

FATHOM NICKEL ANNOUNCES THE CLOSING OF ITS SECOND AND FINAL TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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Calgary, Alberta - **February 20, 2024** – Fathom Nickel Inc. (CSE: FNI) (FSE: 6Q5) (OTCQB: FNICF) (the "**Company**" or "**Fathom**") is pleased to announce that it has closed the second and final tranche of its non-brokered offering of flow-through units and non flow-though units (the "**Offering**"), previously announced on December 4, 2023. Pursuant to the Offering, upon closing of the second tranche, the Company issued 10,808,974 non-flow through units (the "**NFT Units**") at a price per NFT Unit of \$0.11 for gross proceeds of \$1,188,987. Combined with the first tranche of the financing that closed on December 22, 2023, the total gross proceeds raised under the Offering was \$4,571,063.

Each NFT Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (a "Common Share") and one transferable Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant") that shall be exercisable into one Common Share for a period of 24 months from issuance at an exercise price of C\$0.20.

The Company issued the Common Shares under the Offering in accordance with the accredited investor exemption under National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* and are subject to a resale restriction of four months and one day from the date of distribution.

The net proceeds of the Offering from the NFT Units will be used for exploration and development of the Company's mineral projects and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

As consideration for services in connection with the Offering, the Company paid to certain qualified person (the "Finders"), a cash commission of \$51,791 and issued 661,342 broker warrants ("Finder Warrants"). Each Finder Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.13 for a period of 24 months from issuance.

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About Fathom Nickel Inc.

Fathom is an exploration company that is targeting magmatic nickel sulphide discoveries to support the rapidly growing global electric vehicle market.

The Company now has a portfolio of two high-quality exploration projects located in the prolific Trans Hudson Corridor in Saskatchewan: 1) the Albert Lake Project, a 90,000+ hectare project that was host to the historic and past producing Rottenstone deposit (produced high-grade Ni-Cu+PGE, 1965-1969),

and 2) the Gochager Lake Project, 22,000+ hectare project host to a historic, NI43-101 non-compliant open pit resource; the Gochager Lake deposit,(of 4.3M tons at 0.295% Ni and 0.081% Cu¹, defined 1967-1970), an analogous drill tested nickel occurrence of drill intersections >1.% Ni (Mal Lake last drilled in 1967²), and the Borys Lake Zn-Cu-Pb+Ag occurrence.

1 - The Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMID#0880) reports drill indicated reserves at the historic Gochager Lake Deposit of 4,262,400 tons grading 0.295% Ni and 0.081% Cu mineable by open pit. Fathom cannot confirm the resource estimate nor the parameters and methods used to prepare the reserve estimate. The estimate is not considered NI43-101 compliant and further work is required to verify this historical drill indicated reserve.

2 – Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index #0836

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