

# SPC Nickel Reports High Grades Assay Results From Samples Collected on the Muskox Property, Nunavut

**Sudbury, Ontario** – (October 5, 2022) – **SPC Nickel Corp. (TSX-V:SPC)** (**"SPC Nickel"** or the **"Company"**) is pleased to announce assay results from prospecting targeting nickel-copper-platinum group metals (PGM) at the highly prospective Muskox Property (the 'Property') during June-July 2022. The Company's 100% owned property consists of 14 mineral claims and 2 prospector permits covering 45,900 hectares of the Muskox Intrusion. The Property is located approximately 100 km south of the Hamlet of Kugluktuk within the Kitikmeot Region of western Nunavut.

#### Highlights:

- High-grade grab samples with values up to 1.55% Ni, 6.38% Cu and 6.18 g/t Pt+Pd+Au (PGM) were collected intermittently over a strike length of 1.0 km at the SKOX showing (refer to Figure 2 below).
- High-grade grab samples with values up to **1.48% Ni, 1.57% Cu** and **2.66 g/t PGM** were collected intermittently over a strike length 1.1 km at the Spider Lake Area (refer to Figure 3).
- The highest-grade sample was collected along the West Margin of the main Muskox Intrusion and returned values of **1.65% Ni and 8.64% Cu** (refer to Figure 4 below).

Grab samples are preferentially selected and are not representative of the entire property.

Grant Mourre, CEO and President of SPC Nickel Corp. commented, "We are very encouraged by the results from our maiden Muskox field trip. The results further confirm our belief, that the Muskox Intrusion has the potential to become a world class Ni-Cu-PGM camp. We are excited to continue to evaluate and develop targets on the property and look forward to our return to the field."

#### **Description of the 2022 Prospecting Program**

The Company completed a five-day prospecting program on the Muskox Property in late June. The Company's field crews accessed the Property via daily helicopter flights based out of the Hamlet of Kugluktuk located approximately 100 km to the north of the Property.

The objectives of the program were two-fold: 1) to visit and resample many of the historic Ni-Cu-PGM showings on the property to gain a better understanding on the style and controls of sulphide mineralization; and 2) to collect high-quality geochemical data that will be used to better understand the overall prospectivity of the Muskox Intrusion. During the five-day program, a total of 140 grab samples were collected across a wide range of geological environments, this included 62 samples for assay analysis and 78 samples for complete geochemical analysis. Non-mineralized to weakly mineralized samples were intentionally collected for all sites for complete geochemical characterization. Refer to Figure 1.

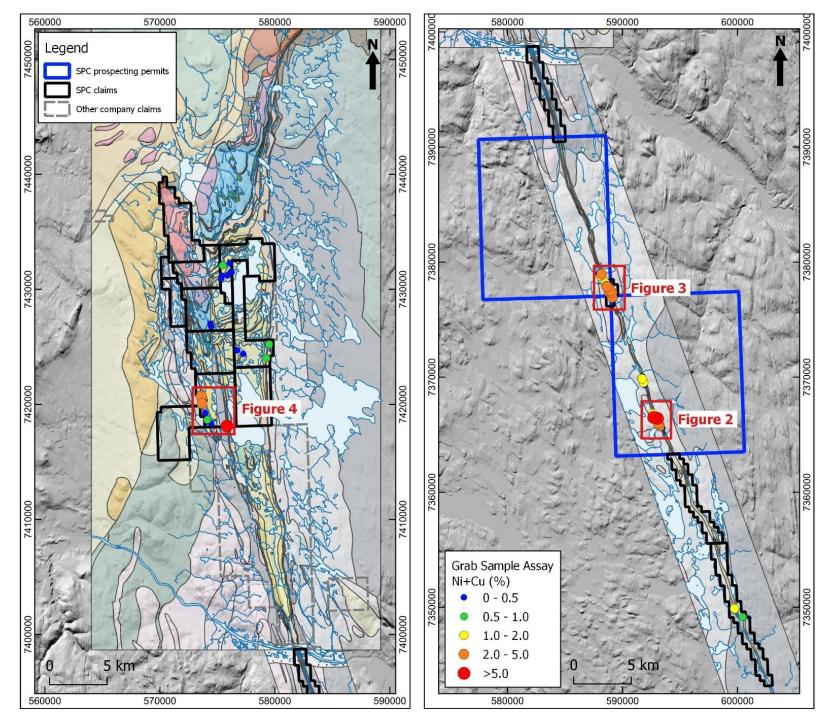


Figure 1: Geological plan map of the Muskox Intrusion showing the Company property position, sample locations and detailed figure locations. The image on the right is a continuation of the image on the left.

# **Discussion on the 2022 Program Results**

## Feeder Dyke (Figure 1)

The Feeder Dyke is exposed as a 60 km long, 200 to 600 metre wide dyke composed of picrite and gabbronorite in zones parallel to the dipping walls of the dyke. Zones of disseminated to massive sulphide mineralization have been identified intermittently over the length of the dyke and are commonly associated with breccia zones or flexures within the dyke like those observed at Voisey's Bay and the Sudbury Basin.

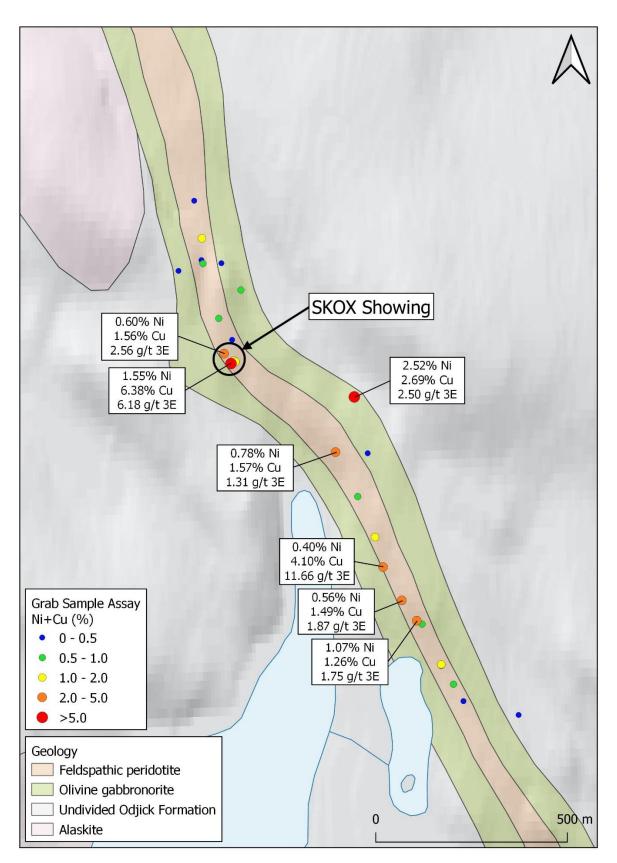
A total of 95 samples (48 samples for assay and 47 samples for complete geochemical analysis) were collected from four selected areas along the length of the 60 km Muskox Feeder Dyke. Highlights from two areas, the SKOX/Marceau Lake and the Spider Lake Areas are presented below.

## SKOX/Marceau Lake Area (Figure 2)

A total of 28 samples were collected over the SKOX/Marceau Lake Area, this includes 16 samples for assay and 12 samples for complete geochemical analysis. Refer to Table 1 for assay results.

#### **Highlights:**

- Two distinct types of sulphide mineralization were encountered at the SKOX/Marceau Lake Area.
  - Type 1: Sub-rounded to rounded pods of semi-massive to massive sulphide surrounded by halos of net-textured sulphides within the gabbronorite units throughout the area. Pods can range in size from centimetres up to metres in size.
  - Type 2: Disseminated to blebby Cu-PGM-rich sulphides within gabbronorite units along the western margin of the dyke, over a strike length of 1.2 km.
  - Type 3: Anastomosing veins of semi-massive to massive sulphide within gabbronorite at the historic SKOX showing. Sulphide veins may be related to a zone of magmatic breccias and/or structurally controlled.
- Type 1 sulphides were found to be Cu and Ni-rich, but PGM-poor, while Type 2 and Type 3 sulphides are predominately Cu and PGM-rich.
- The SKOX showing is coincident with a VLF-EM anomaly remodelled by the Company (refer to May 24, 2022 press release) from data collected by BHP in 1994<sup>1</sup>. The highly prospective anomaly has a strike length of 500 metres and a width up to 125 metres. A 2D inversion model demonstrates that the anomaly extends to at least a vertical depth of 80 metres, which is the depth limitations of the survey.
- Preliminary field observations suggest the main sulphide zone may be related to changes in the geometry of the Feeder Dyke which may cause a change in the flow regime of the magma as it flows along the conduit.
- The SKOX/Marceau Lake Area remain virtually untested with no modern geophysics or diamond drilling being completed to date.



**Figure 2**: Geological plan map of the SKOX/Marceau Lake Area showing the location of samples collected in 2022. Samples are scaled and colored based on Ni+Cu% grade. PGM vales are presented as Pt+Pd+Au g/t.

Table 1: Selected grab samples (>0.5% Ni+Cu) collected from the SKOX/Marceau Lake Area. Refer to Figure 2 for
sample locations.

Sample	Easting	Northing	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	Ni+Cu %	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au g/t	3E g/t	Ag g/t
D831011	592709	7366502	1.55	6.38	0.05	7.93	0.331	5.310	0.534	6.18	14.70
D831110	593031	7366415	2.52	2.69	0.09	5.21	1.070	1.360	0.072	2.50	8.50
D831107	593106	7365971	0.40	4.10	0.02	4.50	0.680	10.450	0.530	11.66	9.70
D831010	592982	7366271	0.78	1.57	0.04	2.34	0.132	0.961	0.220	1.31	0.90
D831056	593194	7365831	1.07	1.26	0.06	2.33	0.334	1.260	0.156	1.75	3.00
D831111	592691	7366528	0.60	1.53	0.03	2.13	0.294	2.060	0.202	2.56	7.60
D831008	593155	7365884	0.56	1.49	0.03	2.04	0.213	1.585	0.073	1.87	0.70
D831108	593085	7366049	0.55	0.91	0.03	1.47	0.177	0.706	0.109	0.99	3.60
D831007	593258	7365717	0.48	0.90	0.03	1.38	0.141	1.160	0.099	1.40	2.00
D831057	592721	7366507	0.52	0.81	0.02	1.32	0.178	1.020	0.299	1.50	3.20
D831115	592633	7366829	0.42	0.84	0.02	1.25	0.178	1.515	0.097	1.79	4.10
D831058	592716	7366510	0.27	0.77	0.01	1.05	0.171	1.385	0.110	1.67	2.10
D831106	593290	7365665	0.28	0.70	0.01	0.98	0.210	1.825	0.152	2.19	2.40
D831113	592735	7366694	0.25	0.72	0.01	0.97	0.477	2.860	0.268	3.61	3.20
D831009	593040	7366155	0.28	0.63	0.02	0.91	0.129	1.050	0.141	1.32	2.00
D831059	592636	7366763	0.26	0.62	0.02	0.88	0.167	0.543	0.061	0.77	0.90
D831054	593258	7365714	0.27	0.48	0.02	0.75	0.084	0.702	0.069	0.86	1.30
D831055	593208	7365822	0.17	0.45	0.01	0.62	0.107	1.075	0.154	1.34	1.80
D831012	592677	7366620	0.27	0.33	0.02	0.59	0.099	0.553	0.052	0.70	2.20
D831006	593316	7365621	0.18	0.33	0.01	0.50	0.061	0.562	0.060	0.68	1.30

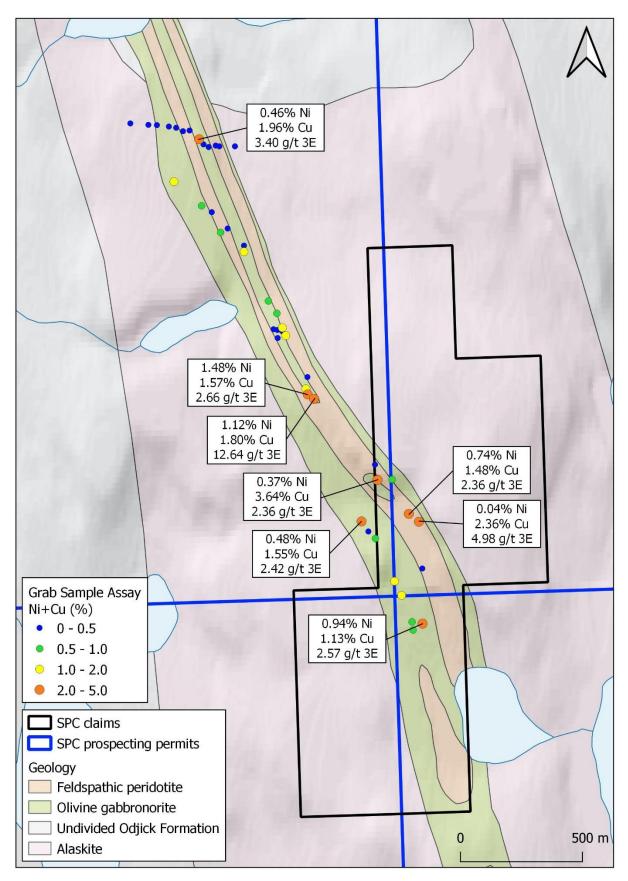
Note: Coordinate system is NAD83 Zn11. 3E equal Pt + Pd +Au. Grab samples are preferentially selected and are not representative of the entire property.

#### Spider Lake Area (Figure 3)

A total of 47 samples were collected over the Spider Lake Area, this included 17 samples for assay and 30 samples for complete geochemical analysis. Refer to Table 2 for assay results.

#### **Highlights:**

- Two distinct types of sulphide mineralization were encountered at the Spider Lake Area.
  - Type 1: Sub-rounded to rounded pods of semi-massive to massive sulphides surrounded by halos of net-textured sulphides within the gabbronorite units. Pods can range in size from centimetres up to metres in size.
  - Type 2: Disseminated to net-textured chalcopyrite-rich sulphides within gabbronorite units.
- Type 1 sulphides were found to be Cu and Ni-rich, but PGM-poor, while Type 2 sulphides are predominately Cu and PGM-rich.
- The main showing at the Spider Lake Area consists of disseminated to net-textured sulphides (chalcopyrite dominate) that were traced over a strike length of 700 metres and were found to be sub-parallel to the internal igneous contacts.
- Preliminary field observations suggest the main sulphide zone may be related to changes in the geometry of the Feeder Dyke which may cause a change in the flow regime of the magma as it flows along the conduit.
- The Spider Lake Area remain virtually untested with no modern geophysics or diamond drilling being completed to date.



**Figure 3**: Geological plan map of the Spider Lake Area showing the location of samples collected in 2022. Samples are scaled and colored based on Ni+Cu% grade. PGM vales are presented as Pt+Pd+Au g/t.

Sample	Easting	Northing	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	Ni+Cu %	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au g/t	3E g/t	Ag g/t
D831022	588649	7377877	0.37	3.64	0.03	4.01	0.860	11.200	0.580	12.64	12.50
D831023	588623	7377895	1.48	1.57	0.06	3.05	0.626	1.900	0.130	2.66	8.90
D831020	588909	7377544	1.12	1.80	0.05	2.92	0.282	1.895	0.184	2.36	6.00
D831132	588178	7378941	0.46	1.96	0.03	2.42	0.447	2.620	0.331	3.40	11.90
D831121	589079	7377373	0.04	2.36	0.01	2.40	0.552	3.920	0.504	4.98	2.20
D831122	589038	7377405	0.74	1.48	0.04	2.21	0.625	1.620	0.118	2.36	9.00
D831067	588844	7377374	0.48	1.55	0.01	2.02	0.232	1.985	0.207	2.42	14.80
D831127	588519	7378168	0.60	1.31	0.03	1.91	0.125	1.180	0.097	1.40	6.00
D831030	588075	7378767	0.81	1.10	0.05	1.91	0.180	0.400	0.069	0.65	4.80
D831018	589008	7377071	0.20	1.65	0.01	1.85	0.256	1.630	0.170	2.06	5.30
D831028	588362	7378480	0.58	1.06	0.04	1.64	0.116	0.716	0.090	0.92	5.50
D831024	588616	7377918	0.68	0.88	0.03	1.56	0.124	0.877	0.106	1.11	2.80
D831019	588979	7377129	0.26	1.16	0.02	1.42	0.248	1.470	0.174	1.89	7.60
D831124	588533	7378136	0.42	0.81	0.03	1.22	0.151	1.380	0.098	1.63	4.40
D831065	588901	7377304	0.13	0.86	0.01	0.99	0.112	0.872	0.096	1.08	3.10
D831017	589051	7376962	0.25	0.63	0.01	0.88	0.115	0.914	0.081	1.11	4.20
D831071	588188	7378668	0.25	0.59	0.01	0.84	0.067	1.015	0.098	1.18	3.40
D831016	589055	7376929	0.17	0.63	0.01	0.79	0.125	0.919	0.096	1.14	5.40
D831130	588462	7378278	0.28	0.49	0.02	0.77	0.097	0.632	0.055	0.78	2.70
D831123	588969	7377546	0.11	0.54	0.01	0.65	0.082	0.728	0.072	0.88	3.50
D831068	588266	7378559	0.16	0.39	0.01	0.55	0.074	0.537	0.066	0.68	2.20
D831128	588497	7378227	0.11	0.41	0.01	0.52	0.100	0.438	0.045	0.58	0.60

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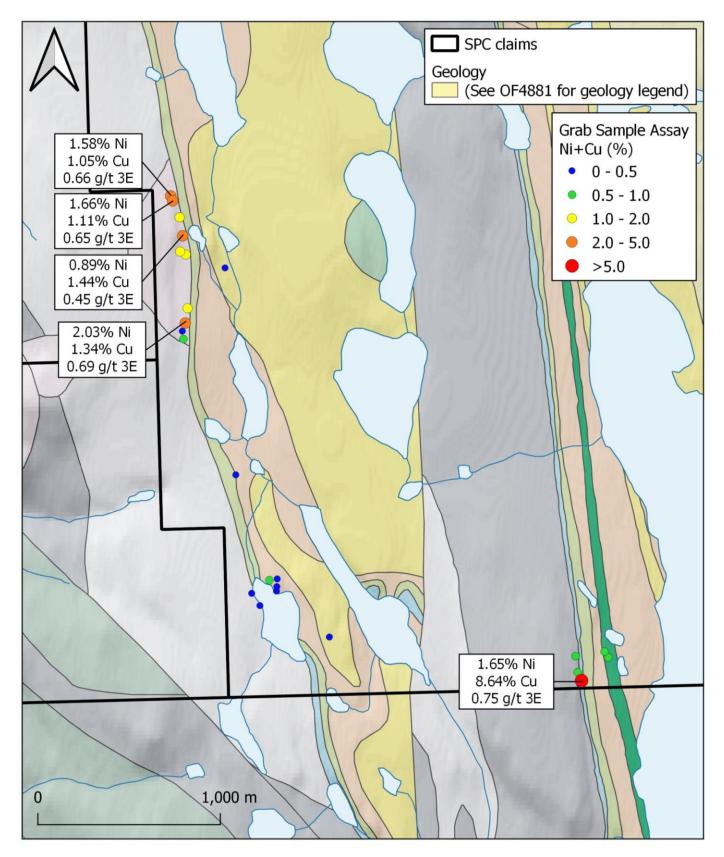
# Main Muskox Intrusion (Figure 4)

The Main Intrusive is a 60 km long by up to 11 km wide elongate-shaped body that is well differentiated and consists of gently inwardly dipping layers of dunite, peridotites, pyroxenites and gabbroic rocks. The total thickness of the exposed portion of the Main Intrusion is up to 1,895 metres based on drilling completed by the Geological Survey of Canada in 1963. Within the Main Intrusion, high-grade massive Ni-Cu-PGM sulphide mineralization occurs along the basal contact of the intrusion or in the adjacent footwall, similar to the Sudbury and Norilsk camps, while narrow PGM-bearing chromite horizons occur within the upper stratigraphic units of the intrusion, similar to the Bushveld and Stillwater Intrusions.

A total of 45 samples were collected over the Main Muskox Intrusion, this included 15 samples for assay and 30 samples for complete geochemical analysis.

# **Highlights**:

- Extensive gossan development over multiple kilometres along the western margin of the Muskox Intrusion.
- Three distinct types of sulphide mineralization were encountered along the margin of the Muskox Intrusion.
  - Veins and/or irregular bodies of high-grade massive sulphide hosted within marginal gabbronorites at the intrusion-footwall contact.
    - Veins and/or irregular bodies of high-grade massive sulphide hosted entirely within footwall lithologies proximal to the contact. Initial interpretations suggest that these zones represent massive sulphide that has been either fractionated or injected into the footwall, similar to what is observed at the Sudbury and Norilsk camps.
  - Coarse grained blebby to net-textured sulphides within peridotite units overlying the marginal gabbronorite hosted mineralization.



**Figure 4**: Geological plan map of the Western Margin of the Main Muskox Intrusion showing the location of samples collected in 2022. Samples are scaled and colored based on Ni+Cu% grade. PGM vales are presented as Pt+Pd+Au g/t.

**Table 3:** Selected grab samples (>0.5% Ni+Cu) collected from the Main Muskox Intrusion. Refer to Figure 4 for sample locations.

Sample	Easting	Northing	Ni %	Cu %	Co %	Ni+Cu %	Pt g/t	Pd g/t	Au g/t	3E g/t	Ag g/t
D831143	575828	7418114	1.65	8.64	0.24	10.29	0.001	0.551	0.198	0.75	26.30
D831139	573656	7420072	2.03	1.34	0.15	3.37	0.078	0.561	0.047	0.69	3.10
D831089	573587	7420741	1.66	1.11	0.13	2.76	0.062	0.551	0.041	0.65	2.00
D831142	573576	7420768	1.58	1.05	0.13	2.62	0.098	0.526	0.036	0.66	3.80
D831088	573642	7420550	0.89	1.44	0.09	2.33	0.001	0.321	0.125	0.45	1.30
D831141	573625	7420651	0.74	0.84	0.08	1.58	0.001	0.116	0.034	0.15	0.70
D831037	573628	7420464	1.01	0.53	0.11	1.54	0.020	0.151	0.019	0.19	1.10
D831140	573659	7420447	0.87	0.52	0.10	1.39	0.005	0.100	0.017	0.12	1.50
D831087	573669	7420153	0.59	0.47	0.05	1.06	0.022	0.101	0.010	0.13	<0.2
D831039	575807	7418160	0.22	0.78	0.01	1.00	0.111	0.740	0.061	0.91	2.40
D831097	575455	7432080	0.39	0.57	0.01	0.96	0.186	0.585	0.057	0.83	1.70
D831093	575795	7418248	0.24	0.52	0.03	0.76	0.038	0.199	0.023	0.26	1.00
D831046	579260	7424032	0.39	0.37	0.06	0.76	0.007	0.260	0.011	0.28	<0.2
D831036	573646	7419985	0.42	0.33	0.08	0.75	0.013	0.081	0.012	0.11	1.6
D831047	579494	7425235	0.18	0.46	0.01	0.64	0.080	0.263	0.037	0.38	1.20
D831094	575954	7418273	0.22	0.42	0.01	0.64	0.066	0.415	0.035	0.52	1.80
D831040	575974	7418242	0.20	0.34	0.01	0.54	0.053	0.338	0.031	0.42	1.50
D831034	574117	7418664	0.27	0.25	0.02	0.52	0.053	0.195	0.016	0.26	1.30

Note: Coordinate system is NAD83 Zn11. 3E equal Pt + Pd +Au. Grab samples are preferentially selected and are not representative of the entire property.

#### **About the Muskox Intrusion**

The Muskox Intrusion is one of the last undeveloped camp-scale Ni-Cu-PGM prospects in the world. Originally discovered by INCO in the late 1950s during an aerial survey that discovered visible surface indications of mineralization (gossans) extending over tens of kilometres across the tundra. INCO drilled and sampled 117 shallow holes to test the gossans between 1957 and 1959 resulting in intersections of up to 7.6% Cu, 3.2% Ni and 16 g/t PGM<sup>2</sup> over 5.48 metres. Over the next 60 years, companies including Equinox Resources Ltd (1980s), Muskox Minerals Corp. (1995), Anglo American Exploration (2003) and Silvermet Inc. (2007) completed limited exploration programs on the Muskox Intrusion.

The Muskox Intrusion is one of the largest and least deformed layered mafic to ultramafic bodies in the world. It was emplaced during a large magmatic event (Mackenzie Magmatic Event) in the Proterozoic by mantle plume volcanism related to the widespread Coppermine River Group flood basalts. The intrusion is broadly composed of two distinct, but related, components called the Main Intrusive Body and the Feeder Dyke, which combined are exposed over a length of 125 km, and range in width from 200-600 metres in the Feeder Dyke to 11 km in the Main Body of the intrusion.

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# **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

SPC Nickel follows rigorous sampling and analytical protocols that meet or exceed industry standards. All rock samples collected were placed in plastic sample bags and were transported back to the field camp and later to the ALS facility in Yellowknife, NWT, Canada. Sample batches include certified reference materials that are then processed under the control of ALS. All assay samples were analyzed in Vancouver by ALS. Platinum, palladium, and gold values were determined together using standard lead oxide collection fire assay and ICP-AES finish. Base metal values were determined using sodium peroxide fusion and ICP-AES finish. Silver values were determined using an aqua regia digestions and an AAS finish. All geochemistry samples were analyzed in Vancouver by ALS. Platinum, palladium, and gold values were determined together using standard lead oxide collection fire assay and ICP-AES finish. Trace elements were determined by a lithium borate fusion prior to acid dissolution and an ICP-MS analysis. Major element and base metals were determined by a four-acid digestion and ICP-AES finish.

# **Qualified Person**

The technical elements of this news release have been approved by Mr. Grant Mourre, P.Geo. (PGO), CEO and President of SPC Nickel Corp. and a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. The historical information shown in this news release was obtained from historical work reports filed by Equinox Resources Ltd. and BHP Minerals Canada Ltd. and have not been independently verified by a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43 101. Note that grab samples values shown in this news release are selective by nature and values reported may not be representative of mineralized zones.

# About SPC Nickel Corp.

SPC Nickel Corp. is a Canadian public corporation focused on exploring for Ni-Cu-PGMs within the world class Sudbury Mining Camp. The Company is currently exploring its key 100% owned exploration projects Lockerby East and Aer-Kidd both located in the heart of the historic Sudbury Mining Camp and holds an option to acquire 100% interest in the Janes Project located approximately 50 km NE of Sudbury. In addition, the Company recently acquired over 46,000 hectares covering a large proportion of the high prospective Muskox Intrusion, located in Nunavut. Although our focus is on Sudbury, we are an opportunistic company always looking for opportunities to use our skills to add shareholder value. Additional information regarding the Company and its projects can be found at <u>www.spcnickel.com</u>.

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