

Cumberland Resources Nickel Announced Purchase Agreement to Acquire the Indigo Graphite Mineral Leases and Private Placement

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - April 28, 2023) - **Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. (CSE: LAND)** (the "**Company**" or "**Cumberland**") is pleased to announce it has entered into a purchase agreement dated April 27, 2023 (the "**Agreement**") to acquire (the "**Acquisition**") 100% legal and beneficial interest in the Indigo Mineral Leases (the "**Indigo Claims**") from an arm's length individual (the "**Vendor**"). In addition, the Company is pleased to announce, it intends to complete a non-brokered private placement of for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$1,185,000 (the "**Offering**"), or such greater amount as the Company may determine.

Property Details

The Indigo Claims are comprised of 32 mining claims covering approximately 1,892.5 hectares in the Saint-Michel-des-Saints municipality, Quebec.

Transaction Details

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company will acquire a 100% right, title and interest in and to the Indigo Claims by paying the Vendor on closing of the Acquisition: (i) cash consideration of \$200,000; and (ii) the Company will issue the Vendor, or as the Vendor directs, 30,000,000 common shares of the Company (the "**Payment Shares**"). The Payment Shares will be issued at a deemed price equal to the maximum discount allowed on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "**CSE**"). The Payment Shares will be subject to a contractual lock-up restricting the transfer of the Payment Shares as follows. The Payment Shares will be subject to a voluntary resale restriction from the date of issuance of the Payment Shares, with 20% of the Payment Shares (6,000,000 Payment Shares) being released on closing of the Acquisition and 20% of the Payment Shares (6,000,000 Payment Shares) being released every six (6) months thereafter.

In addition, the Company will grant a 3% net smelter royalty ("**NSR**") in favour of the Vendor payable on the Indigo Claims. One third (1/3) of the NSR or 1.0% can be purchased by the Company or nominee for \$2.0 million.

In addition, Cumberland will commission an NI 43-101 Technical Report ("**Technical Report**") to determine the size of the graphite resource, if any, on the Indigo Claims. If there is a resource on the Indigo Claims, as confirmed by the Technical Report, then the Company will provide the following additional cash payment to the Vendor:

(i) \$2,500,000 if a Technical Report determines there is a resource of a minimum of 5.0 million tonnes of ore, but less than 10.0 million tonnes, with an average grading greater than 4.0% graphite;

(ii) \$3,750,000 if a Technical Report determines there is a resource of minimum of 10.0 million tonnes of ore, but less than 15.0 million tonnes, with an average grading greater than 4.0% graphite;

(iii) \$5,000,000 if a Technical Report determines there is a resource is a minimum of 15.0 million tonnes of ore, but less than 20.0 million tonnes, with an average grading greater than 4.0% graphite; or

(iv) \$6,250,000 if a Technical Report determines there is a resource is a greater than 20.0 million tonnes of ore with an average grading greater than 4.0% graphite.

Furthermore, as part of the Acquisition, the Company will pay an arm's length finders an aggregate of \$112,500 plus applicable taxes.

Private Placement

The Company intends to issue (i) up to 9,000,000 flow-through units ("**Flow-Through Units**"), or such greater amount as the Company may determine, at a price of \$0.065 per Flow-Through Unit; and (ii) up to 12,000,000 hard-dollar units ("**Hard-Dollar Unit**") or such greater amount as the Company may determine, at a price of \$0.05 per Hard-Dollar Unit.

Each Flow-Through Unit will be comprised of: (i) one (1) common share of the Company that will qualify as "flow-through shares" (within the meaning of subsection 66(15) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)); and (ii) one half of one (1/2) common share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a "**Warrant**"), with each whole Warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one (1) non-flow-through common share of the Company (a "**Share**") at a price of \$0.10 for 12 months following the closing of the Offering.

Each Hard-Dollar Unit will be comprised of: (i) one (1) Share; and (ii) one half of one (1/2) Warrant.

The gross proceeds raised from the issuance of the Flow-Through Units will be used to incur "Canadian exploration expenses" that are "flow-through mining expenditures" (as such terms are defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)). The net proceeds raised from the issuance of the Hard-Dollar Units will be used for exploration and development activities and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The Offering is expected to close on or about May 17, 2023, or such other date or dates as may be determined by the Company. Closing may be completed in one or more tranches as the Company may determine. Completion of the Offering is subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the receipt of all necessary approvals. There can be no assurance that the Offering will be completed, whether in whole or in part.

In connection with the Offering, eligible finders will receive (a) a cash commission equal to 8% of the gross proceeds raised from subscribers to the Offering who were introduced by such finder; (b) such number of non-transferrable finder warrants ("**Finder Warrants**") as is equivalent to 4% of the number of Flow-Through Units and/or Hard-Dollar Units, as applicable, issued to such subscribers; and (c) such number of Shares as is equivalent to 4% of the number of Hard-Dollar Units and/or Flow-Through Units, as applicable issued to subscribers introduced by them. Each Finder Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one Share at a price of \$0.10 for 12 months following closing of the Offering.

All securities issued under the Offering will be subject to a four-month and one day statutory hold period in accordance with applicable securities laws.

The securities issued pursuant to the Offering have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**"), or any U.S. state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an available exemption from the registration requirement of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, such securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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About Cumberland

Cumberland Resources Nickel Corp. holds a 100% interest in the St. Anthony Property located in Newfoundland, Canada. The Company is focused on exploring and developing its mineral properties

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