



ROYAL NICKEL CORP

NEWS RELEASE

Royal Nickel Selects Norascon as Pre-stripping Contractor for Dumont Nickel Project

Toronto, Ontario, September 19, 2012 – Royal Nickel Corporation (“RNC”) (TSX: RNX) is pleased to announce that it has selected Norascon as the mining contractor for the overburden pre-stripping phase of the Dumont Nickel Project (“Dumont”).

Following a formal request for proposal (“RFP”) process, RNC has selected Norascon as mining contractor for certain development activities at its Dumont project, including pre-stripping, the establishment of mining areas, and related feasibility study and permitting activities. Based on the pre-feasibility study, the contract will involve the movement of pre-strip material, beginning in early 2014. The final quantities and timeline will be determined by the feasibility study currently expected to be completed in mid 2013.

Tyler Mitchelson, President and CEO, commented, “We received a number of excellent proposals submitted under our pre-strip RFP process and I am happy to be able to select a highly experienced and reputable local mining contractor such as Norascon, which is based in close proximity to Dumont in the Abitibi region of Quebec, to help move the project forward. Norascon has successfully completed a number of mining works contracts on large projects in Quebec and abroad and I am excited to welcome a firm of their experience and professionalism to the Dumont development team.”

Denis Jobin, Vice President, Corporate Development for Norascon, commented, “As a proud member of the business community in Amos, Norascon is very much looking forward to working with RNC and contributing to the development of the Dumont project.”

The selection of Norascon as pre-stripping contractor is subject to completion of a formal mining services agreement and RNC’s ability to conclude arrangements for the financing of the Dumont project.

About Royal Nickel Corporation

Royal Nickel Corporation is a mineral resource company focused primarily on the exploration, evaluation, development and acquisition of base metal and platinum group metal properties. RNC's principal asset is the Dumont Nickel Project strategically located in the established Abitibi mining camp, 25 Kilometres northwest of Amos, Quebec. RNC has a strong management team and Board with over 100 years of mining experience in the nickel business at Inco and Falconbridge. RNC's common shares and warrants trade on the TSX under the symbols RNX and RNX.WT.

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