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Crawford Nickel Project
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Via email: crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Subject: Taykwa Tagamou Nation's Support for Canada Nickel's Crawford Nickel Project

Dear Impact Assessment Agency of Canada,

On behalf of Taykwa Tagamou Nation, I am writing to express our Nation's support for Canada Nickel's Crawford Nickel Project. Our community has worked extensively with Canada Nickel to ensure that this Project respects our rights, creates long-term economic prosperity for our First Nation, and is built with environmental sustainability at the forefront.

Through a series of agreements and ongoing discussions, our Nation has secured meaningful economic participation in the Crawford Project. One of the key agreements is the Transmission Services Agreement, which ensures Taykwa Tagamou Nation's role in providing power transmission services to the Project. This agreement is critical to our Nation's economic self-sufficiency, as it positions us as a key partner in the Project's infrastructure development while generating revenue that will benefit our members for generations.

Additionally, Taykwa Tagamou Nation and Canada Nickel have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the mine haul fleet, providing our Nation with a direct business opportunity in the Project's operations. This agreement will enable our members to participate in mining logistics, equipment operation, and maintenance, ensuring that employment and training opportunities are created for our people. This initiative aligns with our goal of building capacity within our community and fostering long-term skills development in the mining sector.

In December 2024, we further announced a historic \$20 million investment partnership, marking the largest known direct investment by a First Nation into a critical minerals mining project in Canada. Our Nation will invest in a convertible note that, upon conversion, will provide an 8.4% equity stake in Canada Nickel and the right to nominate one individual to the company's Board of Directors. This partnership exemplifies our commitment to ensuring meaningful participation in the development of the Crawford Nickel Project through ownership, co-development, and a true seat at the decision making table. We expect to finalize this agreement in mid-February 2025.



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Beyond these agreements, ongoing discussions are taking place regarding a Mutual Services Agreement (MSA), which will further solidify Taykwa Tagamou Nation's involvement in the Project. The MSA is designed to ensure that our Nation benefits from a broad range of services related to the Project, including, but not limited to, environmental monitoring, workforce development, and business contracting. This agreement will provide a structured framework for sustained economic benefits, allowing us to reinvest in community infrastructure, education, and social programs, fostering intergenerational wealth and long-term prosperity for Taykwa Tagamou Nation.

Canada Nickel has demonstrated a strong commitment to working with our Nation by ensuring that we are not only consulted but also actively involved in shaping the economic and environmental aspects of the Project. We appreciate the company's willingness to engage in open discussions, provide access to training and employment opportunities, and incorporate our input into decision-making.

Furthermore, our interested members have conducted multiple environmental site visits, including a helicopter tour of the Project area, a country foods assessment study, as well as the opportunity for capacity building through active geotechnical, terrestrial and aquatics baseline studies. Through this process, our community has been able to complete a Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Study as well as a Socio-Economic Study. Canada Nickel has also provided funding support for an Impact Assessment Coordinator from our Nation who meets with the company regularly, in addition to environmental monitoring meetings with our Environmental Committee, to ensure our Nation's concerns are heard and addressed as the company moves through the Impact Assessment process. The company's transparency has been commendable, reinforcing our confidence in their commitment to working with our community in a meaningful way.

The Crawford Nickel Project represents a significant opportunity for economic reconciliation, allowing Taykwa Tagamou Nation to build a sustainable future for our members while ensuring that our environmental and cultural priorities are upheld. We strongly support Canada Nickel's Crawford Nickel Project and encourage the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to recognize the transformative economic benefits that this Project will bring to Taykwa Tagamou Nation and our broader Traditional Territory.

Sincerely,

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**Chief Bruce Archibald
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