



NEWS RELEASE

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NICKEL 28 ANNOUNCES TSXV APPROVAL OF NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID

TORONTO, ONTARIO, February 19, 2026 — Nickel 28 Capital Corp. (“**Nickel 28**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: **NKL**) (FSE: **3JC0**) is pleased to announce that it has received approval from the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**TSXV**”) to conduct, at the Company’s discretion, a normal course issuer bid program (the “**NCIB**”) to purchase up to 7,050,819 common shares, representing approximately 8.1% of Nickel 28’s issued and outstanding common shares. Nickel 28 has appointed Haywood Securities Inc. to administer the proposed NCIB on behalf of the Company.

As of the date hereof, the Company has 86,977,221 common shares issued and outstanding. The maximum number of common shares that may be purchased by the Company under the NCIB represents approximately 10% of the Company's “Public Float” (calculated in accordance with the rules of the TSXV). The NCIB will commence on February 23, 2026, and will terminate on February 23, 2027, or on an earlier date in the event that the maximum number of common shares sought in the NCIB have been repurchased. The Company reserves the right to terminate the NCIB at any time.

“We are pleased to announce the TSXV’s acceptance of Nickel 28’s normal course issuer bid,” stated Craig Lennon, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Company. “In the opinion of management and the board of directors of Nickel 28, the common shares have recently continued to trade in a price range that represents a substantial discount to the Company's net asset value and does not reflect the underlying value of the Company, and implementation of this normal course issuer bid represents an important element of our shareholder capital return policy to enhance shareholder value creation,” he said.

All common shares purchased by Nickel 28 will be purchased on the open market through the facilities of the TSXV or alternative Canadian trading systems, in open market transactions or by such other means as may be permitted under applicable securities laws. The actual number of common shares which may be purchased, and the timing of such purchases, will be determined by Nickel 28. Decisions regarding purchases will be based on market conditions, share price, best use of available cash, and other factors as determined by the Board from time to time. Nickel 28 has also entered into an automatic purchase plan which will allow for the purchase for cancellation of common shares, subject to certain trading parameters, by Haywood Securities Inc. during times when Nickel 28 would ordinarily not be active in the market due to applicable securities regulatory restrictions or self-imposed blackout periods. Outside of these periods, the common shares will be repurchased by Nickel 28 at its discretion under the NCIB.

About Nickel 28

Nickel 28 Capital Corp. is a nickel-cobalt producer through its 8.56% joint-venture interest in the producing long-life Ramu Nickel-Cobalt Operation located in Papua New Guinea. Ramu provides Nickel 28 with significant attributable nickel and cobalt production thereby offering our shareholders direct exposure to two metals which are critical to the adoption of electric vehicles. In addition, Nickel

28 manages a portfolio of 10 nickel and cobalt royalties on development and exploration projects in Canada, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain information which constitutes ‘forward-looking statements’ and ‘forward-looking information’ within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Any statements that are contained in this news release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often identified by terms such as “may”, “should”, “anticipate”, “expect”, “potential”, “believe”, “intend” or the negative of these terms and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to: statements with respect to the proposed NCIB and related automatic share purchase plan (including relating to the number of common shares to be repurchased); statements with respect to the net asset value of the Company; statements with respect to the shareholder capital return policy; and statements with respect to the business and assets of Nickel 28 and its strategy going forward. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, most of which are beyond the Company’s control. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties underlying these forward-looking statements materialize, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results, performance or achievements could vary materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this release and, other than as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not assume any obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

Neither the TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release. No securities regulatory authority has either approved or disapproved of the contents of this news release.

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