



ROYAL NICKEL CORP

NEWS RELEASE

Royal Nickel Closes Brokered Flow-Through Private Placement and Provides Partner Process Update; Proceeds to be Used to Investigate High Grade Intersection at Dumont

Toronto, Ontario, March 7, 2013 – Royal Nickel Corporation (“RNC”) (TSX: RNX) has closed a private placement of 4 million flow-through shares at a price of \$0.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$2 million. Marquest Capital Markets and Casimir Capital Ltd. acted as the agents for the placement.

“By raising a targeted amount of capital through this flow-through financing we will be able to investigate the regional potential near Dumont and, most importantly, follow-up on a single high grade intersection (1.25m of 4.37% nickel, 5.56 g/t palladium + platinum, 0.46% copper and 0.13 % cobalt) discovered in 2011 at the basal contact of the intrusion. It is prudent to follow-up on this discovery at this time, to ascertain whether further high grade mineralization exists along the footwall contacts outside the known Dumont orebody, particularly as our exploration team has now largely finished its work for the Dumont feasibility study” said Tyler Mitchelson, President and CEO of Royal Nickel Corporation.

RNC has paid Marquest and Casimir a cash commission of \$120,000 and issued 240,000 broker warrants exercisable for one year to acquire up to 240,000 common shares at a price of \$0.50 per share.

RNC will use the proceeds of the private placement primarily to investigate the high-grade massive sulphide mineralization occurrence described above. Work will also focus on evaluating regional exploration targets that occur within the Dumont property but outside the Dumont resource.

High Grade Intersection at Dumont



A section of polished NQ-size core (47mm diameter) from high grade intersection at RNC's Dumont project

Through previous exploration drilling RNC has identified a high grade intersection at its Dumont project (as reported in RNC's technical report dated June 22, 2012). The intersection is located northwest of the contemplated prefeasibility open pit and occurs along the basal contact of the Dumont intrusion approximately 450 metres below surface. The intersection consists of a 1.25m core-length massive sulphide interval composed of more than 90% sulphides, containing primarily pyrrhotite and pentlandite. The assay for this massive sulphide interval is shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Assay for Massive Sulphide Interval in Hole 11-RN-355:

From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Nickel (%)	Copper (%)	Cobalt (%)	Platinum (g/t)	Palladium (g/t)
572.95	574.20	1.25	4.37	0.46	0.13	2.05	3.51

Source: Technical report dated June 22, 2012 available under Royal Nickel's profile on www.sedar.com.

To date, this is the only occurrence that has shown such elevated concentrations of sulphides with high metal grades at the Dumont project. Limited follow-up work in 2011 indicated that this mineralization was limited in extent locally. However, this discovery demonstrates that mineralizing processes capable of producing high-grade massive sulphide mineralization have operated within the Dumont setting, particularly at the basal contact of the intrusion. Further work will focus on following up this intersection through

surface and borehole EM surveys and drilling to explore the rest of the 7.5 km long basal contact for similar occurrences.

Partner Process Update

RNC's previously announced formal partnership process is ongoing. At this time, RNC continues to be in discussions with interested parties to invest in the Dumont project either directly or through other investment structures. RNC remains optimistic that partnership and financing arrangements will be completed in advance of the receipt of permits, expected in the second quarter of 2014. There is no assurance that any of the proposals or discussions held to date will lead to a binding proposal or to the signing of definitive agreements.

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 trade on the TSX under the symbol RNX.

Unless otherwise indicated, RNC has prepared the technical information in this news release ("Technical Information") based on information contained in the pre-feasibility study dated June 22, 2012, relating to the Company's Dumont Nickel Project and news releases (collectively the "Disclosure Documents") available under RNC's company profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Each Disclosure Document was prepared by or under the supervision of a qualified person (a "Qualified Person") as defined in National Instrument 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Readers are encouraged to review the full text of the Disclosure Documents which qualifies the Technical Information. The Technical Information is subject to the assumptions and qualifications contained in the Disclosure Documents.

The Technical Information contained in this news release has been approved by Alger St-Jean, P. Geo., Vice President Exploration of the Company, a Qualified Person under NI 43-101.

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This news release contains "forward-looking information" including without limitation statements relating to planned exploration and expected timeframe for receiving permits.

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