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# Introduction to Canada Nickel Company

*Delivering the Next Generation of Nickel*

TSX-V: CNC  
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# Why Invest in Canada Nickel?



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## **Canada Nickel (CNC) owns 100% of the Crawford Nickel Sulphide project:**

### **A new nickel discovery with large scale potential in an established mining camp adjacent to existing infrastructure north of Timmins, Ontario, Canada**

- One of the top 10 nickel sulphide resources globally, with significant expansion potential
- Nickel mineralization in Crawford extended to Main, East, West and North Zones, with total strike length of ~7 km. Successfully intersected nickel mineralization at MacDiarmid option property 15% larger than original Crawford Main Zone
- Groundbreaking, mutually beneficial MOUs signed with local First Nations
- Canada Nickel has launched wholly-owned NetZero Metals Inc. to develop zero-carbon production of Nickel, Cobalt and Iron - has applied for trademarks NetZero Nickel™, NetZero Cobalt™, NetZero Iron™

## **Canada Nickel has completed PEA on May 25<sup>th</sup>, feasibility study by mid 2022**

- PEA confirms robust economics - US\$1.2 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> and 16% after-tax IRR with first quartile net C1 cash cost of US\$1.09/lb and net AISC of US\$1.94/lb of nickel
- PEA on late 2020 resource – substantial upside resource potential and other initiatives to be included in FS

## **Canada Nickel is well timed – nickel appears to be entering a supercycle which occur every 15-20 years**

- Prices should remain at relatively high levels for an extended period to incent new supply to meet already strong demand growth further accelerated by substantial requirements from electric vehicles

## **Nickel has limited investible opportunities**

- Prior supercycle in 2005-2007 largely emptied project pipeline outside Indonesia

# Board and Management Team



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<b>David Smith</b> <b>Director</b> P.Eng., C.Dir.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior VP, Finance and CFO of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited;</li> <li>• Chartered Director, Director of Sprott Resource Holdings</li> </ul>	<b>Mark Selby</b> <b>Chairman, CEO</b> B.Comm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Francisca Quinn</b> <b>Director</b> M.Sc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<b>Wendy Kaufman</b> <b>CFO</b> CPA, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Jennifer Morais</b> <b>Director</b> BA, MBA, CFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<b>Steve Balch</b> <b>VP, Exploration</b> P.Geo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geophysicist with 35 years experience specializing in Ni-Cu-PGE deposits including for Inco Limited in the Sudbury Basin and Voiseys Bay</li> <li>• Active in developing geophysics technology used in exploration globally</li> </ul>
<b>Kulvir Singh Gill</b> <b>Director</b> B.Comm., ICD.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<b>John Leddy</b> <b>Senior Advisor, Legal</b> LL.B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Mike Cox</b> <b>Director</b> B.Sc., MBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<b>Pierre-Philippe Dupont</b> <b>VP, Sustainability</b> M.Sc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Russell Starr</b> <b>Director</b> MA, MBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously in senior roles with RBC Capital Markets, Scotia Capital, Orion Securities, and Blackmont; SVP and Director of Cayden Resources (acquired by Agnico for \$205M)</li> </ul>	<b>Christian Brousseau</b> <b>Project Director</b> P.Eng., MBA, ing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 years of experience with engineering, design and construction in mining, including &gt;6 years as project Director for the Dumont Nickel Project, three years as the Engineering and Construction Manager for Detour Gold</li> </ul>

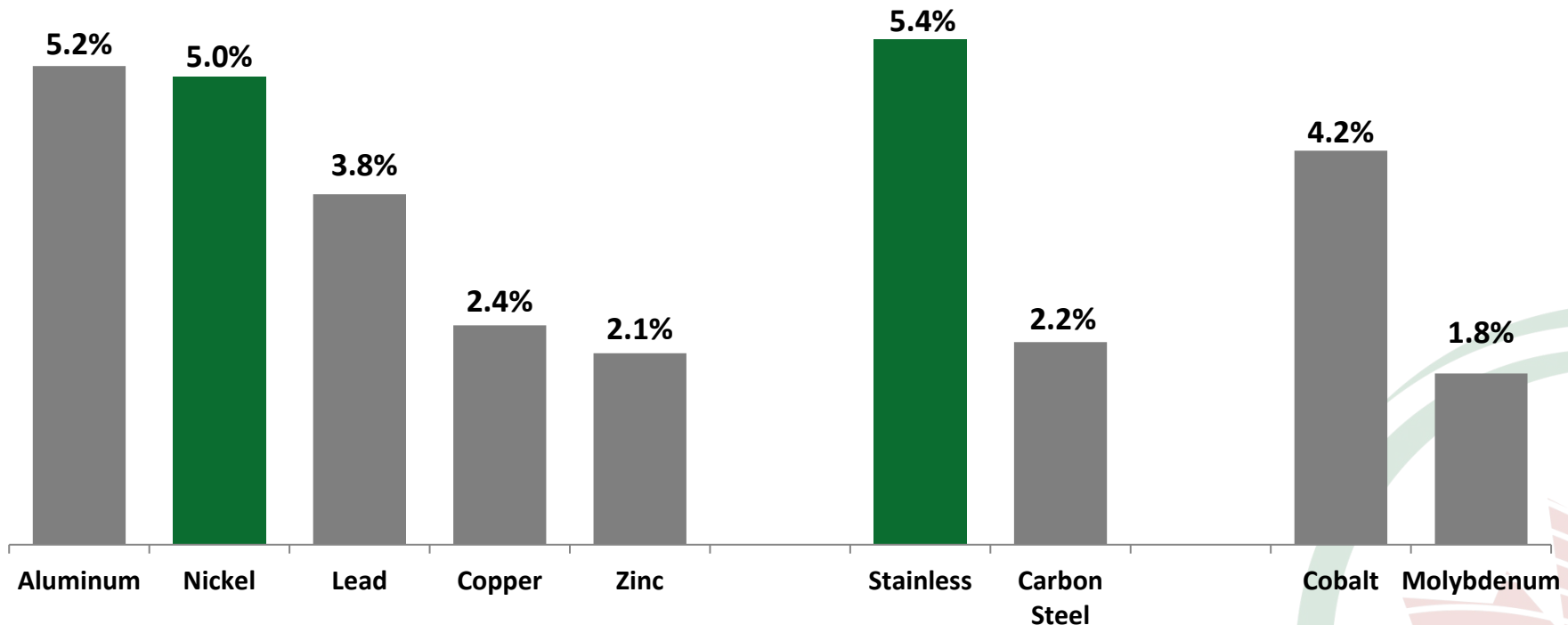
# Nickel Demand: A Leader Among Metals



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**Nickel demand a leader among metals over the last decade (5%) driven by continued strong growth in stainless steel (5.4%) with little contribution from electric vehicles to date**

**Base Metals & Other Metals Demand CAGR% (2007 - 2017)**



# Electric Vehicles to Drive Significant Demand Growth – 9.2 Mtpa by 2050

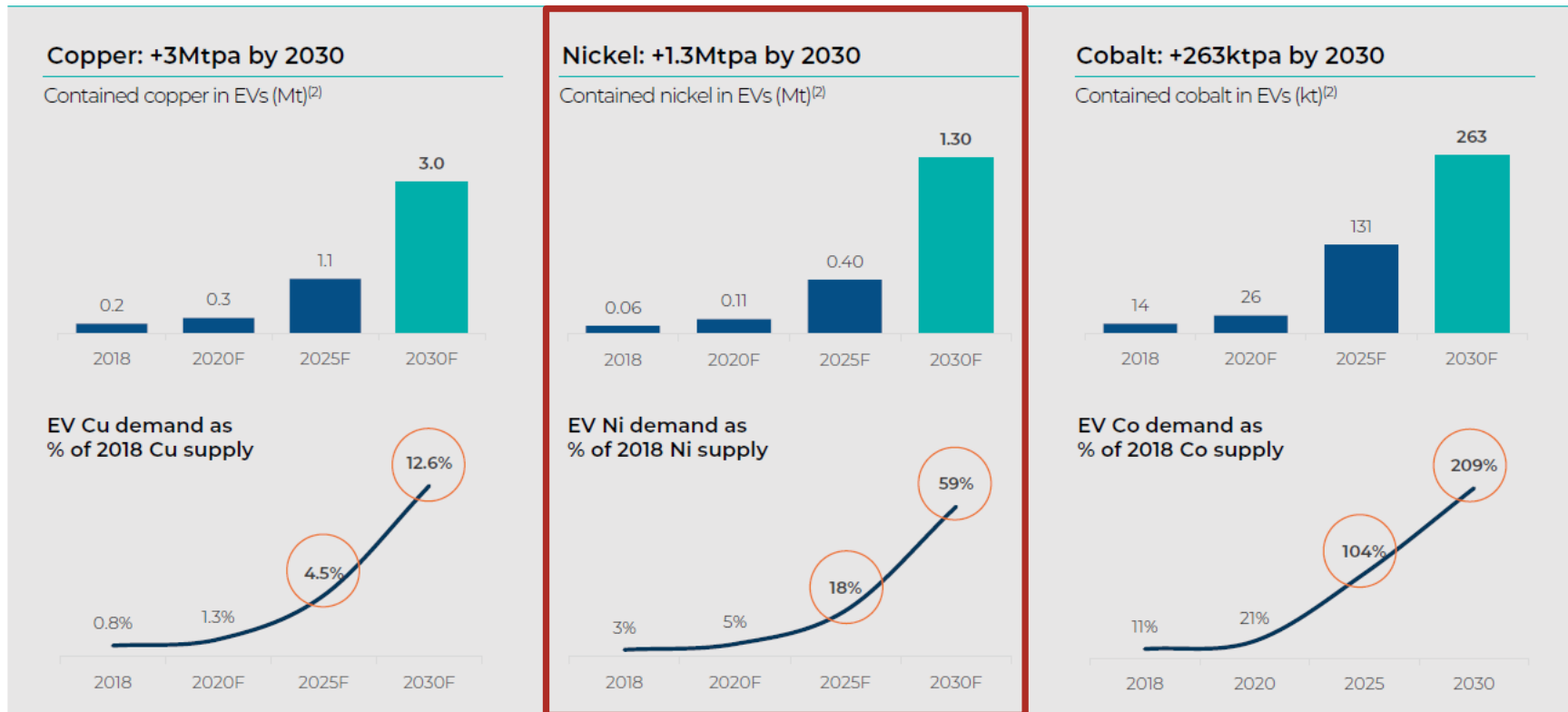


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**Glencore presentations highlight massive growth expected in nickel demand.**  
***Tesla 3TW of annual batteries needs 1+ Mtpa alone!***

**Electrification of transport relies on the large scale replacement of ICE with EVs**

The mobility transition is a major new source of material demand: >140M EVs forecast on the road by 2030<sup>(1)</sup>



Bank of America Merrill Lynch  
2019 Global Metals, Mining & Steel Conference

Source: (1) BNEF Long-Term Electric Vehicle Outlook 2018. (2) Glencore estimates, Wood Mackenzie, CRU, BNEF. Does not include the copper, nickel or cobalt required for other parts of the EV supply chain including charging infrastructure, energy storage systems, grid

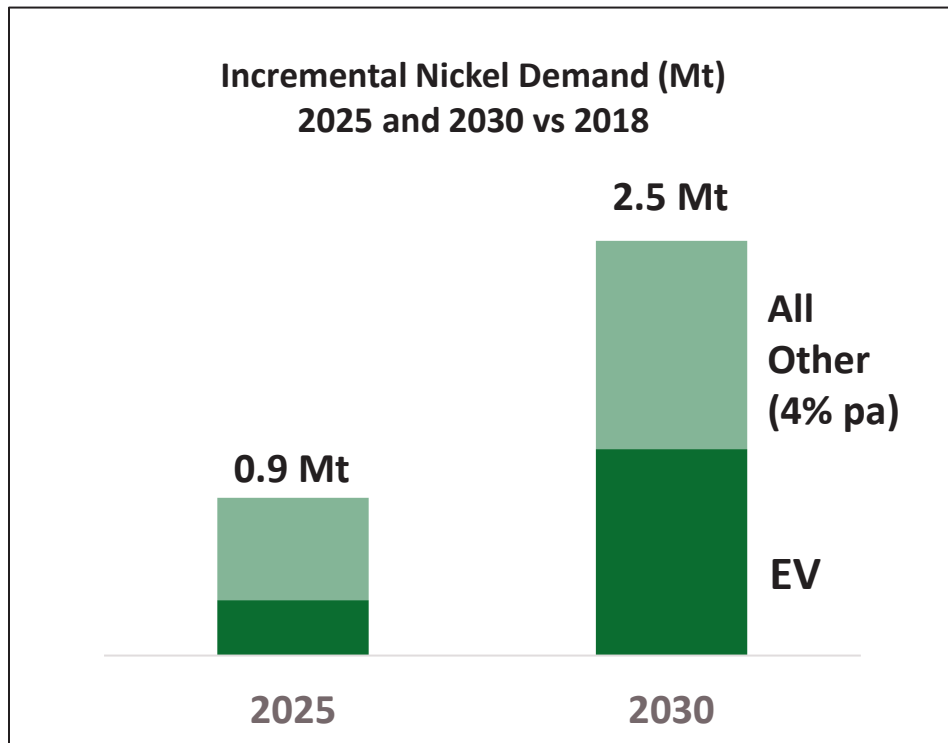
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# Nickel Demand: EVs Going to Multiply Demand Requirements



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By 2025, EV + trend demand 4% growth (slower than 5% trend) requires nearly 1 Mtpa of new supply. By 2030, *2.5 million tonnes (or double today's)* is required. *Outside of Indonesia, very little visibility on new supply.*



Where is new project supply going to come from?

Laterites – HPAL?

Laterites – FeNi?

NPI?

Sulphides?

*Using copper as comparison,  
adding 100% of current nickel supply is equivalent to adding 20 Escondidas*

Source: CRU, CNC Analysis

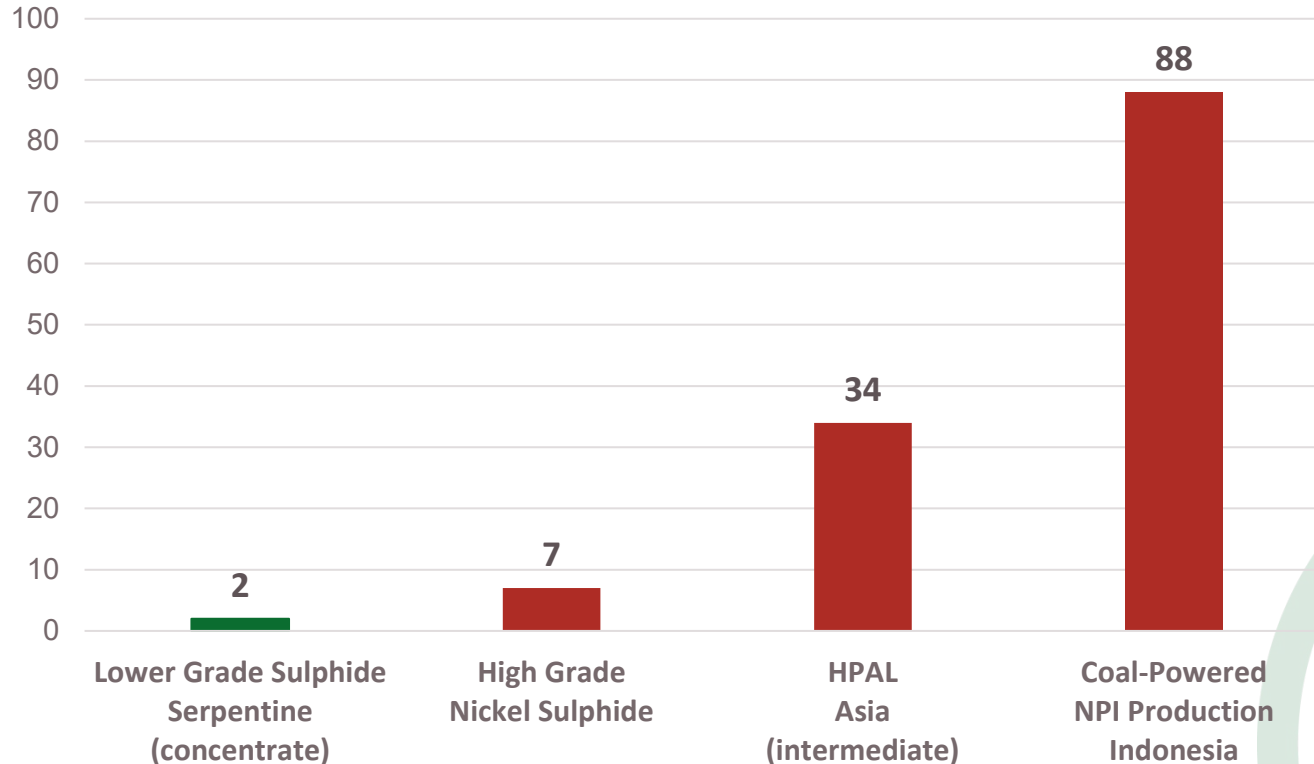
# Tesla: “Please mine more nickel...”



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**“...please mine more nickel... Tesla will give you a giant contract for a long period of time if you mine nickel efficiently and in an environmentally sensitive way.” – Elon Musk, Co-Founder and CEO, Tesla Earnings Call July 22, 2020**

**Estimated Carbon Footprint (tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/tonne of Nickel produced)  
Selected Types of Nickel Production – Existing Projects/Producers**





# Nickel Supply – Significant Political Risk

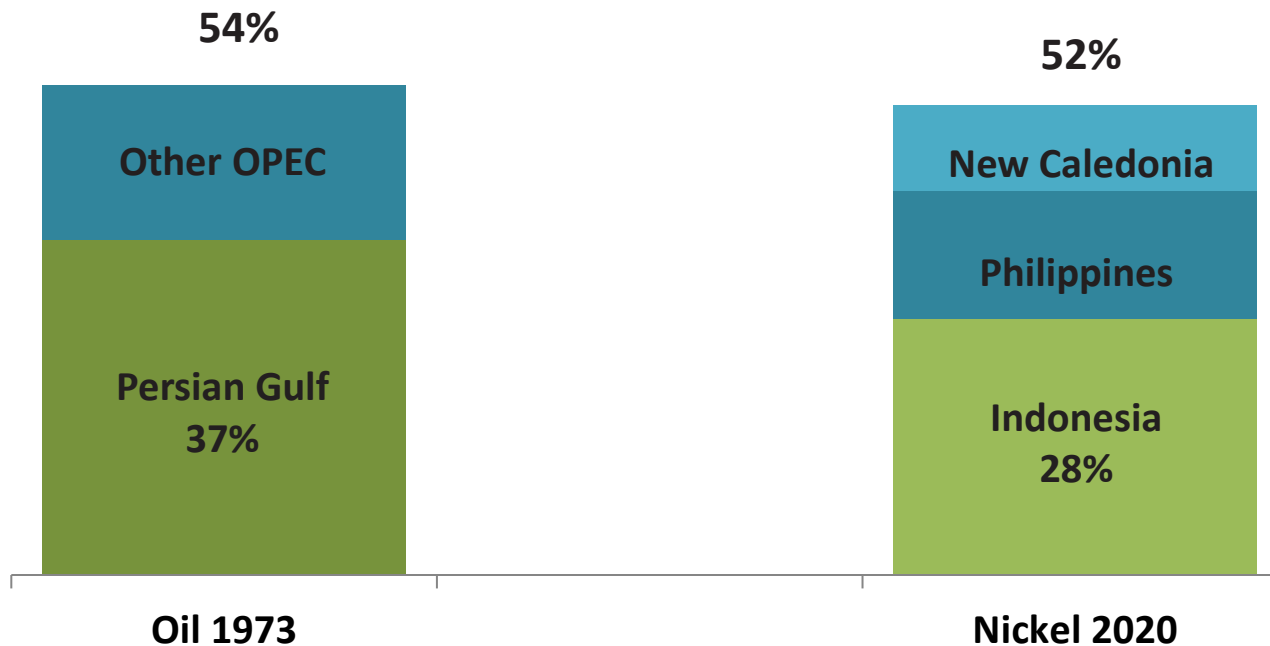
## Is there an OPEC in our future ??



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Nickel supply facing increasing political risk as Indonesia now dominates nickel supply growth. Just 3 countries are expected to control as much of the nickel supply as OPEC did of global oil supply at its peak in 1973

**Nickel Supply Concentration (2020)  
vs Oil Supply Concentration at OPEC peak (1973)**



**These 3 countries:**

- Face revenue shortfalls
- Have intervened directly into mining sector

Source: U.S. EIA, Canada Nickel analysis

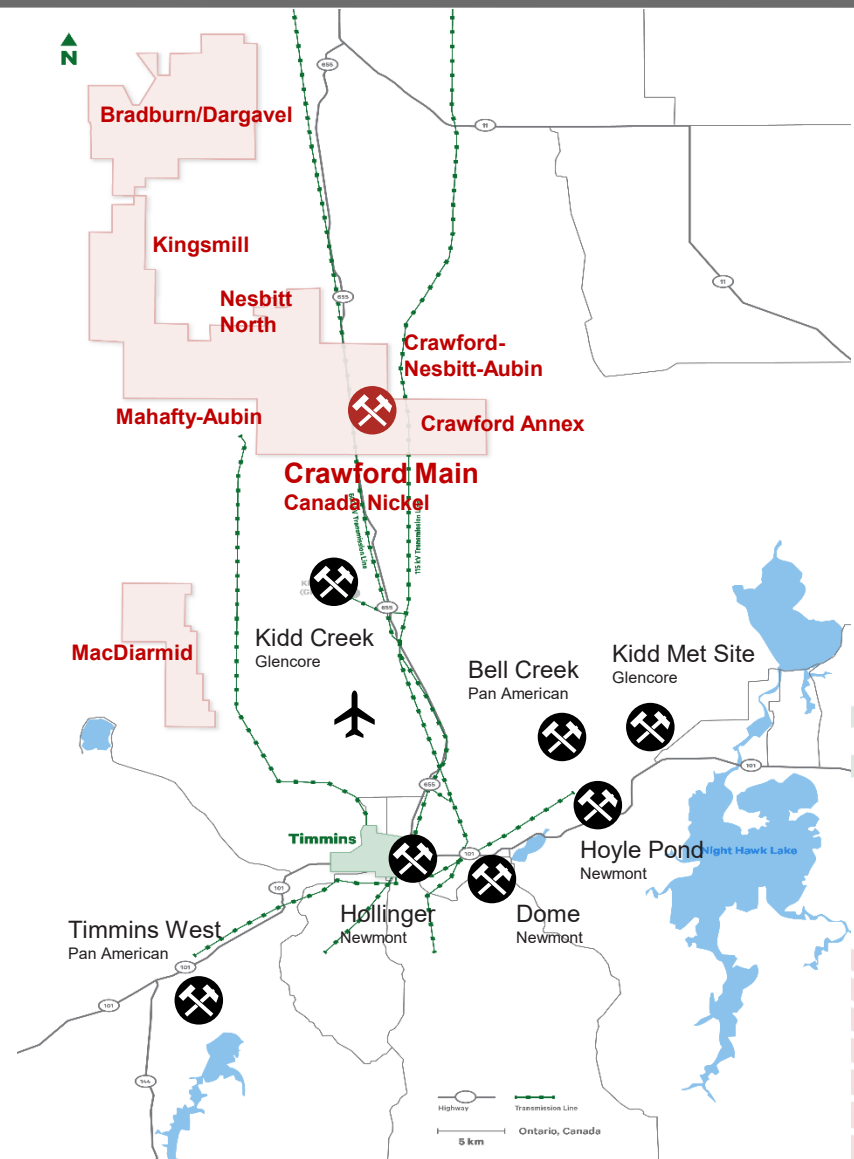
# Crawford Nickel Sulphide Project



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

- ✓ Major support infrastructure in place
  - Roads, rail, power, water
- ✓ Rich mining history and skilled, local workforce
- ✓ Long history of resource development
  - Close proximity to contractors and producing mines
- ✓ Potential to use Glencore's nearby Kidd Creek mill for smaller scale start-up





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

## Robust Economics

- ✓ US\$1.2 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub>
- ✓ 16% after-tax IRR

## Large Scale, Long Life

- ✓ 42ktpa nickel at peak production (Phase III), 34ktpa nickel LOM
- ✓ 1.9 Billion pounds (842kt) of nickel, 21 Mt of iron, 1.5 Mt of chrome
- ✓ 25-year mine life

## Low Cost

- ✓ Life-of-mine average net C1 cash cost of US\$1.09/lb
- ✓ Life-of-mine net AISC of US\$1.94/lb

## Highly Profitable

- ✓ Annual EBITDA of US\$439 million
- ✓ Annual Free Cash Flow of US\$274 million



## Crawford is a structurally low cost operation

- Large scale mine / mill operation expanded in 2 stages from 42.5 ktpd to 120 ktpd
- Low strip ratio – life of mine 2.1:1 and initial phase 1.3:1
- Use of trolley trucks and electric shovels reduce diesel consumption by 40% taking advantage of zero-carbon electricity
- Conventional flowsheet (SAG, ball mill, flotation, magnetic separation)
- Produces 3 products
  - High grade nickel concentrate (35% nickel) believed to be highest grade concentrate in world
  - Standard grade concentrate (12% nickel) in line with typical nickel sulphide concentrates
  - Magnetite concentrate containing 45-50% iron and an average of 3% chrome
- Non-acid generating waste rock and tailings with carbon sequestration capacity
- Major support infrastructure in place
- Local workforce – no fly-in/fly-out labour

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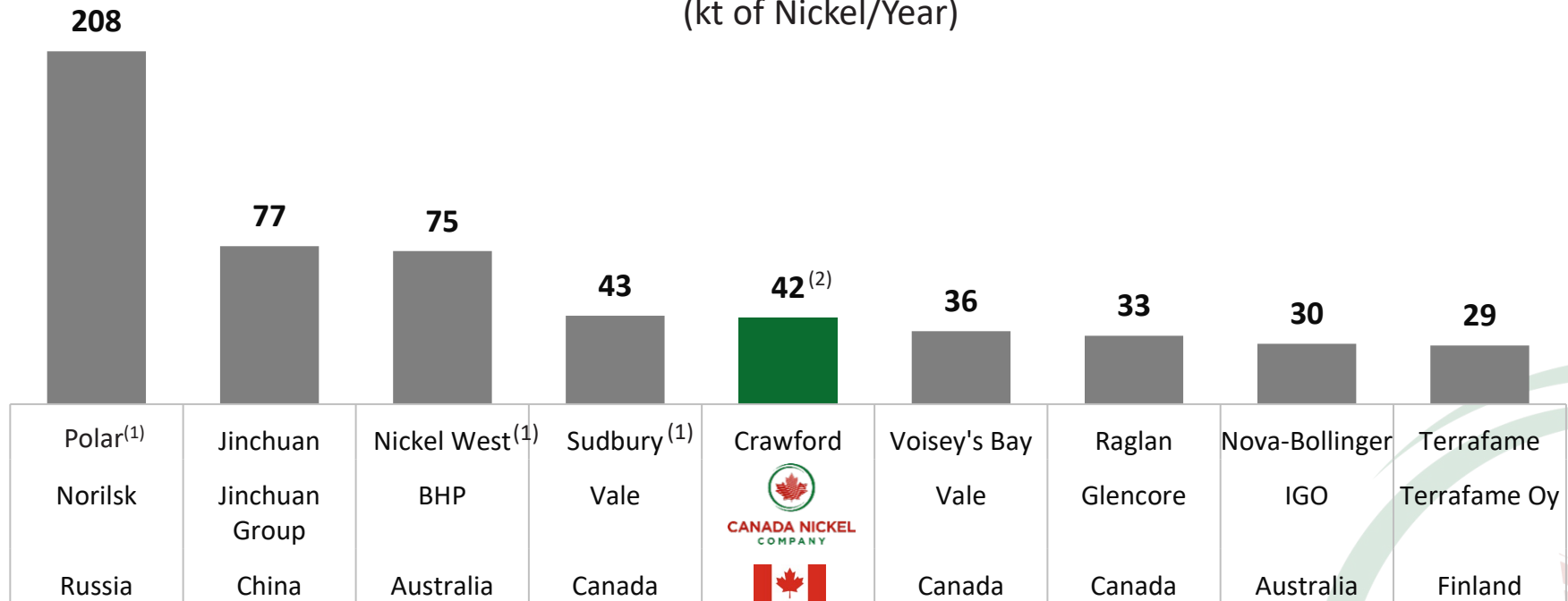
## A Top 5 Nickel Sulphide Operation Globally



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Based on PEA results, Crawford is expected to be among the top 5 nickel sulphide operations globally and would be largest single nickel sulphide mine outside Russia

**Largest Nickel Sulfide Operations by 2020 Annual Production**  
(kt of Nickel/Year)



Source: S&P Market Intelligence

(1) Multiple mines

(2) Crawford production based on Phase III average annual production (Years 8 - 18) at 120ktpd throughput

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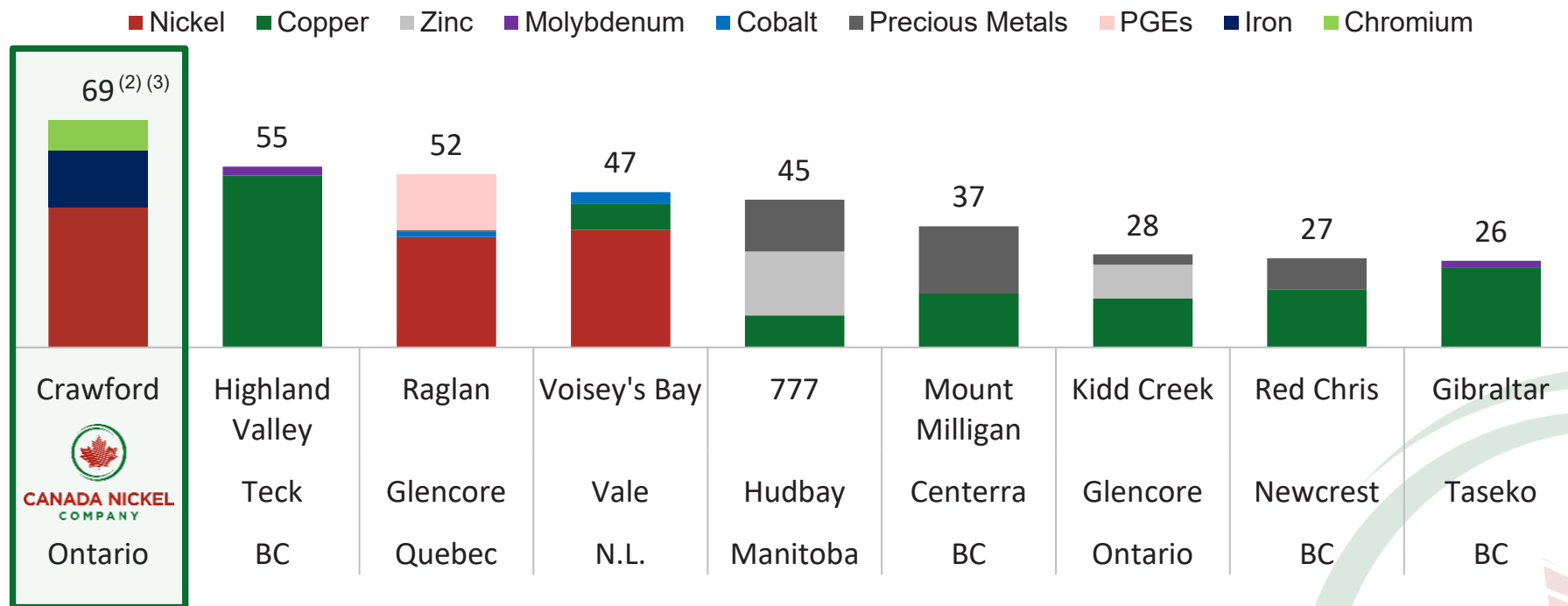
## The Largest Base Metals Mine in Canada



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Based on PEA results, Crawford is expected to be one of the largest base metal mines in Canada

**Largest Canadian Base Metals Mines by 2020 Annual NiEq Production<sup>(1)</sup>**  
(kt of Nickel Equivalent/Year)



Source: S&P Market Intelligence

(1) NiEq production for comparables calculated using 2020 average realized metal prices of: US\$6.43/lb Ni, US\$2.80/lb Cu, US\$11.79/lb Mo, US\$0.85/lb Pb, US\$1.05 Zn, US\$14.34/lb Co, US\$1,779/oz Au, US\$20.70 Ag, US\$892/oz Pt and US\$2,177/oz Pd

(2) NiEq production for Crawford calculated using Iron Ore price of US\$290/tonne and Chromium price of US\$1.04/lb

(3) Crawford production based on Phase III average annual production (Years 8 - 18) at 120ktpd throughput

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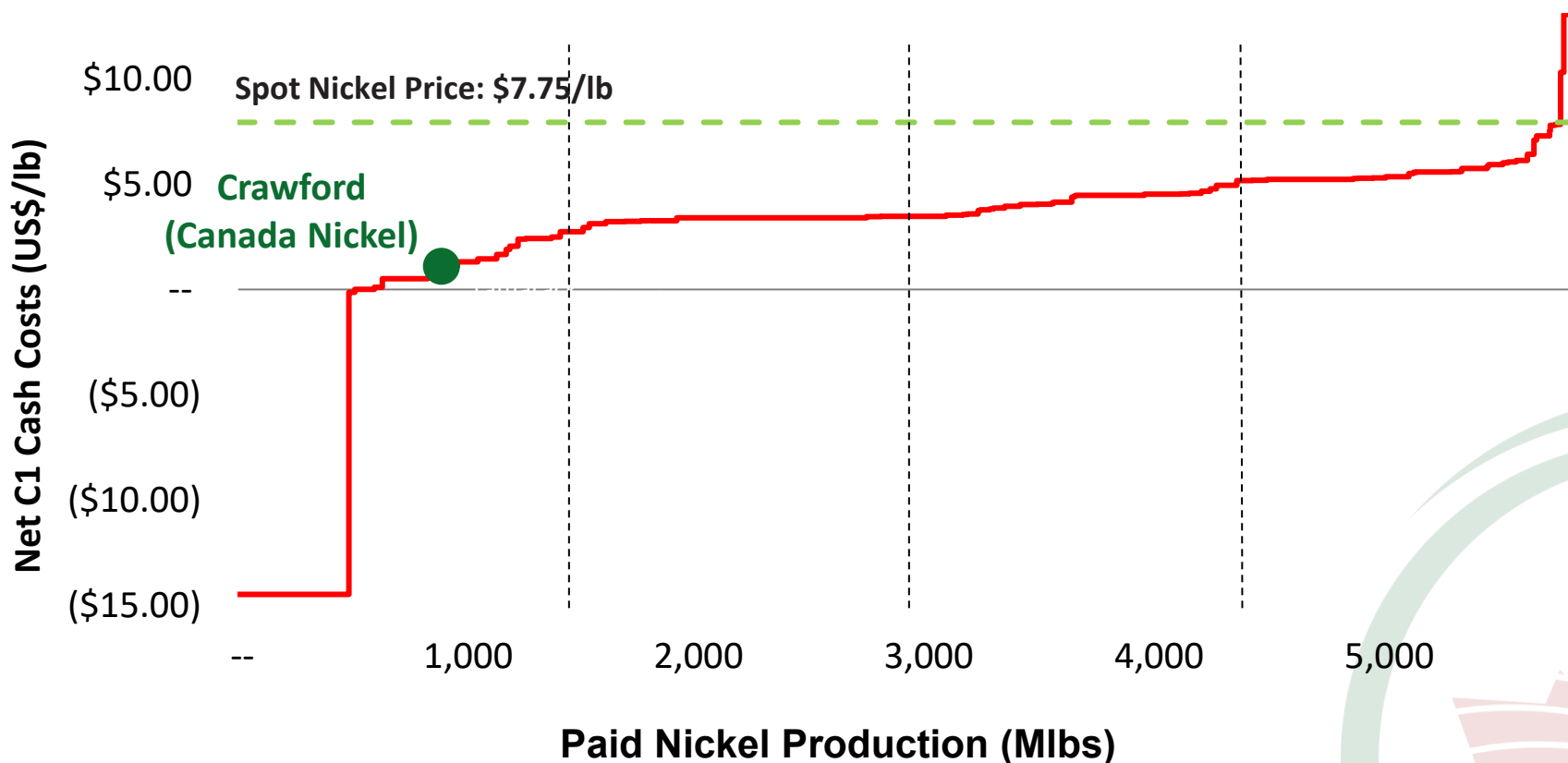
## A 1<sup>st</sup> Quartile Net Cash Cost Producer



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Based on PEA 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's Net C1 Cash Cost vs 2020 Net C1 Cash Cost of Global Nickel Operations



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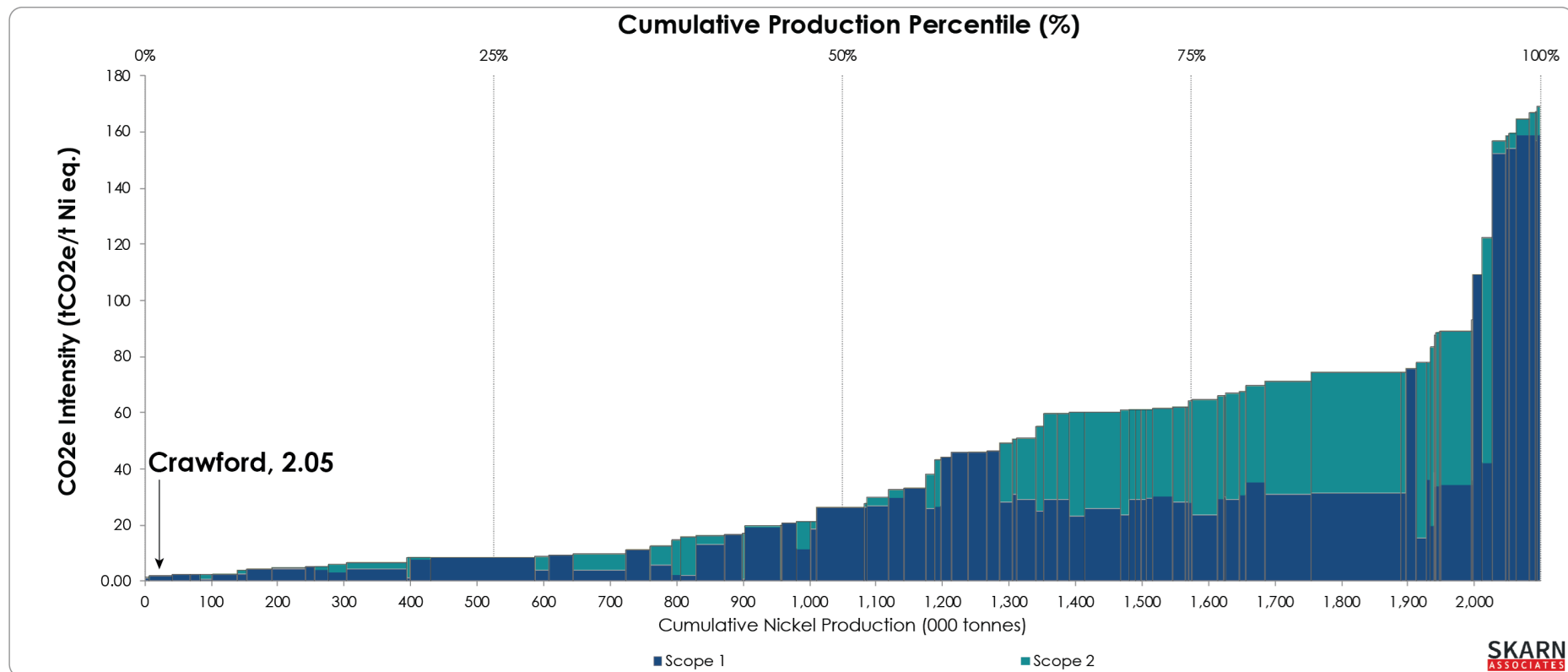
## A Low Carbon Footprint



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Crawford estimate of 2.05 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne of Ni-eq production, 93% lower than the industry average of 29 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> and lower than 99.7% of global nickel production

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





# Crawford PEA Summary – Operating Costs



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**Three phase production plan peaks at nickel production of 42ktpa with a life-of-mine AISC of US\$1.94/lb**

	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Phase I</b> (Years 1 – 3.5)	<b>Phase II</b> (Years 3.5 – 7)	<b>Phase III</b> (Years 8 – 18)	<b>Life-of-Mine</b> (Years 1 – 25)
<b>Mill Capacity</b>	ktpd	42.5	85	120	100
<b>Nickel Production</b>	ktpa	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Net C1 Cash Cost</b>	<b>US\$ / lb</b>	<b>\$1.46</b>	<b>\$1.32</b>	<b>\$1.20</b>	<b>\$1.09</b>
<b>Nickel Recovery</b>	%	50%	44%	39%	37%
<b>Strip Ratio</b>	Waste : Ore	1.34	1.90	2.20	2.08
<b>NSR</b>	US\$ / t milled	\$31.09	\$23.93	\$21.49	\$20.86
<b>Onsite Costs</b>	US\$ / t milled	\$11.00	\$9.02	\$8.71	\$8.45
<b>Net AISC</b>	<b>US\$ / lb</b>	<b>\$3.09</b>	<b>\$2.57</b>	<b>\$1.97</b>	<b>\$1.94</b>
<b>C1 Cash Cost (Before By-Product Credits)</b>	US\$ / lb	\$3.44	\$3.89	\$4.47	\$4.54
<b>Initial / Expansion Capital</b>	<b>US \$ MM</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>\$1,925</b>

# Current Downstream Path to Stainless Steel

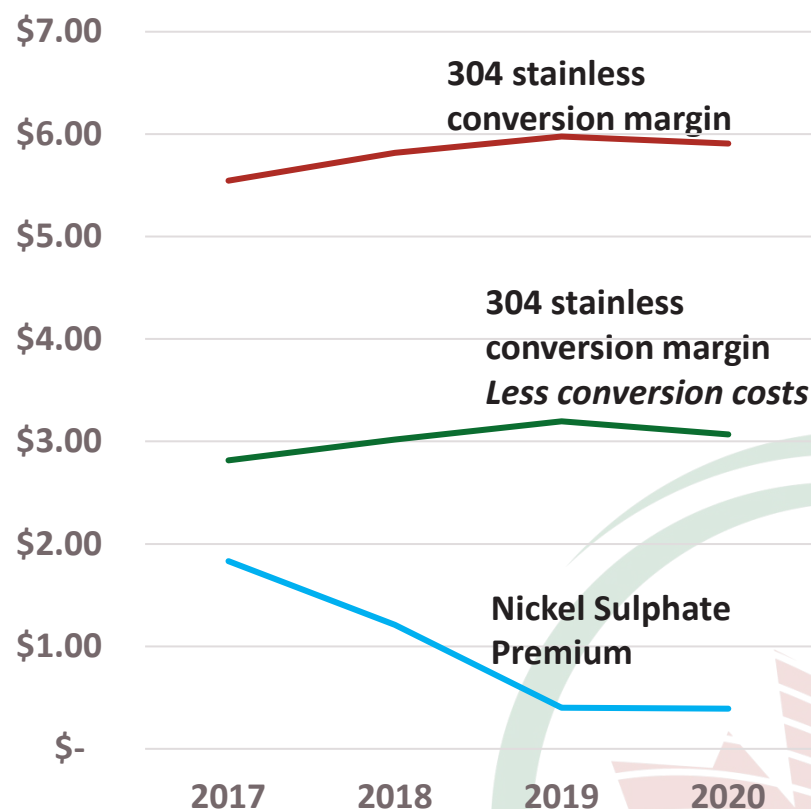
## Future Path Likely to Include Path to EV



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- Nickel, iron and chromium are three key alloying metals in the production of stainless steel, which makes Crawford products suitable feeds
- Stainless steel pricing delivers consistent premiums available in the United States *and MUCH higher and sustained than nickel sulphate*
- Based on analysis by CRU, Kingston Process Metallurgy Inc. and Steel and Metals Market Research, the Company is utilizing payability of:
  - Nickel 91%, Iron 71%, Chrome 43% which still provides sufficient incentive for the construction of a local stainless steel mill which would also produce additional nickel pig iron products based on the nickel/iron mix of the feeds
- With rapidly increasing demand from the EV market, processing options to deliver nickel units to the EV supply chain will likely be included in the feasibility study allowing Co and PGM contained value to be captured and add further value to the project

US Stainless Conversion Margins  
(US\$/lb Nickel) vs  
Nickel Sulphate Premiums



Source: CRU, Canada Nickel Analysis

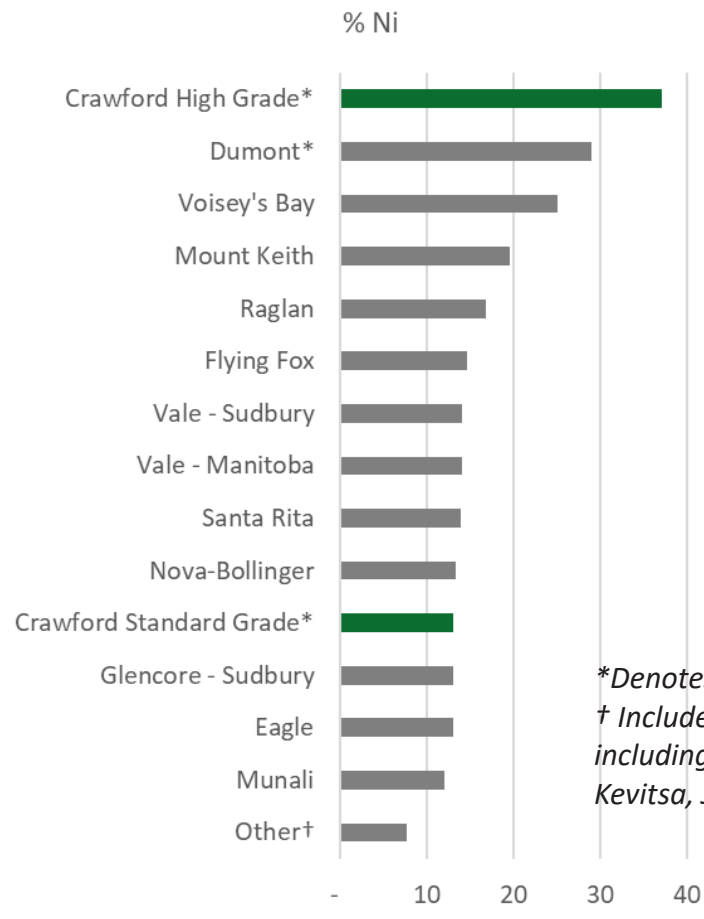
# Crawford Producing Two Nickel Concentrates + Iron Concentrate



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Crawford will produce two nickel concentrates, including a high grade concentrate expected to be the highest grade nickel concentrate at 35% nickel, and an iron concentrate containing chrome

2020 Concentrate Grade (% Ni and % Co) for Global Nickel Sulphide Operations/Projects Compared to Crawford Nickel-Cobalt Project<sup>(1)</sup>



***Results also confirm ability to deliver a target 45-50% iron magnetite concentrate containing an average of 3% chromium with focus on maximizing recovery rather than grade as expected to be processed locally.***

*\*Denotes development projects.  
† Includes 10 other operations including Raglan South, Leinster, Kevitsa, Jinchuan, Norilsk*

(1) Source: Wood Mackenzie

# Additional Opportunities



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## 1 Exploration Upside

Significant additional exploration potential within the Crawford Project and at the Company's additional properties including Bradburn/Dargavel

## 2 Recovery Optimization

Optimization of nickel, iron, chrome recovery and concentrate grades through additional test work during Feasibility Study stage

## 3 NetZero Carbon Footprint

Determine the carbon capture potential from the carbon sequestration potential of the Company's tailings and waste rock to permit the Company to achieve net zero carbon footprint operation

## 4 Cobalt & PGM Content

Processing of nickel concentrates to capture cobalt, PGM content through various processing alternatives for the company's high grade and standard grade concentrates

## 5 Potential CapEx Reduction

Capital cost reductions via electricity distribution and fleet acquisition opportunities; signed MOUs with Taykwa Tagamou Nation to participate in the financing of all or a portion of the project's electricity supply and heavy mining equipment fleet

## 6 Kidd Creek

Completion of negotiations to utilize Glencore's Kidd Creek mill based on the capital and operating costs successfully determined during the initial phase of work



## Crawford's resource ranks as one of the 10 largest nickel sulphide resources globally and now includes chrome values

- Higher grade core of M&I Resource of 280 Mt at 0.31% Ni, 0.59% Cr and 6.31% Fe within an overall M&I resource of 653 Mt at 0.26% Ni, 0.60% Cr and 6.58% Fe
- Higher grade inferred resource of approximately 110 Mt at 0.29% Ni, 0.58% Cr and 6.66% Fe within an overall inferred resource of approximately 497 Mt at 0.24% nickel, 0.61% Cr and 6.63% Fe

	Tonnage	Grade							Contained Metal					
	Mt	% Ni	% Fe	%Cr	% Co	%S	g/t Pd	g/t Pt	kt Ni	Mt Fe	kt Cr	kt Co	koz Pd	koz Pt
<b>Main Higher Grade Zone</b>														
Measured	151.7	0.32%	6.25%	0.60%	0.013%	0.20%	0.029	0.012	482.2	9.5	910.2	19.9	140.6	56.7
Indicated	128.6	0.30%	6.37%	0.57%	0.013%	0.16%	0.027	0.013	391.8	8.2	738.1	16.5	111.1	51.7
M&I	280.2	0.31%	6.31%	0.59%	0.013%	0.18%	0.028	0.012	873.9	17.7	1,648.3	36.4	251.7	108.4
Inferred	109.9	0.29%	6.66%	0.58%	0.013%	0.09%	0.026	0.013	315.0	7.3	641.8	14.0	92.9	46.7
<b>Main Lower Grade Zone</b>														
Measured	62.5	0.22%	6.83%	0.61%	0.013%	0.05%	--	--	135.1	4.3	383.5	8.2	--	--
Indicated	263.2	0.21%	6.90%	0.60%	0.013%	0.04%	--	--	557.0	18.2	1,591.1	34.6	--	--
M&I	325.6	0.21%	6.89%	0.61%	0.013%	0.04%	--	--	692.1	22.4	1,974.6	42.9	--	--
Inferred	210.2	0.21%	6.87%		0.013%	0.06%	--	--	444.9	14.4	1,289.2	27.1	--	--
<b>East Zone</b>														
Measured	25.8	0.26%	6.03%	0.63%	0.012%	0.04%	--	--	67.4	1.6	161.8	3.2	--	--
Indicated	21.8	0.26%	6.20%	0.65%	0.013%	0.04%	--	--	56.2	1.4	141.6	2.7	--	--
M&I	47.6	0.26%	6.11%	0.64%	0.013%	0.04%	--	--	123.6	2.9	303.4	6.0	--	--
Inferred	177.1	0.24%	6.63%	0.63%	0.013%	0.04%	--	--	424.1	11.7	1,113.3	22.7	--	--
<b>Total Crawford Resources</b>														
M&I	653.5	0.26%	6.58%	0.60%	0.013%	0.10%	0.028	0.012	1,689.8	43.0	3,926.3	85.2	251.7	108.4
Inferred	497.2	0.24%	6.74%	0.61%	0.013%	0.06%	0.026	0.013	1,184.0	33.5	3,044.3	63.9	92.9	46.7

- Mineral Resource Estimate prepared by Caracle Creek International Consulting Inc., in accordance with the National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") and CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves, with an effective date of May 21, 2021. Technical report to be released by July 9, 2021.
- Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

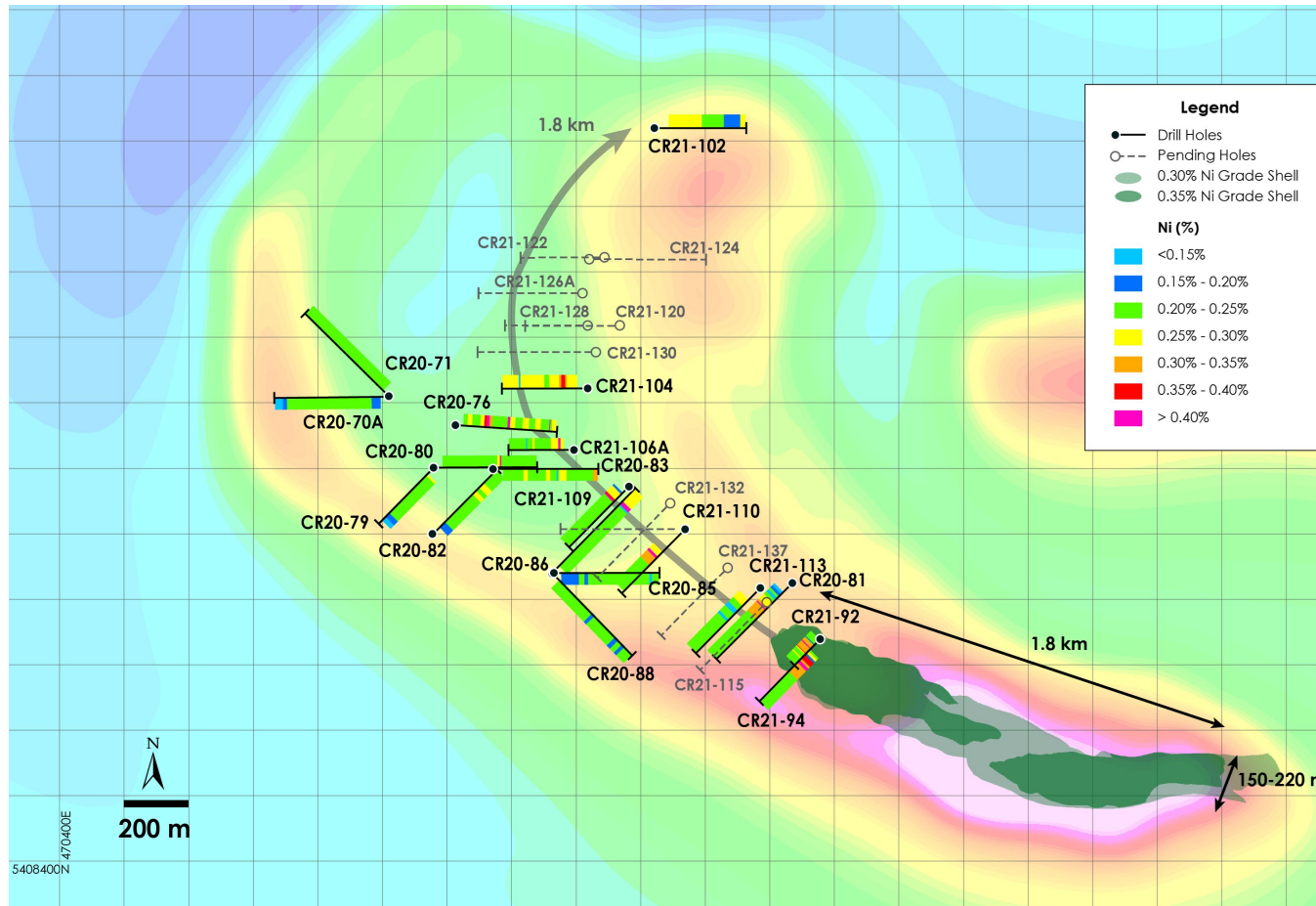
# Main Zone Mineralization Doubled by 1.8 km Lower Grade West Zone Identified



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## Delineation of significantly larger Main Zone resource well underway

Main Zone Western Extension & West Zone Results  
(Total Magnetic Intensity)



**Main Zone drilling  
extended  
mineralization to the  
north and northwest  
by 1.8 kilometres  
across true widths of  
120 to 320 metres**



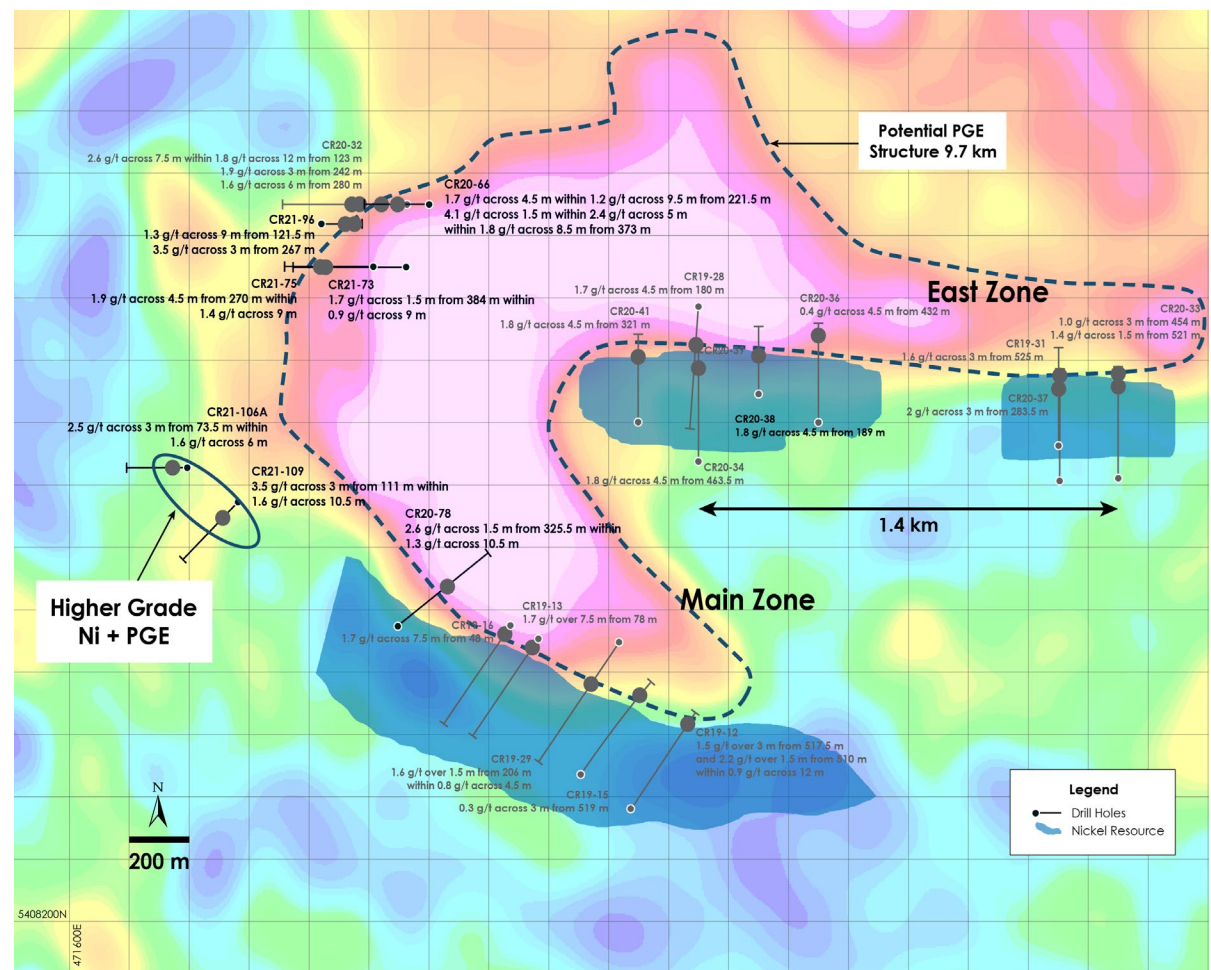
# PGM Potential: ~10km Structure Continues to be Intersected Multiple Times



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## PGM structure continues to be intersected in multiple locations. First higher grade PGMs in Main Zone Mineralization

### PGM Intervals – Main and East Zones (Vertical Gravity Gradient)



- PGM zone successfully intersected by an additional 5 holes (20 holes total in Main Zone across 2.4 km strike length)
- First higher grade PGM intersections in main dunite mineralization – two holes yielded true width of 3.9 metres of 1.6 g/t PGM and 0.49% nickel, and 6.7 metres of 1.6 g/t PGM and 0.30% nickel
- New PGM zone discovered at North Zone

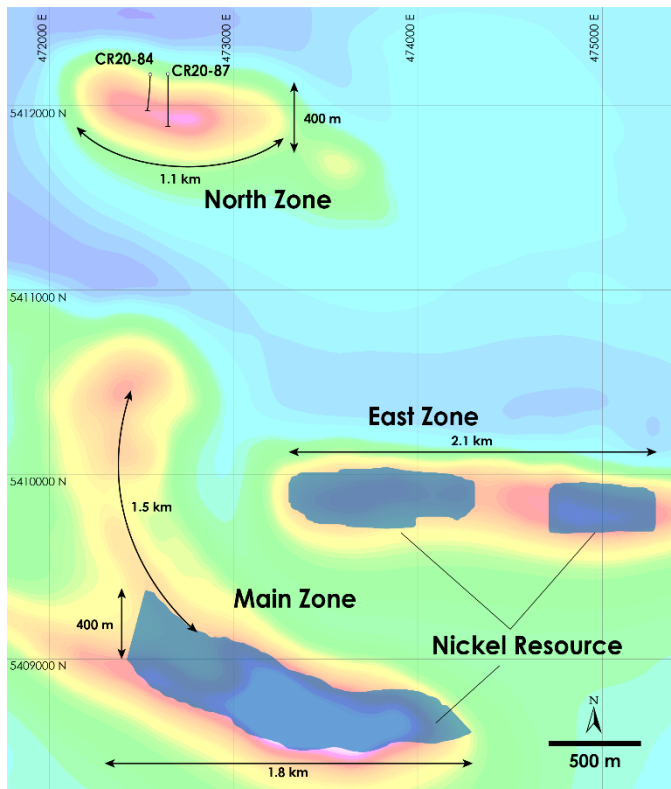
# North Zone Successfully Delineated



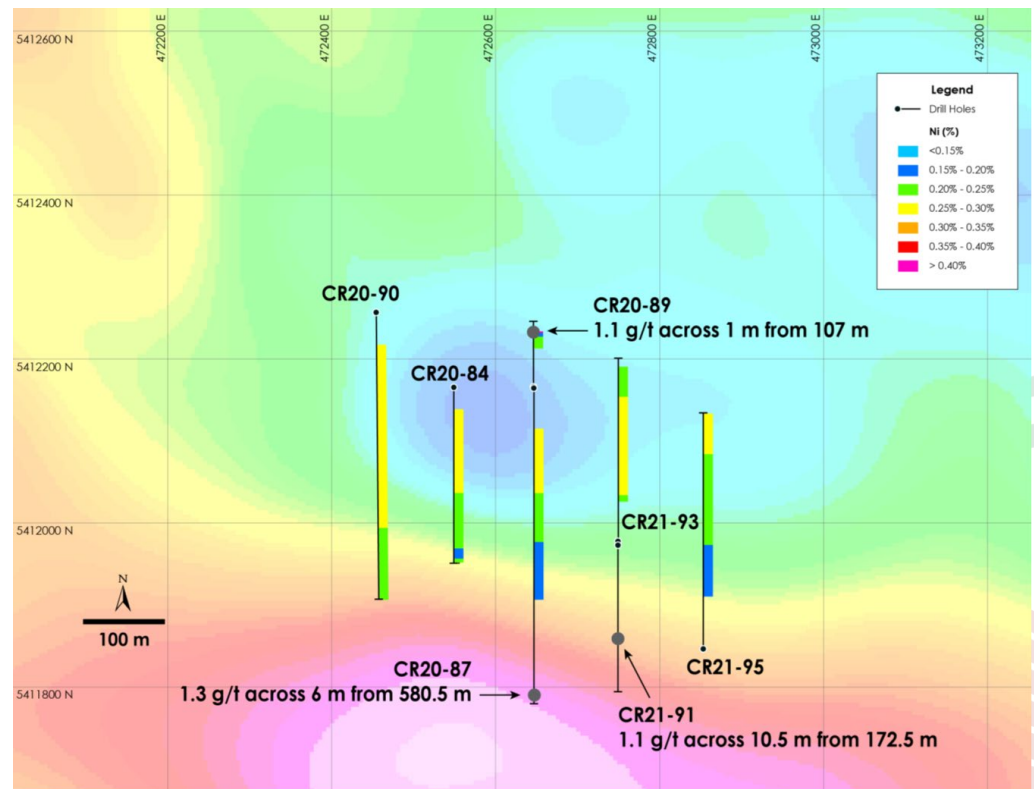
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Initial North Zone assay results defined nickel mineralization along strike length of 400 metres up to 200 metres wide and 400 metres deep - open in all directions. New PGM zone discovered at North Zone

**Main, East and North Zones – Nickel Resource (Total Magnetic Intensity)**



**North Zone – Nickel and PGM Intervals (Vertical Gravity Gradient)**





# NetZero Metals

## NetZero Carbon Production Potential



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A number of key technologies are being explored to develop a Zero-Carbon footprint operation

### Mining

- Utilization of electric rope shovels and trolley trucks which utilize electricity, rather than diesel fuel, as a power source wherever possible
- Deposition approaches for waste rock and tailings during mining to expose the serpentine rock to air to allow this material to absorb CO<sub>2</sub> through natural mineral carbonation (exact amount and rate at which CO<sub>2</sub> can be absorbed from materials mined at Crawford will be analyzed during upcoming phases of work)

### Milling

- Large scale processing of lower grade sulphide ores utilizes a significant amount of electricity - local proximity to hydroelectricity provides the potential to minimize carbon emissions for this stage of production

### NetZero Metals - Nickel-Cobalt Concentrate Processing

- Existing pyrometallurgical processes such as roasting, sulphation roasting, and reduction using electric arc furnaces (utilizing natural gas rather than coke or coal as a reductant) with the offgases captured and re-routed to allow the CO<sub>2</sub> be captured by the waste rock and tailings
- Existing hydrometallurgical processes to produce nickel and cobalt products such as the Albion or other similar processes, which generate minimal off-gases to produce nickel and cobalt products. The off-gases will again be captured and treated to ensure CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are minimized

### NetZero Metals - Magnetite Concentrate Processing

- Production of iron products utilizing existing direct reduced iron (DRI) processes or reduction in electric arc furnaces utilizing natural gas

# Ground-breaking MOU Signed with Local First Nations



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Canada Nickel has entered into Memorandum of Understandings with Taykwa Tagamou Nation and the Matachewan and Mattagami First Nations.



“Our community favours a development project like Canada Nickel’s that provides a positive economic impact, minimal environmental impacts with a commitment to deliver NetZero products, and has the foresight to engage with Taykwa Tagamou during the early stages of development.” – *Chief Bruce Archibald, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, December 16, 2020*



“...happy to be forging a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with Canada Nickel on their promising Nickel-Cobalt Project.” – *Chief Jason Batisse, Matachewan First Nation, December 14, 2020*



“Mark is genuinely committed to responsible and sustainable development, and our community appreciates being engaged in the early planning stages of the project.” – *Chief Chad Boissoneau, Mattagami First Nation, December 14, 2020*

# MOU Signed for Potential Use of Glencore Kidd Concentrator & Met Site



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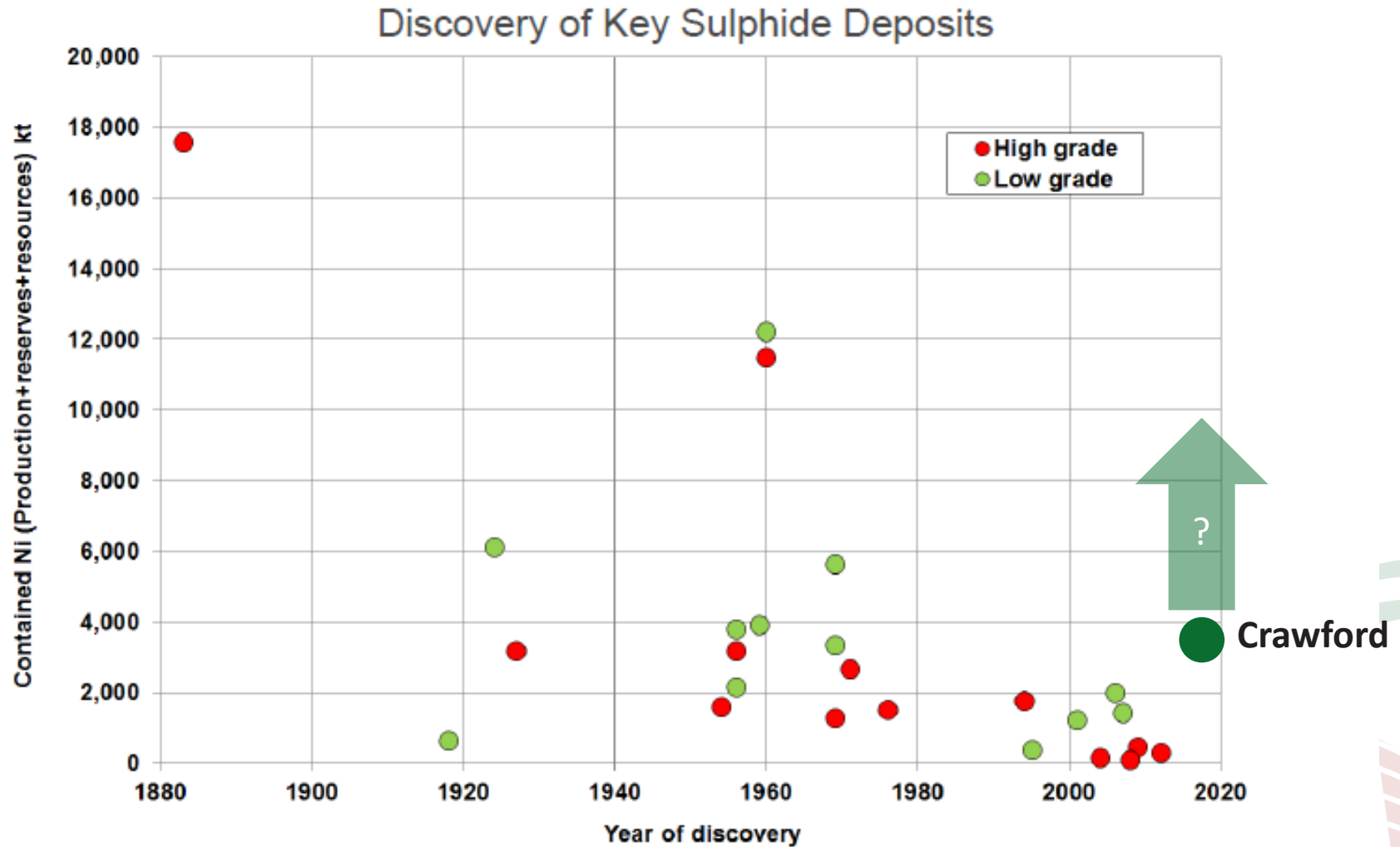
**The opportunity to utilize the excess capacity and existing infrastructure at the Kidd Met Site provides the potential to allow a faster, simpler, smaller scale start-up of Crawford at a vastly lower capital cost while the Company continues to permit and develop the much larger scale project currently being contemplated**

- MOU signed for potential use of Glencore's Kidd concentrator and metallurgical site ("Met Site") in Timmins, Ontario for the treatment and processing of material mined from Crawford approximately 40 km away
- Canada Nickel has completed an initial high-level assessment and will now proceed with a detailed study on the potential for upgrading excess capacity at the Kidd Concentrator and/or utilizing the existing infrastructure in place at the Kidd Met Site for milling and further processing the nickel-cobalt and magnetite concentrates that are expected to be produced from Crawford
- The capital and operating costs assessments have been successfully completed and discussions are ongoing.

# Crawford is Largest Nickel Sulphide Discovery Since Early 1970s



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Source: Vale presentation at the Metal Bulletin 3rd International Nickel Conference , London, April 29, 2015

# Significant Exploration Potential

## >50% Crawford + Multiple New Targets



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Fully consolidated properties contain multiple nickel-bearing target structures 30km of total strike length and 150 - 600m wide

- For reference, the Crawford Main Zone resource is 1.7 km long and 225-425 metres wide

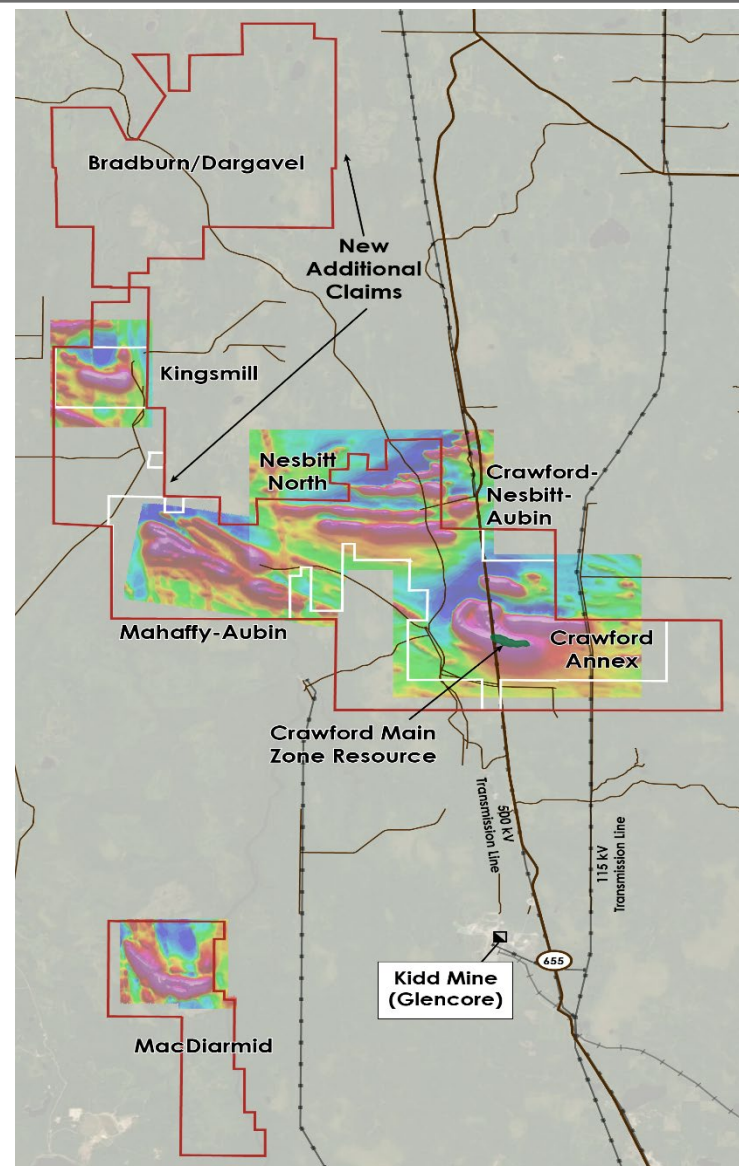
**Historic drilling yielded nickel-bearing intersections on all of the target structures**

- Kingsmill – 0.30% Ni over 503m from 118m in historic hole KML-12-02 (2012) and 0.31% Ni over 302m from 20m in historic hole 27090 (1966)
- Nesbitt-North – 0.28% Ni over 163m from 233m in historic hole 27083 (1966)
- Mahaffy-Aubin – 0.23% Ni over 127m from 82m in historic hole 31901 (1966) and of 276m of serpentinized ultramafic mineralization (similar host mineralization at Crawford) in historic hole T2-80-2 (1980) with no assays provided
- Dargavel - 0.24% nickel over 173m with local assays up to 0.40% nickel in historic hole 25014

**PGM-enriched structures similar to Crawford also identified at Kingsmill**

- 1.0 g/t PGM over 2m from 96m within 0.3 g/t PGM over 30m from 69m in historic hole KML-12-11 (2012), 0.8 g/t PGM over 5m from 523m within 0.5 g/t PGM over 24m in historic hole KML-12-07 (2012)

**Airborne magnetic and gravity survey totaling 2,731 km completed.**





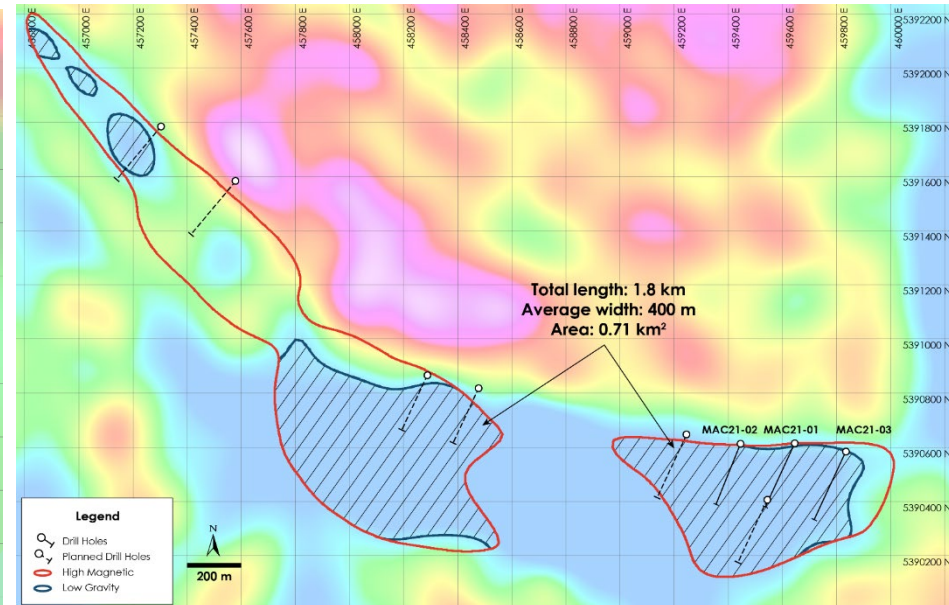
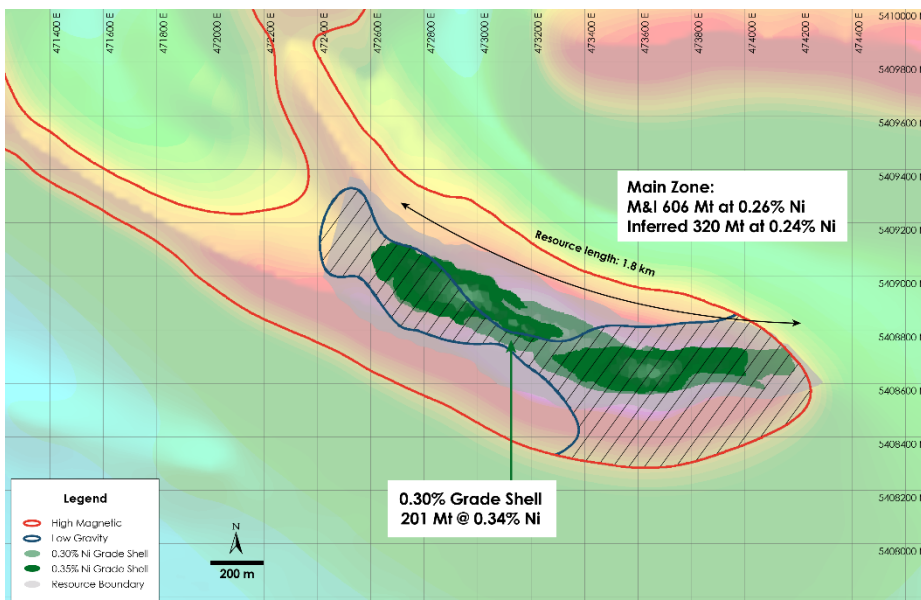
# MacDiarmid – 15% Larger Anomaly Than Crawford Main Zone



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The first three holes drilled at MacDiarmid returned significant intersections of mineralized dunite similar to the average mineralization initially discovered at Crawford

## Plan view of Crawford and MacDiarmid Properties Outline of Gravity Low and Magnetic High geophysics anomaly overlain on total field magnetic intensity



***Coincident anomaly at MacDiarmid is 15% larger than Crawford.***

# Significant Discovery at Nesbitt

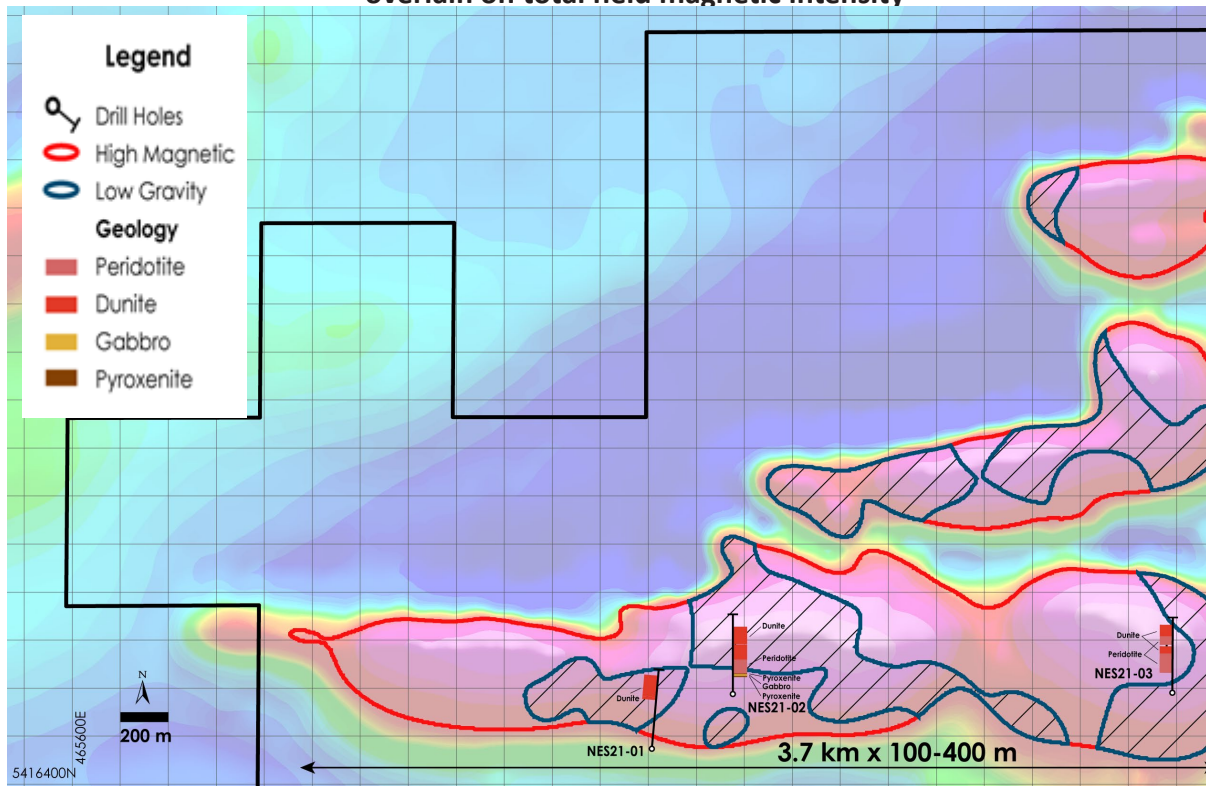


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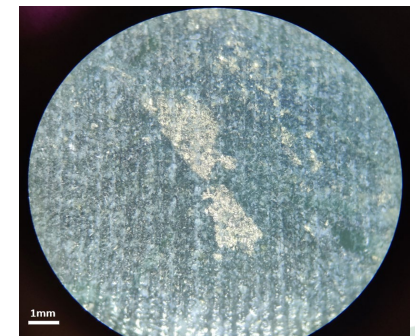
The first three drill holes returned significant intersections of mineralization with intervals of visible disseminated sulphides consistent with Higher Grade Zone at Crawford

## Plan view of Nesbitt Property

Outline of Gravity Low and Magnetic High geophysics anomaly  
overlay on total field magnetic intensity



## Hole NES21-01 Pentlandite + Pyrrhotite in serpentinized dunite



Microscope photo at 326.5 m



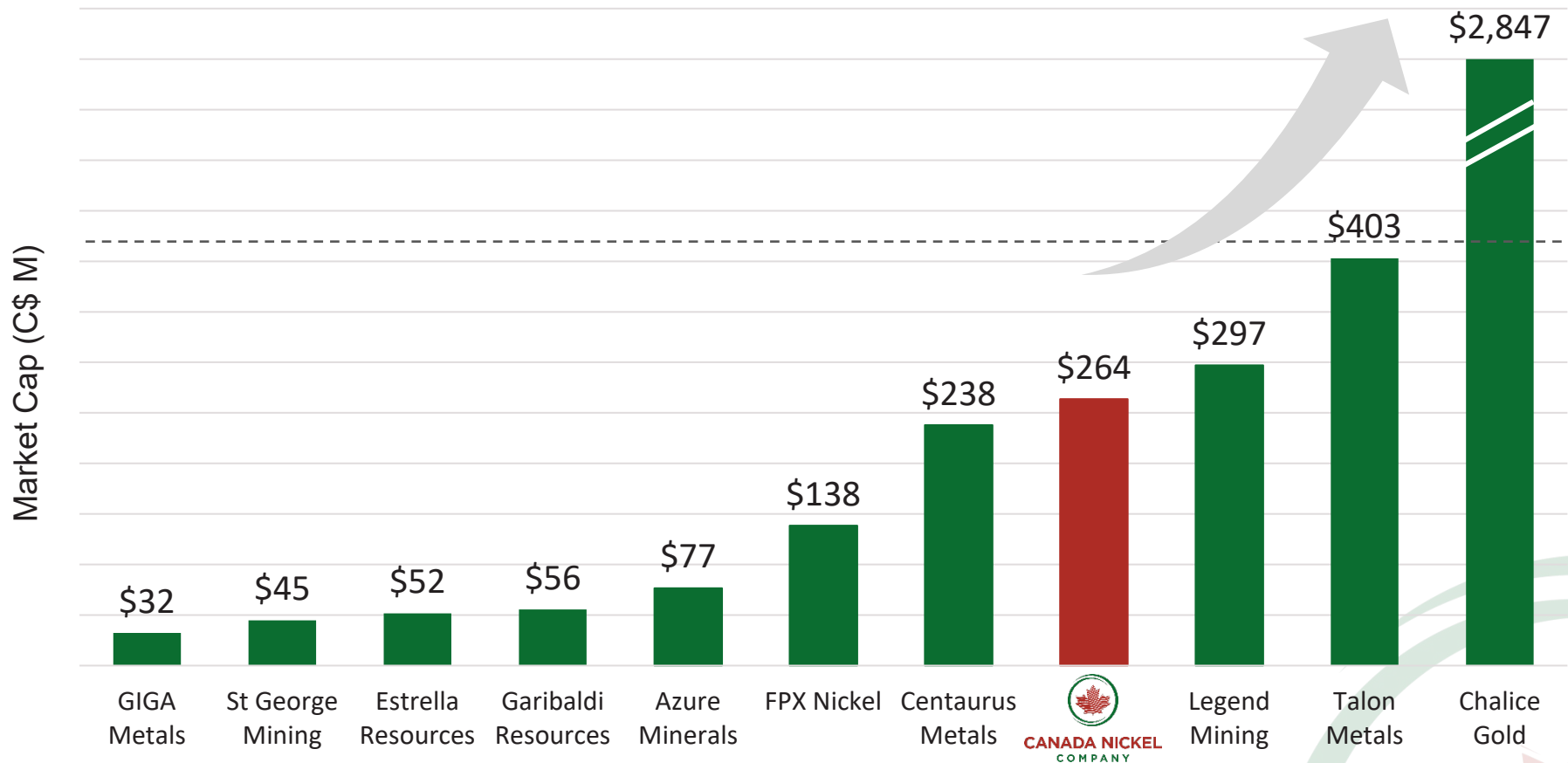
Core sample at 352 metres

# Canada Nickel

## Well-Positioned Versus its Peers



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Ni Project Ownership	Turnagain 100%	Hawaii 100%	Carr Boyd 100%	E&L 100%	Andover 60%	Decar 100%	Jaguar 100%	Crawford 100%	Mawson 70%	Tamarack 60%	New Julimar 100%
Discovery Year	2004	2012	2020	1966	1986	2010	2019	2019	2019	2007	2019



# New Nickel Sulphide Discoveries Have Been Acquired at Significant Valuations



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**DIAMOND FIELDS**  
RESOURCES



**SIRIUS**  
RESOURCES

**Voisey's Bay**

**Cosmos**

**Multiple  
Mines**

**Nova  
Bollinger**

**Acquisition  
Value &  
Year**

**C\$4.5 B  
(1996)**

**A\$3.1 B  
(2007)**

**C\$6.8 B  
(2007)**

**A\$1.8B  
(2015)**

**Share Price  
Accumulation**

**37x**

**58x**

**6.5x**

**15x**

**Reserve (Mt)**

**0.9**

**0.09**

**1.4**

**0.27**

**Resource (Mt)**

**2.1**

**0.5**

**4.4**

**0.3**

**Production (kt)**

**50**

**12**

**34**

**26**

# Capital Structure



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Cash balance at April 30, 2021 was \$7.2 million



Symbol TSXv: **CNC** | OTCQB: **CNIKF**

Common Shares<sup>1</sup> 85.0 million

52 Week Range \$0.90 - \$4.54

Share Price<sup>1</sup> \$3.41

Average Daily Volume<sup>2</sup> 178,755 (30-day average)

Market Cap<sup>1</sup> \$289.225 million

Cash<sup>4</sup> \$7.2 million

## Proforma Capital Structure as at June 16, 2021

Common Shares<sup>1</sup> 85.0 million

Shares to be Issued<sup>3</sup> 3.5 million

Warrants 0.2 million

Options/RSUs 8.2 million

Fully Diluted Shares **96.9 million**

All figures in CAD dollars as of July 14, 2021 unless otherwise noted

<sup>1</sup> As of July 14, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Includes volume traded on TSXv and OTCQB.

<sup>3</sup> Shares to be issued for property acquisition from Noble

<sup>4</sup> Cash balance at April 30, 2021

Management and Board own  
approx. **5%** of Common Shares

## Research Coverage

- Cantor Fitzgerald
- Echelon Capital
- Mackie Research
- Red Cloud
- Research Capital

# Why Invest in Canada Nickel?



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## **Canada Nickel (CNC) owns 100% of the Crawford Nickel Sulphide project:**

### **A new nickel discovery with large scale potential in an established mining camp adjacent to existing infrastructure north of Timmins, Ontario, Canada**

- One of the top 10 nickel sulphide resources globally, with significant expansion potential
- Nickel mineralization in Crawford extended to Main, East, West and North Zones, with total strike length of ~7 km. Successfully intersected nickel mineralization at MacDiarmid option property 15% larger than original Crawford Main Zone
- Groundbreaking, mutually beneficial MOUs signed with local First Nations
- Canada Nickel has launched wholly-owned NetZero Metals Inc. to develop zero-carbon production of Nickel, Cobalt and Iron - has applied for trademarks NetZero Nickel™, NetZero Cobalt™, NetZero Iron™

## **Canada Nickel has completed PEA on May 25<sup>th</sup>, feasibility study by mid 2022**

- PEA confirms robust economics - US\$1.2 billion after-tax NPV<sub>8%</sub> and 16% after-tax IRR with first quartile net C1 cash cost of US\$1.09/lb and net AISC of US\$1.94/lb of nickel
- PEA on late 2020 resource – substantial upside resource potential and other initiatives to be included in FS

## **Canada Nickel is well timed – nickel appears to be entering a supercycle which occur every 15-20 years**

- Prices should remain at relatively high levels for an extended period to incent new supply to meet already strong demand growth further accelerated by substantial requirements from electric vehicles

## **Nickel has limited investible opportunities**

- Prior supercycle in 2005-2007 largely emptied project pipeline outside Indonesia



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# Appendix



# Crawford PEA Operating Cost Summary



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Operating Costs (\$ / tonne milled)	Phase I (Years 1 - 3.5)		Phase II (Years 3.5 - 7)		Phase III (Years 8 - 18)		Life-Of-Mine (Years 1 - 25)	
	US\$	C\$	US\$	C\$	US\$	C\$	US\$	C\$
<b>Labour</b>	\$2.39	\$3.19	\$1.49	\$1.98	\$1.20	\$1.60	\$1.26	\$1.68
<b>Consumables</b>	\$2.49	\$3.31	\$2.35	\$3.14	\$2.30	\$3.07	\$2.25	\$3.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$1.70	\$2.27	\$1.47	\$1.96	\$1.69	\$2.25	\$1.54	\$2.05
<b>Diesel</b>	\$1.02	\$1.36	\$0.78	\$1.04	\$0.78	\$1.04	\$0.72	\$0.96
<b>Power</b>	\$2.45	\$3.26	\$2.40	\$3.20	\$2.35	\$3.13	\$2.25	\$3.00
<b>Other</b>	\$0.95	\$1.27	\$0.52	\$0.70	\$0.40	\$0.53	\$0.43	\$0.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$14.66</b>	<b>\$9.01</b>	<b>\$12.02</b>	<b>\$8.71</b>	<b>\$11.61</b>	<b>\$8.45</b>	<b>\$11.27</b>

# Crawford PEA Sensitivities



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Sensitivity	Delta NPV8% (US\$ millions)		Delta IRR (%)		Delta Net C1 Cash Cost (US\$ / lb)	
	-	+	-	+	-	+
Nickel Price $\pm$ \$1/lb (\$6.75/lb - \$8.75/lb)	(\$445)	\$435	(2.8%)	2.6%	n.a.	n.a.
Nickel Price $\pm$ 10% (\$6.98/lb - \$8.53/lb)	(\$342)	\$341	(2.1%)	2.0%	n.a.	n.a.
Iron Price $\pm$ 10% (\$261/tonne - \$319/tonne)	(\$101)	\$101	(0.6%)	0.5%	\$0.26	(\$0.26)
Oil Price $\pm$ \$10/bbl (\$50/bbl - \$70/bbl)	\$20	(\$20)	0.1%	(0.1%)	(\$0.04)	\$0.03
Exchange Rate $\pm$ \$0.05 (\$0.70 - \$0.80)	\$222	(\$226)	1.8%	(1.7%)	(\$0.29)	\$0.28
Nickel Recovery $\pm$ 10%	(\$344)	\$339	(2.2%)	2.0%	\$0.12	(\$0.10)
Initial Capex $\pm$ 10%	\$83	(\$84)	1.1%	(1.0%)	n.a.	n.a.
Expansion Capex $\pm$ 10%	\$36	(\$36)	0.3%	(0.3%)	n.a.	n.a.
Operating Costs $\pm$ 10%	\$101	(\$101)	0.6%	(0.6%)	(\$0.23)	\$0.23



Parameter	Unit	Model Assumptions
Nickel Price	S/lb (\$/tonne)	\$7.75 (\$17,000 )
Chromium Price	\$/lb (\$/tonne)	\$1.04 (\$2,300 )
Iron Ore Price	\$ / tonne	\$290
US\$/C\$ Exchange Rate	USD:CAD	0.75
Oil	\$/barrel	\$60

# Crawford PEA Detailed Summary



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Ownership: 100%		Unit	Phase I (Years 1 - 3.5)	Phase II (Years 3.5 - 7)	Phase III (8 - 18)	LOM (Years 1 - 25)
Mine Type	Type				Open Pit	
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>						
Initial & Expansion	US\$ millions		\$1,188	\$543	\$194	\$1,925
Sustaining & Closure	US\$ millions / year		\$238	\$254	\$512	\$1,091
<b>Mining &amp; Milling</b>						
Mill Capacity	ktpd		42.5	85	120	100
Ore Mined	Mtpa		26	35	46	37
Ore Milled	Mtpa		15	30	44	37
Strip Ratio	Waste : Ore		1.34	1.90	2.20	2.08
Nickel Head Grade	%		0.32%	0.26%	0.25%	0.25%
Chromium Head Grade	%		0.62%	0.63%	0.58%	0.60%
Iron Head Grade	%		6.02%	6.46%	6.58%	6.51%
<b>Recovery</b>						
Nickel Recovery	%		50%	44%	39%	37%
Chromium Recovery	%		27%	27%	27%	27%
Iron Recovery	%		38%	32%	36%	36%
<b>Production</b>						
Recovered Nickel	ktpa		23	35	42	34
Recovered Chromium	ktpa		25	52	69	59
Recovered Iron	ktpa		335	630	1,023	860
Payable Nickel	ktpa		21	32	39	31
Payable Chromium	ktpa		11	22	29	25
Payable Iron	ktpa		237	447	726	611
NSR	US\$/tonne milled		\$31.09	\$23.93	\$21.49	\$20.86
<b>Average Costs</b>						
Mining	US\$/tonne milled		\$5.25	\$3.97	\$4.22	\$3.84
Milling	US\$/tonne milled		\$4.77	\$4.54	\$4.11	\$4.19
G&A	US\$/tonne milled		\$0.98	\$0.51	\$0.38	\$0.42
Total Onsite Costs	US\$/tonne milled		\$11.00	\$9.02	\$8.71	\$8.45
C1 Cash Cost	US\$/lb Ni		\$1.46	\$1.32	\$1.20	\$1.09
AISC	US\$/lb Ni		\$3.09	\$2.57	\$1.97	\$1.94
Payables	% / Recovered			91% Ni, 71% Fe and 43% Cr		





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