 7LB of NIEQ
   resource, relative to an average of 4 LB in the comparable group
- The influx in government support through grants and ITC's gives CNC access to "free leverage", leading to a competitive cost of capital
- CNC is best positioned to capture clean nickel demand; The CCT capacity
  has the potential to create a carbon neutral project.

### **Financing Structure Advantage**

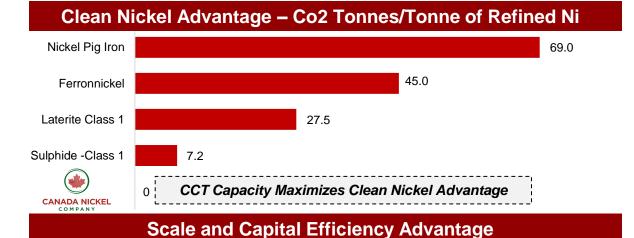
\$2.3B USD

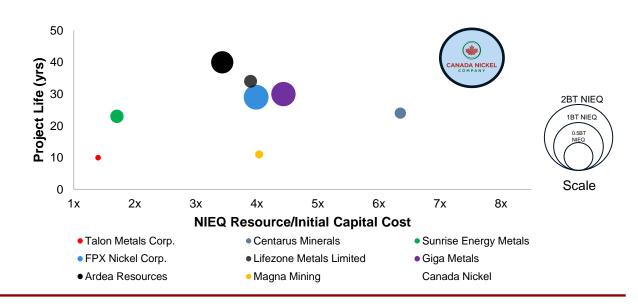
Offtake Equity Financing (9.1%)

**GVT Grants (27.7%)** 

Project Debt (63.2%)







# **Investment Thesis (III)**



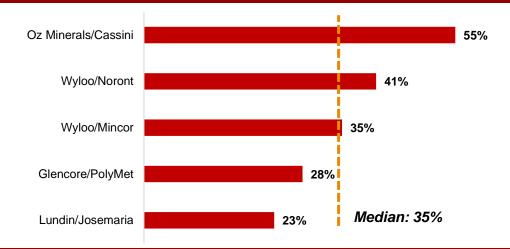
Early strategic investor interest shows strong validation, provides unique expertise, and opens the door to partnership opportunities

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Strategic Investor Advantage					
Strategic Investor	Investment Details	Value-Add			
ANGLO AMERICAN	<ul> <li>In Jan 2023, Anglo made a \$24M investment at \$1.95 per share (10% premium).</li> <li>Currently Anglo owns 7.6% of common shares outstanding.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proprietary "FutureSmart Mining"</li> <li>Strong technical expertise</li> </ul>			
AGNICO EAGLE	<ul> <li>In Jan 2024, Agnico invested 35M through a flow through raise. Capitalizing CNC for exploration.</li> <li>Owns 11.0% of common shares outstanding.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides sizeable funding for exploration discovery</li> <li>Strong technical expertise</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>In Jan 2024, Samsung made a \$18.5M investment at</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential offtake partner.</li> <li>With 10% offtake rights.</li> </ul>			



- \$1.57 per share.
- Owns 8.7% of common shares outstanding.
- With 10% offtake rights, and further rights for 15% over 15 years

### **Nickel/Critical Mineral Development M&A Premiums\***



### **Potential Project Partnership**



· A potential operating partner similar to QB2 investment



Demonstrated interest with Canadian Nickel developers.



 Heavy interest in expanding exposure to critical minerals

**Most Probable Least Probable** 

# **Key Catalysts**



Significant project milestones and exploration developments over the next 12-36 months present a strong re-rating opportunity

(1)

### **Exploration Property Developments**

- Texmont PEA and resource update in 2024 will boost CNC's NAV estimate
- Drilling programs at CNC properties will highlight the district scale of CNC, and its potential to be the largest North American Ni-Sulphide resource

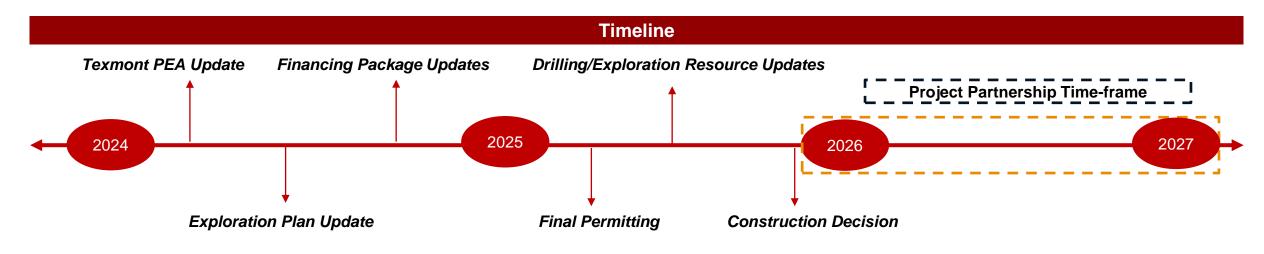
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### **Crawford Updates**

- Financing package update in 2024 will significantly de-risk the project, potentially leading to more institutional interest
- Major permitting milestones in 2024, and final permitting in 2025 will move CNC further up the Lassonde curve
- Construction decision in 2025-2026 creates a P/NAV re-rating opportunity in-line with late-stage critical mineral developers

# Project Partnership

- Strategic investor interest will support the confidence of institutional investors & potential joint ventures
- Institutional investment will demonstrate construction/financing feasibility, which is a key remaining risk
- As exploration potential and construction feasibility progress there is potential for acquisition, immediately unlocking shareholder value



# **Section 6 – Risks and Mitigations**

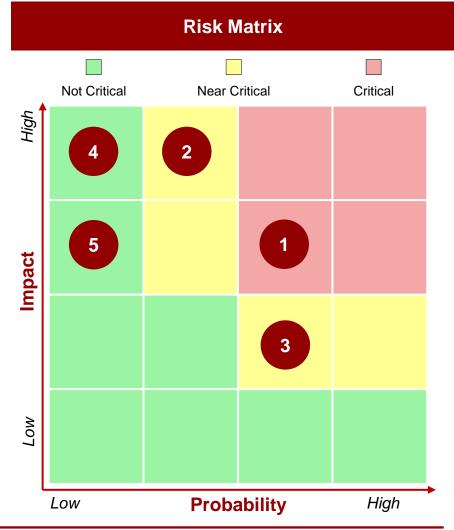
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# **Risks and Mitigations**



Crawford project risks largely stem from project size and will be mitigated through strategic partnerships

No.	Risk	Impact	Mitigation
[1]	Financing Risk	Lack of financing will stall project and threaten company liquidity	<ul> <li>Attractive investment for Japanese trading houses</li> <li>By-product streaming options</li> <li>Critical mineral grants</li> </ul>
[2]	Soft Nickel Market Risk	Extended weak nickel prices will negatively impact profitability	<ul> <li>Strategic client off-take agreement options</li> <li>Potential bifurcation of nickel market</li> </ul>
[3]	Project Execution Risk	<ul> <li>Capital cost overruns and construction delays will negatively impact NPV</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Experienced management</li><li>Strategic partnership options</li><li>Talented labour from Timmins</li></ul>
[4]	Social License to Operate Risk	Opposition from Indigenous Nations or local communities will jeopardize permitting	<ul> <li>Timmins is a historic mining community</li> <li>First Nation memorandums of understanding signed so far</li> </ul>
[5]	Geotechnical Risk	<ul> <li>Major strike slip fault will impact pit wall performance if mischaracterized</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Experienced engineering team</li> <li>Exploration funding and technical support from Agnico</li> </ul>



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# **Crawford Project Nav Model (1/3)**

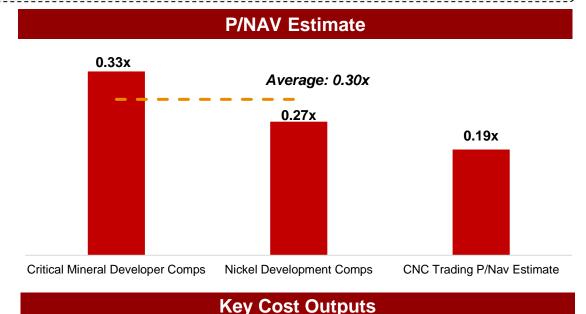


NAV model estimates take more conversative assumptions than the 2023 FS, with operating costs assumptions more in line with Dumont\*

### **Key Assumptions Changes from Nov 2023 FS**

	Downside	Base Case	Upside Case
LT Ni Price (\$US/LB)	\$8.50	\$9.53	\$9.53
Capital Costs	+20%	+20%	+20%
Mine Operating Costs	+10%	+10%	-
Discount Rate	10%	10%	10%
ITC Selection	CTM Credit	CTM Credit	CCUS Credit
Carbon Sequestration Capacity	-100%	-50%	-

All three scenarios incorporate more conservative assumptions relative to the Nov 2023 FS to highlight potential project scope and financing risks



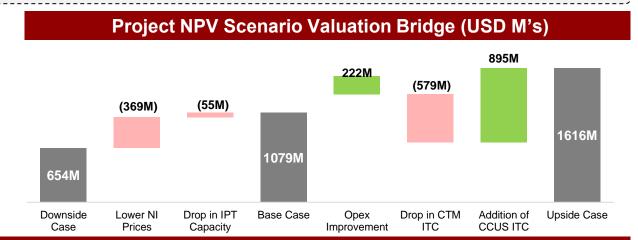
# Metric Base Case FS Gross C1 Costs \$4.94/LB of NIEQ Net C1 Costs \$1.44/LB of NI \$0.39/LB of NI Net AISC \$2.82/LB of NI \$1.54/LB of NI

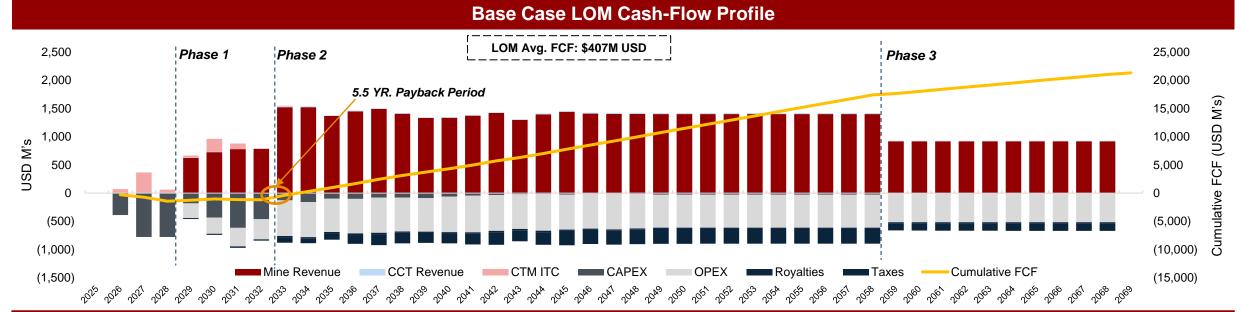
# **Crawford Project Nav Model (2/3)**



Conversation valuation highlights compelling risk to reward even with no valuation considerations for other exploration properties

- Base case NPV of 1.08BN (\$US) after-tax (13.8% IRR), equates to a corporate NAV of 1.29Bn after adjustments, implying a \$2.62 share price (\$C)\* and 84.5% upside
- Upside case implies a \$3.96 share price (178.6% Upside), while downside case implies a \$1.57 share price (10.3% Upside), highlighting the risk-to reward underpinned by CNC's position in the Lassonde curve
- Operating model highlights an efficient payback of ~5.5years given the sizeable capital costs. Strong LOM FCF avg. of \$403M USD





Sources: Capital-IQ, Technical Reports, Company Filings/Presentations

# **Crawford Project Nav Model (3/3)**



Sensitivity analyses indicate a strong margin of safety underpinned by CNC's position in the Lassonde curve and an efficient operating model

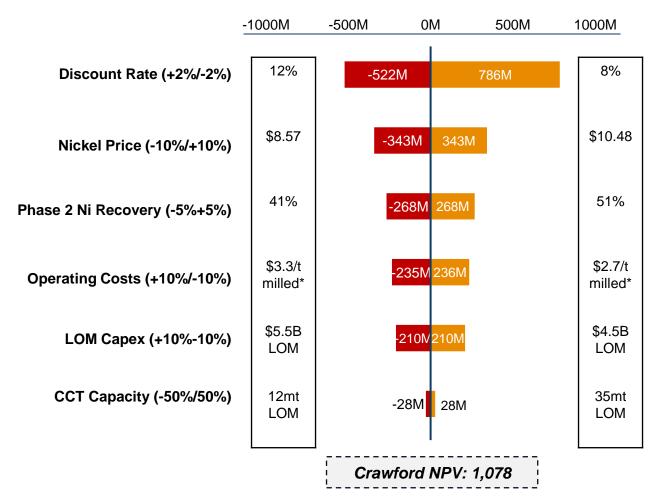
### **Implied Share Price Sensitivity Analysis**

		LT Ni Price (\$US/LB)				
		\$8.62	\$9.07	\$9.53	\$9.98	\$10.43
Phase 1 Capex (US\$ M's)	\$2,781	\$1.04	\$1.44	\$1.84	\$2.25	\$2.65
	\$2,481	\$1.54	\$1.95	\$2.36	\$2.76	\$3.17
	\$2,331	\$1.80	\$2.21	\$2.67	\$3.02	\$3.42
	\$2,181	\$2.06	\$2.47	\$2.87	\$3.28	\$3.68
Ph	\$2,031	\$2.33	\$2.73	\$3.14	\$3.54	\$3.95

		LT Ni Price (\$US/LB)				
		\$8.62	\$9.07	\$9.53	\$9.98	\$10.43
Discount Rate	12.00%	\$0.80	\$1.12	\$1.44	\$1.75	\$2.07
	11.00%	\$1.30	\$1.66	\$2.02	\$2.37	\$2.73
	10.00%	\$1.92	\$2.32	\$2.67	\$3.13	\$3.54
	9.00%	\$2.67	\$3.14	\$3.60	\$4.06	\$4.52
	8.00%	\$3.61	\$4.15	\$4.68	\$5.21	\$5.74

Under base case assumptions, the implied share price using a 0.3x NAV breaks even up to a Nickel price of \$8.00/LB.

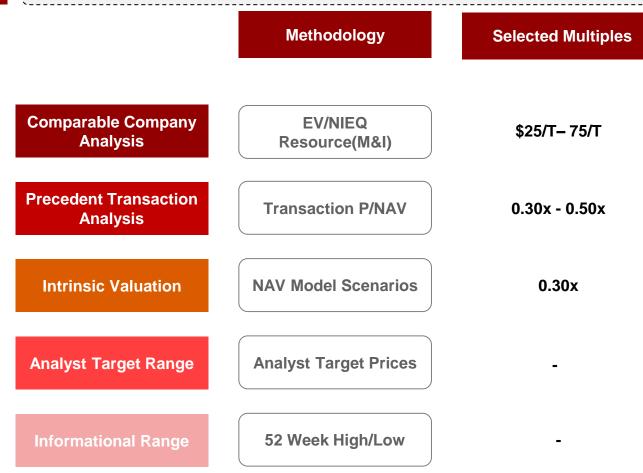
### **Key Input Variable Sensitivity Analysis – Crawford Project NPV**

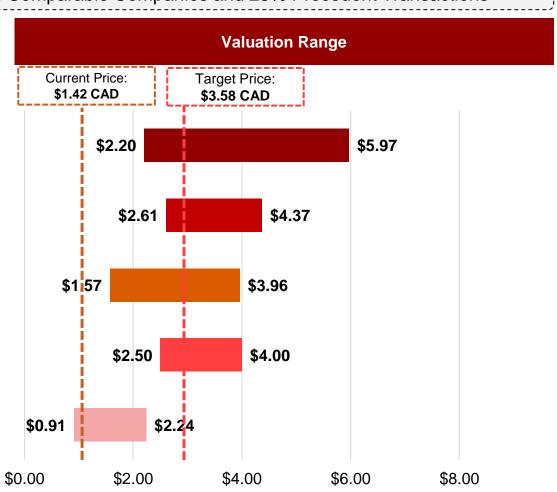


# **Valuation Summary**



Target price calculated on a weighted average of 50% NAV Model, 25% Comparable Companies and 25% Precedent Transactions





With a target price of \$3.58 there is an opportunity to earn at minimum a 2.5x MOIC

# **Section 8 – Conclusion**

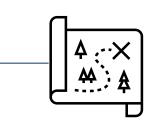
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# **Executive Summary**



### **Property**

Large scale property with the strongest road map to production relative to comparable Nickel development projects



### People

Management team with a proven track record and unparalleled experience in Nickel Sulphides



### Plenty of Money

Early strategic interest, management expertise, and lack of Western Nickel supply provides a strong road map to funding



Recommendation: Initiate a buy rating for Canada Nickel Company with a target price of \$3.58

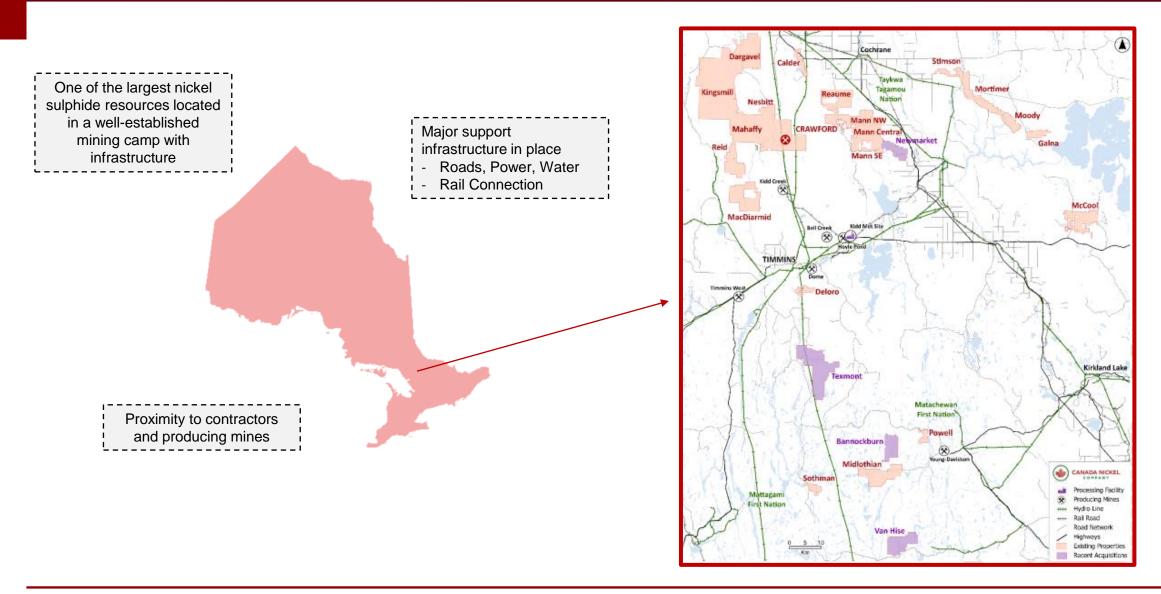
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# **Company Universe**

The investment universe is centered around the exploration & production of critical minerals across different project stage and deposit sizes

	Primary Asset	Market Capitalization	Location	Project Stage	Asset Parameters
CANADA NICKEL COMPANY	Crawford	C\$222.8 M	Timmins, ON	FS <sub>(P&amp;P)</sub>	1,715 Mt @ 0.45 NiEq
TALEN METALS CORP	Tamarack	C\$135.5 M	Tamarack, MN	PEA <sub>(M&amp;I)</sub>	8.56 Mt @ 2.34 NiEq
MAGNA MINING INC.	Crean Hill	C\$68.6 M	Sudbury, ON	PEA <sub>(M&amp;I)</sub>	31.29 Mt @ 1.58 NiEq

# **Property Technical Overview**



### **Exploration Potential**

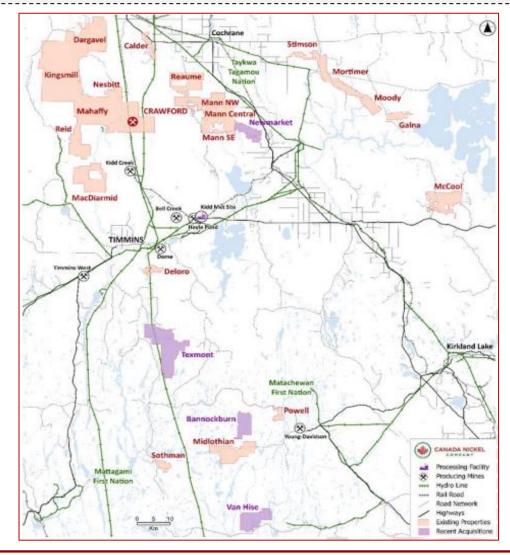
CNC's exploration team highlights 20+ new nickel targets, multiple deposits projected to have a larger footprint than Crawford

### **Exploration Team Expertise**

- Replicable existing development and exploration blueprint taken from Crawford deposit
- Took Crawford from 4th drill hole to BFS in the span of 4 years only costing 3.5 million dollars

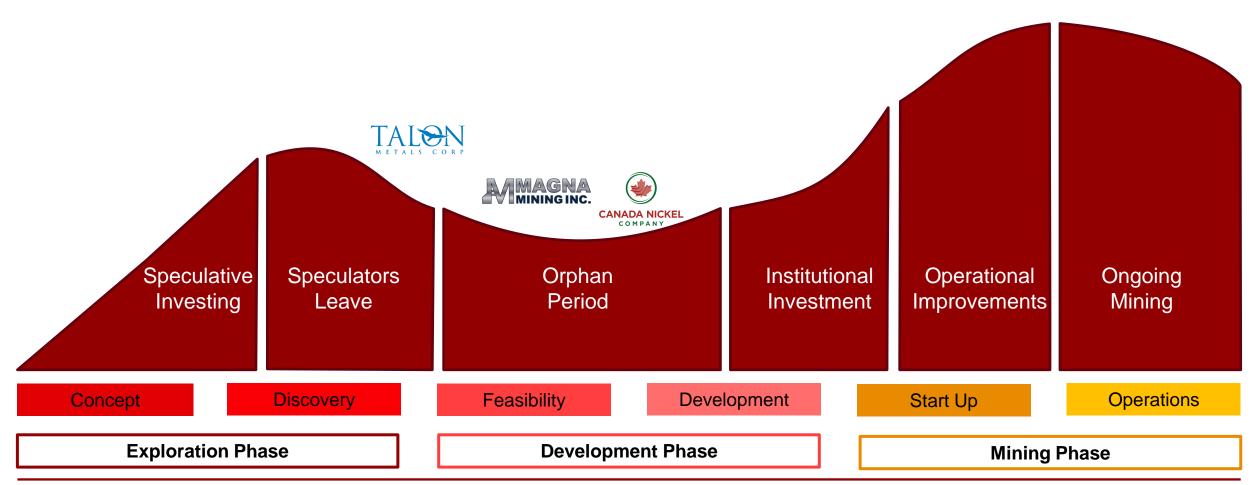
### **Exploration Potential**

- Texmont provides potential for near-term open pit production from near-surface high grade mineralization
- Midlothian has a projected geophysical footprint 12% larger than the Crawford resource footprint and along with four times the brucite content necessary for CCUS implementation
- **Mann Northwest** target geophysical footprint of 6.0km2 is more than triple the size of the Crawford footprint while returning similar grades
- Current drilling confirms large scale discovery at <u>Reid</u> delineated mineralized footprint already 90% of Crawford footprint of 1.6km2
- **Bannockburn** historic drilling with multiple high-grade intervals greater than 2% and an additional bulk tonnage mineralized zone



## **Lassonde Curve**

All three projects have advanced past the discovery stage and are now at different stages of advanced exploration and feasibility



### **Valuation**



Nickel Developer comps highlight the markets underweighting of CNC's scale, management, and strong roadmap to production

### Nickel Development/Exploration Projects: EV/Contained NIEQ Resource (M'LBS) (M&I)



### **Valuation**



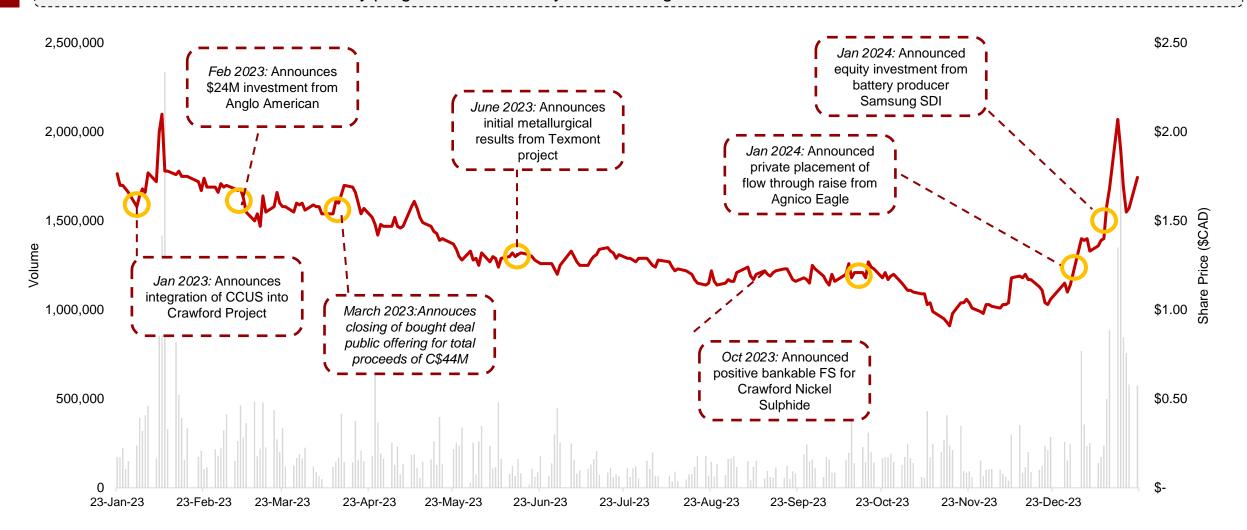
Nickel & Critical Mineral developer precedents display intrinsic P/NAV multiples which are less impact by near term weakness in Nickel

#### Nickel and Critical Mineral Development Company Acquisition: Transaction Price/NAV Median Multiple implies a 0.82x0.73xvalue of \$4.37 for CNC 0.70xusing team NAV estimate Median P/NAV: 0.5x 0.50x<sup>3</sup> 0.49x 0.42x0.32x黄 **Target** Teck JOSEMARIA RESOURCES MORONT **CASSINI** PAN AMERICAN POLYMET **Acquirer GLENCORE GLENCORE** lundin mining **AGNICO EAGLE** Asset/Location Northmet & Mesaba/USA Mara Copper/Mexico Kambalda San Nicolas/Mexico Eagle Creek/Canada Josemaria/Chile West Musgrave/Australia **Controlling Asset Acquisition Type Controlling Acquisition Controlling Acquisition** JV Asset Investment **Controlling Acquisition** Controlling Acquisition **Controlling Acquisition** Investment **Equity Purchase** 609M AUD (80%) 290M CAD (50%) 358M CAD 625M CAD 76M USD (17.81%) 475M USD (56.43%) 76M AUD (30%) Consideration **Share Price Premium Paid (3M** 28% 35% 41% 23% 55% VWAP) Nov-23 Aug-23 Jul-23 Sep-22 Mar-22 Dec-21 Jun-20 **Date**

## **Canada Nickel Company**



### Canada Nickel has made steady progression marked by three strategic investments and the release of the Crawford bankable FS



## **Canadian Nickel Company's Management**

### Canadian Nickel Company is backed by an experienced executive team and board of directors

#### **Executive Team**



#### Mark Selby, CEO and Director

Mark was formerly President & CEO of RNC Minerals (Royal Nickel Corporation) where he led a team that successfully raised over \$100 million and advanced the Dumont nickel-cobalt project from initial resource to a fully permitted, construction ready project.



#### Wendy Kaufman, CFO

Wendy brings more than twenty-five years of experience leading junior and mid-tier publicly-listed mining companies in project financing, capital structuring, capital markets, accounting and internal controls, tax, and financial reporting and public disclosure.



#### Steve Balch, VP Exploration

Steve is an Ontario registered geoscientist with 32 years of experience in geophysics, specializing in the magnetic and electromagnetic methods, but also with experience in large exploration compilations. After working at Inco for six years in the Sudbury Basin and at Voisey's Bay, Steve joined Aeroquest in 2001 and helped develop the AeroTEM system.



#### Christian Brousseau, VP Innovation and Technical Services

Christian joined Canada Nickel in 2020. After completing the PEA for the Crawford Project, Christian launched the Feasibility Study and has been leading the development of the IPT process since 2022. In his new role as VP Innovation and Technical Services he will continue to lead the company's work on IPT Carbonation.



#### Pierre-Philippe Dupont, VP Sustainability

Pierre-Philippe has over 15 years' experience in leading efforts to successfully acquire environmental, community stakeholder and First Nation approvals for mining projects. For 10 years he worked with RNC Minerals to successfully permit the large-scale Dumont project with broad support from the local community and First Nation stakeholders.



#### Desmond Tranquilla, VP Projects

Prior to becoming Vice-President Projects, Desmond had been supporting the Crawford project on a part-time consulting basis through the feasibility study process since September 2021 and possesses hands-on knowledge of the company's projects.



#### Chris Chang, VP Corporate Development

Chris joins the Company as Vice-President Corporate Development, after supporting the Company's Corporate Development activities on a part-time basis since 2022. Chris has had a 17-year career in Investment Banking and Capital Markets.



#### Adam Schatzker, VP Corporate Development

Adam joined the team in October 2023 as Vice-President Corporate Development focused on unlocking the value of our IPT Carbonation process and the potential for a Zero Carbon Industrial Cluster in the Timmins-Cochrane region. Adam has had an almost 30-year career focused primarily on mining.



#### John Leddy, Senior Advisor, Legal and Strategic Matters

John serves as Senior Advisor, Legal and Strategic Matters at Karora Resources Inc. (formerly Royal Nickel Corporation). Mr. Leddy has over 20 years' experience as a business lawyer and in private equity, specializing in M&A, capital raising and structuring, and other strategic transactions.

#### **Board of Directors**



#### David Smith, Chair

David assumed the role of Chairman of the Board in April 2023 and has served as a Board Member since 2019. He has more than 35 years of experience in the mining industry. He retired as Executive Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in May 2023, having held the position since 2012.



#### Francisca Quinn, Director

Francisca Quinn is the Co-founder and President of Quinn & Partners Inc., a recognized advisory firm whose mission is to advance sustainability in business and capital markets. It supports organizations to design and execute ESG leadership strategies to identify business opportunities and ultimately create more resilient, future-oriented businesses.



#### Kulvir Singh Gill, Director

Kulvir Singh Gill has twenty years of experience working with innovation and sustainability within the global mining industry. He works with the strategy firm Clareo to lead innovation and growth projects for international Fortune 500 clients across multiple industries in the mining, oil and gas and heavy industrial sectors.



#### Jennifer Morais, Director

Jennifer Morais has over twenty years of experience as a senior executive in the global private equity and alternatives industry, complemented by a further decade of work experience in the global mining finance and management consulting fields. She is currently Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Acuity Partners Inc.

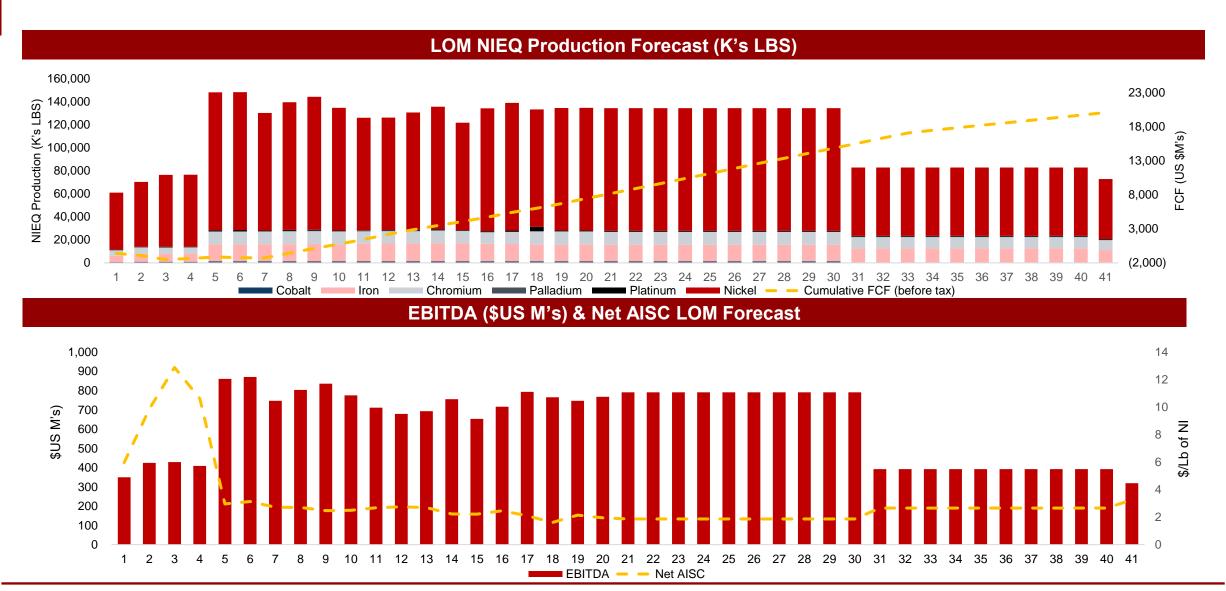


#### Mike Cox, Director

Mike has over thirty years of experience in Base Metal operations with Inco Ltd and Vale SA. He has held a number of senior leadership positions in Europe, Canada and Asia including the oversight of operations which have delivered nickel products to consumers for use in multiple generations of nickel batteries.

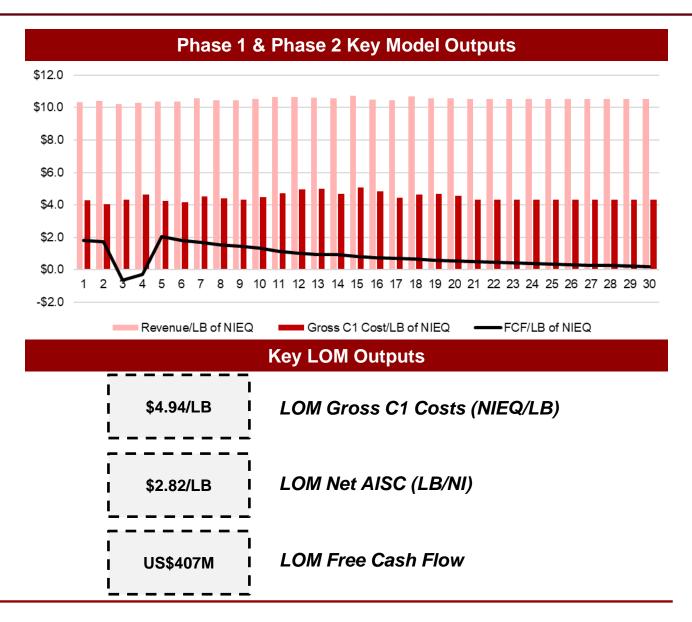


## **Crawford Project NAV Model – Key Outputs**



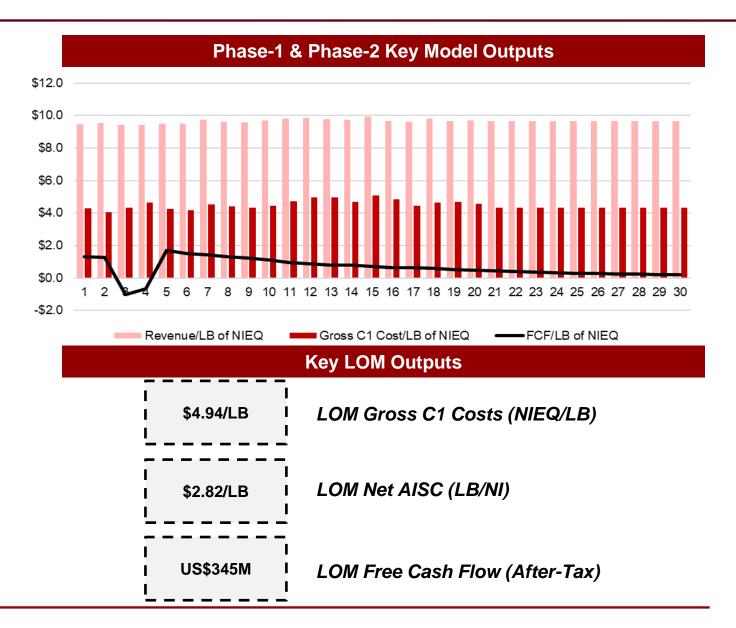
## **Crawford Project NAV Breakdown – Base Case**

NAV Model Breakdown									
Assumptions									
Discount Rate	10.0%	Shares (mm)	163						
LT Nickel Price (US\$/T)	2100	USD/CAD Rate	\$1.35						
Projects	(US\$mm)		(US\$/share)						
Asset NAV	1078		6.62						
Corporate Adjustments									
Net Debt	\$50		\$0.31						
PV of G&A	(\$24.66)		(\$0.15)						
PV of Exploration Costs	(\$49.31)		(\$0.30)						
Corporate NAV (Post-Tax)	\$1054		6.47						
Valuation									
NAV Per Share (USD)	\$6.47								
NAV Per Share (CAD)	C\$8.74								
P/NAV*	0.3x								
Value Per Share	C\$2.62								
Current Share Price	C\$1.42								
Implied Upside	84.5%								



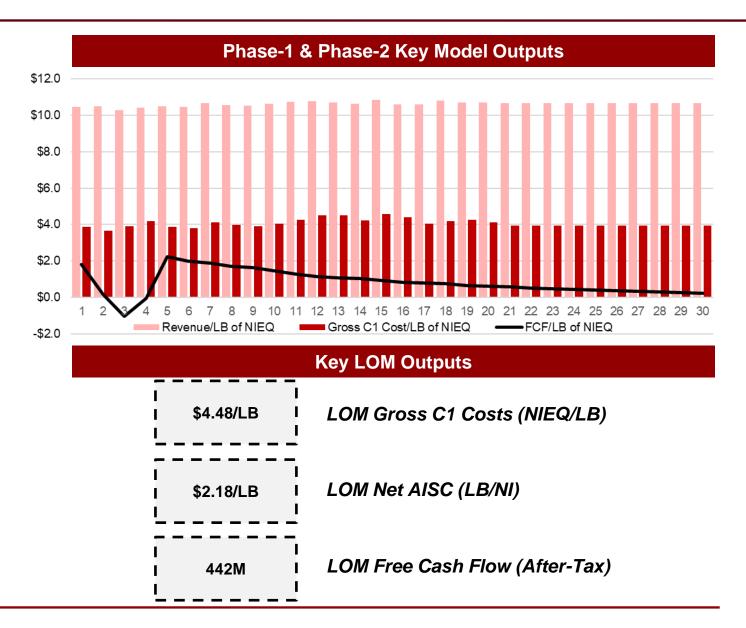
## **Crawford Project NAV Breakdown – Downside Case**

NAV Model Breakdown										
	Assumptions									
Discount Rate	10.0%	Shares (mm)	163							
LT Nickel Price (US\$/T)	18,739	USD/CAD Rate	\$1.35							
Projects	(US\$mm)		(US\$/share)							
Asset NAV	654		4.01							
Corporate Adjustments										
Net Debt	\$50		\$0.31							
PV of G&A	(\$24.66)		(\$0.15)							
PV of Exploration Costs	(\$49.31)		(\$0.30)							
Corporate NAV (Post-Tax)	\$630		3.87							
Valuation										
NAV Per Share (USD)	\$3.87									
NAV Per Share (CAD)	C\$5.2									
P/NAV*	0.3x									
Value Per Share	C\$1.57									
Current Share Price	C\$1.42									
Implied Upside	10.3%									



## **Crawford Project NAV Breakdown – Upside Case**

NAV Model Breakdown									
Assumptions									
Discount Rate	10.0%	Shares (mm)	163						
LT Nickel Price (US\$/T)	21,000	USD/CAD Rate	\$1.35						
Projects	(US\$mm)		(US\$/share)						
Asset NAV	1616		9.92						
Corporate Adjustments									
Net Debt	\$50		\$0.31						
PV of G&A	(\$24.66)		(\$0.15)						
PV of Exploration Costs	(\$49.31)		(\$0.30)						
Corporate NAV (Post-Tax)	\$1592		9.77						
Valuation									
NAV Per Share (USD)	\$0.77								
NAV Per Share (CAD)	C\$13.19								
P/NAV*	0.3x								
Value Per Share	C\$3.96								
Current Share Price	C\$1.42								
Implied Upside	178.63%								



# **NAV Model – Key Output Breakeven**

	Recovery Rate	Mining Costs	Processing Costs	G&A Costs	Tailings	Mining Costs	Nickel Grade (Phase 2)
Model Assumption	30.5%	\$1.96/T Mined	\$6.4/T Milled	\$0.98/T Milled	\$0.21/T Milled	\$6.14/T Milled	0.18%
Feasibility Study	40.6%	\$1.46/T Mined	\$5.18/T Milled	\$0.75/T Milled	\$0.17/T Milled	\$4.65/T Milled	0.22%
Delta	-10.1%	34.6%	32%	32%	<b>32</b> %	32%	-0.04%

## **Comps Table Output – Critical Mineral Development Comps**

Company Name	Mineral Specialty	NAV/Share	NAV	Price/Nav
Foran Mining Corporation	Copper	4.44	1476.3	0.93x
Nevada Copper Corp.	Copper	0.62	886.352	0.20x
Marimaca Copper Corp.	Copper	8.61	802.452	0.37x
Oroco Resource Corp.	Copper	4.12	933.592	0.10x
Trilogy Metals Inc.	Copper/Cobalt	2.77	431.843	0.22x
NGEX Minerals Ltd.	Copper	11.4	2132.94	0.72x
Arizona Sonoran Copper Company Inc	Copper	4.64	506.224	0.33x
E3 Lithium	Lithium	11.04	829.104	0.18x
Q2 Metals	Lithium	-	-	-
Patriot Battery Metals	Lithium	20.31	2676.858	0.35x
Generation Mining	Lithium	2.82	665.802	0.06x
Frontier Lithium	Lithium	3.44	782.944	0.20x
			75th Percentile	0.36x
			Median	0.33x
			25th Percentile	0.19x

# **Comps Table Output – Nickel Development Comps**

Nickel Development/Explora	ation Projects										
Company Name	Ticker	Mineral Specialty	Key Development Projects	Jurisdiction	NAV/Share	NAV	Price/Nav	M&I Resources (MT of Ore)	NIEQ Grade	Contained NIEQ Resource (MLBS NIEQ)	EV/Contained NIEQ
FPX Nickel Corp.	(TSXV:FPX)	Nickel	Baptiste Deposit	BC/Canada	1.5	402.78	0.22x	1815.00	0.22	8,708.08	\$14.96T
Talon Metals Corp.	(TSX:TLO)	Nickel	Tamarack	Min/USA	0.7	680.579	0.23x	8.56	2.34	442.17	\$737.90T
Horizonte Minerals Plc	(AIM:HZM)	Nickel	Araguaia	Brazil	0.7	175.37	0.30x	119.48	1.27	3,345.33	\$189.33T
Centarus Minerals	(ASX: CTM)	Nickel	Jaguar Nickel Sulphide	Para/Brazil	2.0	984.851	0.52x	86.60	0.96	1,829.56	\$198.46T
Giga Metals	(TSXV: GIGA)	Nickel	Turgain Nickel Sulphide	BC/Canada		-	-	1573.9	0.24	8,431.18	\$20.60T
Ardea Resources	(ASX: ARL)	Nickel	Goongarrie Nickel Project	Western AUS	-	-		382.8	0.83	7,043.05	\$4.00T
Sunrise Energy Metals	(ASX: SRL)	Nickel/Cobalt	Sunrise Nickel Cobalt	NSW AUS	1.9	171	0.18x	162.71	0.71	2,548.45	\$14.19T
Magna Mining	(TSXV: NICU)	Nickel/Copper/PGM	Shakespeare/Crean Hill	Sudbury/Canada	2.4	385.624	0.19x	51.63	0.79	904.44	\$137.48T
SPC Nickel	(TSXV: SPC)	Nickel/Copper	West Graham	Sudbury/Canada	-	-	-	22.5	0.54	268.29	\$58.34T
										75th Percentile	\$189.33T
						Average	0.27x			Median	\$58.34T
										25th Percentile	\$14.96T

Comparables Summary	
Comparables Average P/NAV	0.30x
Nickel Comps Average EV/NIEQ	\$58.3T
CNC P/NAV	0.19x
CNC EV/NIEQ	\$19.5T
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CRO Iron Zinc Nickel Cobalt	1.75 0.16 1.0 <sup>2</sup> 9.53 18.0 <sup>2</sup> 1350
CRO Iron Zinc Nickel Cobalt Palladium	1.75 0.15 1.04 9.53 18.04

# **Precedents Outputs**

	Date	Key Development Asset	Transaction Type	Acquirer/Investor	Target Co	Equity Purchase Consideration	Premium (3-Month VWAP)	NAV	Implied P/NAV
1	Nov-23	Northmet/Mesaba Copper Nickel	Contolling Acquistion	Glencore	Polymet Mining	76M USD (17.81%)	28%	154M USD	0.49x
2	Aug-23	Mara Copper Project	Controlling Asset Investment	Glencore	Pan American	475M USD (56.43%)	-	581M USD	0.82x
3	Jul-23	Kambalda Nickel Sulphate Deposi	Contolling Acquistion	Wyloo Metals	Mincor Resources	609M AUD (80%)	35%	832M AUD	0.73x
4	Sep-22	San Nicolas Copper Zinc	JV Asset Investment	Agnico Eagle	Teck Resources	290M CAD (50%)	-	416M CAD	0.70x
5	Mar-22	Eagle Nest Nickel Copper	Contolling Acquistion	Wyloo Metals	Noront Resources	358M CAD	41%	712M CAD	0.50x
6	Dec-21	Josemaria Copper	Contolling Acquistion	Lunding Mining	Josemarira Resources Inc.	625M CAD	23%	1472M CAD	0.42x
7	Jun-20	West Musgrave Nickel Copper	Contolling Acquistion	OZ Minerals	Cassini Resources	76M AUD (30%)	55%	240M AUD	0.32x
					75th Percentile		41%		0.71x
					Median		35%		0.50x
					25th Percentile		28%		0.46x