

NiCAN Doubles Land Position at the Pipy Project in Thompson, Manitoba

Toronto, Ontario – September 6, 2022 – NiCAN Limited ("NiCAN" or the "Company") (TSX-V:NICN) has expanded its land position at its Pipy Project ("Pipy") along the Thompson Nickel Belt, now totaling over 24 km² of prospective ground (Figure 1). The new claims, known as Pipy North, cover an area of 11.84 km², and are contiguous with Vale's property to the south.

Highlights:

- Doubled land position at the Pipy project, now totaling over 24 km²
- Targeting high grade nickel sulphide mineralization similar to the Thompson T1 and T3 mines
- Initial work plan includes airborne electromagnetic survey followed by a diamond drilling program
- Prospective Pipe Formation on Pipy South has been defined via historical drilling and recently completed airborne magnetic surveys



Figure 1: NiCAN's Land Position at the Pipy Project in Thompson Manitoba

The newly acquired Pipy North claims are interpreted to be underlain by the Pipe Formation, confirmed by available aeromagnetic and government geological mapping. The Pipe Formation is known to host all the nickel deposits in the Thompson area. A folded anticlinal structure is interpreted along with iron formation of the Pipe Formation and associated ultramafic rocks. Pipy North is along strike from Pipy South (Figure 2) and sits in the same structural stratigraphic position as Vale's formerly producing Birchtree Mine, 18 km to the southwest along strike.





Pipy South Claim Group

The two Pipy South claim areas cover 13 km² and are 12 km north of the Thompson Mine and adjacent to the Mystery Lake South ultramafic hosted deposit. The property is underlain by an 8 km long synclinal structure exposing Ospwagan Group sediments including the critical Pipe Formation that host the nickel deposits in the Thompson Nickel Belt.

The recently acquired high-resolution UAV airborne magnetic survey was instrumental in interpreting the geology and a new structural model was developed from the three-dimensional inverted magnetic data. The magnetic data revealed the syncline comprised of two synclines on the east and west edges with an

anticline in the middle. The various fold closures associated with the synclines and anticlines are an ideal location to structurally concentrate massive sulphides (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Similar Stratigraphy and Structural Setting to the Thompson Deposit – Pipy South vs Thompson T1 and T3 Deposits



Pipy South Interpretation

Pipy South was explored in the late 1950s, through the early 1970s. There are 71 historical drill holes, 48 of which were drilled by INCO Limited ("INCO") in 1967 and 1968. Much of the early drilling was shallow and appears to be testing conductors. The assessment files only contain summary logs for the 1967 INCO drilling with more detailed logs for 9 of the 12 drill holes drilled in 1968. Importantly, six drill holes mention significant intervals of disseminated sulphides, including short intervals of massive sulphides or sulphide breccia and three drill holes mention pentlandite. Several drill holes intersected intervals of ultramafic rock. None of the INCO drill logs included any assay information.

The Company has identified several drill targets as a result of the historical drilling data and the new structural model of Pipy South.

Pipy North Claim Group

The newly acquired ground covers an area of 11.84 km² of stratigraphy over a folded strike length of 6 km similar to that which hosts the world-class Thompson T1 and T3 deposits located 28 km to the southwest. Historical drilling of 1,720 metres in nine drill holes by INCO in 1967 and 1968 and one drill hole by Falconbridge Limited in 2001 intersected Pipe Formation sulphide iron formation and ultramafic intrusions, the key ingredients for nickel deposit formation in the Thompson Nickel Belt.

Three of the INCO drill holes cut significant lengths of ultramafic rocks from 50 metres to 100 metres in core length. The INCO drill logs are summary logs, which do not provide detailed descriptions of lithology, mineralization, or assay data. The area has been flown by airborne geophysical surveys, both magnetic and electromagnetic, also covered locally by HLEM ground geophysics.

The historical geophysical testing systems were not as powerful as the technology available today and predate recent advances in 3D modelling and inversions. NiCAN intends to leverage all the advantages of recent geophysical systems, 3D modelling software, in house expertise, and recent research on the Thompson Nickel Belt to model a comprehensive structural and geological representation to guide future drilling.

Qualified Person

Mr. Stan Clemmer, P.Geo, a consultant to NiCAN, who is a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure of Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101")* has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information in this press release.

About NiCAN

NiCAN Limited is a mineral exploration company, trading under the symbol "NICN" on the TSX-V. The Company is actively exploring two nickel projects, both located in well-established mining jurisdictions in Manitoba, Canada.

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