



**NORDIC NICKEL**

# **NORDIC NICKEL LTD**

**ABN 13 647 455 105**

## **Interim Financial Report** **31 December 2023**



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<b>CORPORATE DIRECTORY</b>	
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The Directors present their report for Nordic Nickel Limited ("Nordic Nickel" or "the Company") and its subsidiary ("the Group") for the half year ended 31 December 2023.

### DIRECTORS

The persons who were directors of Nordic Nickel during the half year and up to the date of this report are:

- Marcello Cardaci (Non-Executive Chairman)
- Todd Ross (Managing Director and CEO)
- Robert Wrixon (Executive Director)
- Juho Haverinen (Non-Executive Director)

### NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Nordic Nickel is a company limited by shares and is domiciled in Australia. The principal activity of the Group during the financial period was mineral exploration.

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

#### Pulju Nickel Project

Nordic Nickel's flagship 100%-owned Pulju Nickel Project is located in the **Central Lapland Greenstone Belt (CLGB)**, 50km north of Kittilä in Finland, with access to world-class infrastructure, grid power, a national highway, international airport and, importantly, Europe's only two nickel smelters.



**Figure 1:** Location of Pulju Nickel Project and Europe's entire nickel smelting and refining capacity.



The known nickel mineralisation in the CLGB is typically associated with ultramafic cumulate and komatiitic rocks with high-grade, massive sulphide lenses and veins enveloped by very large, lower grade disseminated nickel sulphide near-surface. The disseminated nickel at Pulju is widespread and indicates the presence of a vast nickel-rich system. During the period, the Company completed its 2023 diamond drilling program at Hotinvaara, which was designed to:

- Evaluate the scale of the broader, district-scale disseminated nickel system;
- Target extensions of the near-surface mineralisation for an updated MRE; and
- Test multiple EM conductors for potential accumulations of high-grade massive sulphides.

Pulju is located 195km from Boliden's Kevitsa Ni-Cu-Au-PGE mine and 9.5Mtpa processing plant in Sodankylä, Finland. Kevitsa provides feed for the 19ktpa Harjavalta smelter, which is located approximately 950km to the south and processes concentrate from Kevitsa's low-grade disseminated nickel sulphide ore (Mineral Resource Estimate Ni grade ~0.21%). Europe's only other smelter is Terrafame's 37ktpa Sotkamo smelter, located 560km south-east of Pulju.

### **Exploration Activity**

Final results from the Company's 2023 exploration campaign at the Pulju Project, which commenced in January 2023, were reported during the period, with assays continuing to demonstrate significant potential to expand the current Mineral Resource Estimate at the Hotinvaara Prospect and intersect sulphide-rich zones.

The initial phase of the Company's maiden drill program at the Hotinvaara Prospect, which was successfully completed late in the September 2023 Quarter, comprised a total of 28 drill-holes for 15,482m of drilling. All 28 holes from the 2023 drilling program encountered multiple near-surface disseminated sulphide zones as well as discrete zones of semi-massive and net-textured massive sulphides.

Highlights of the assay results reported included:

**HOT016** – strongest nickel mineralisation reported to date at Hotinvaara:

- 91.7m @ 0.22% Ni from 1.6m; and
- 164.15m @ 0.20% Ni from 216m; and
- 26.4m @ 0.59% Ni from 412.6m, including:
  - 6.1m @ 0.74% Ni from 412.6m; and
  - 4m @ 0.77% Ni from 420m; and
  - 3.35m @ 0.91% Ni from 428m, including:
    - 1.2m @ 1.02% Ni from 428m; and
  - 2m @ 0.52% Ni from 433m

**HOT013**

- 117.9m @ 0.22% Ni from 4.1m (incl 2m @ 0.60% Ni from 96m); and
- 98m @ 0.21% Ni from 216m; and
- 85m @ 0.22% Ni from 349m; and
- 95.9m @ 0.20% Ni from 442m (incl 1.5m @ 0.86% Ni from 504m).

**HOT019**

- 103.2m @ 0.19% Ni from 37.55m.

**HOT007**

- 86.8m @ 0.22% Ni from 15.2m.

**HOT012**

- 72.4m @ 0.18% Ni from 126.4m; and
- 60.3m @ 0.16% Ni from 243.6m; and
- 33m @ 0.23% Ni from 425m (incl 2m @ 0.50% Ni from 452m); and
- 42m @ 0.26% Ni from 472m (incl 4.15m @ 0.58% Ni from 483m).

**HOT011**

- 32.5m @ 0.24% Ni from 103.5m (incl 2m @ 0.53% Ni from 132m)

**HOT026**

- 41.1m @ 0.25% Ni from 296.9m (incl. 0.45m @ 2.4% Ni, 0.11% Co); and
- 100m @ 0.21% Ni from 353m (incl. 0.55m @ 1.17% Ni, 0.05% Co)



### **HOT021**

- 195m @ 0.21% Ni from 10m; and
- 107.9m @ 0.17% Ni from 330m

### **HOT018**

- 184m @ 0.21% Ni from 34m

### **HOT023**

- 141.75m @ 0.22% Ni from 35.85m (incl. 2m @ 0.80% Ni, 0.04% Co)

### **HOT020**

- 122m @ 0.21% Ni from 92m; and
- 132.3m @ 0.22% Ni from 347m

### **HOT014**

- 102.37m @ 0.20% Ni from 137.63m

### **HOT028**

- 125.7m @ 0.19% Ni from 152.3m; and
- 54.25m @ 0.22% Ni from 319.55m (incl. 5.8m @ 0.57% Ni from 322.25m)

### **HOT027**

- 99.1m @ 0.22% Ni from 4.7m

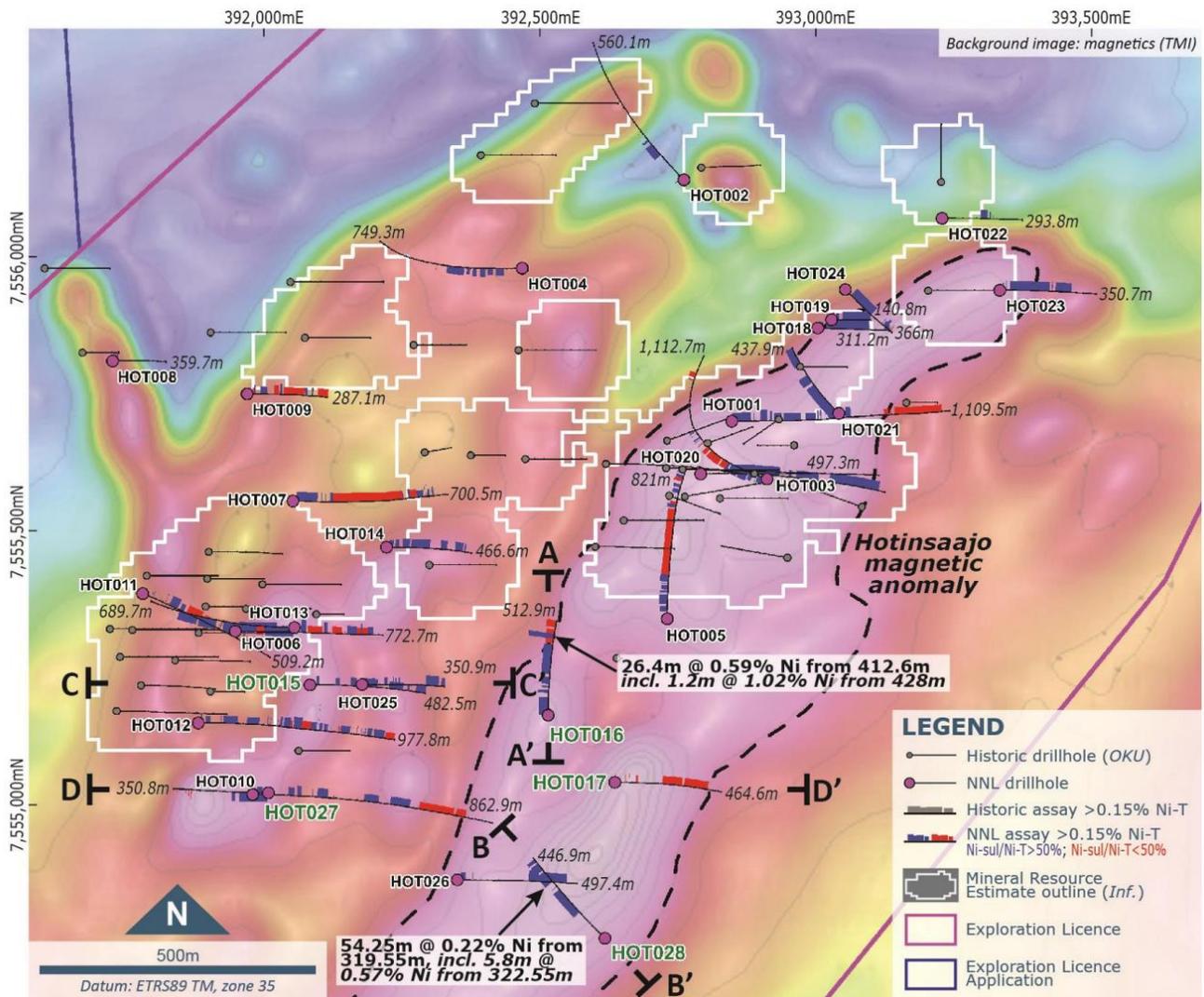
### **HOT015**

- 64.3m @ 0.19% Ni from 220.3m; and
- 57.35m @ 0.17% Ni from 331.9m

Results reported during the period confirm the presence of significant nickel sulphide mineralisation outside the current Mineral Resource Estimate. In addition, the presence of higher-grade zones reinforces the fertility of the system and provides vectors for follow-up drilling campaigns.

Nickel-in-sulphide (Ni-S) partial leach assay results from the drill holes further confirm preliminary mineralogical and chemical test work and previously announced partial leach assay results which indicated that approximately 80% of Ni-total occurs in sulphides.

Full details of the drilling and assay results reporting during the period were provided in the Company's ASX Announcements dated 18 October, 14 November, 20 November 2023 and 19 December.



**Figure 2.** Collar plan showing Nordic’s drilling (purple dots and histograms) and historical drilling (grey dots). Composite assay intersections shown (cut-off: >1,500ppm Ni-total; max. 6m internal dilution).

**Grant of Exploration Tenement**

The Holtinvaara Exploration Licence (EL) at the Pulju Project, which covers a total area of 15km<sup>2</sup>, was granted on 3 October 2023. The newly-granted EL lies 5km northeast of the 5km<sup>2</sup> Hotinvaara EL, which has been the focus of Nordic’s maiden drilling program and hosts the current Mineral Resource. The Holtinvaara EL encompasses a continuation of the highly prospective ultramafic lithologies associated with the Mertavaara formation.

The Mertavaara ultramafics are known to host disseminated nickel sulphide mineralisation throughout the Pulju Belt. Prospective ultramafics within the new EL coincide with prominent magnetic features identified by a high-resolution UAV magnetic geophysical survey<sup>1</sup>. The grant of the Holtinvaara EL substantially expands the discovery potential at Pulju, opening up an exciting new area to further unlock the district-scale potential of the broader project area.

<sup>1</sup> ASX release "District-Scale Nickel Potential at Pulju Confirmed by Regional Magnetic Survey", 3rd May 2023.



### **Planned work programs**

- Q1 & Q2 2024 Exploration Program: Planned bottom of till drilling program to test initial identified highly prospective zones at Holtinvaara EL.
- Q1 Resource Update: Q1 2024 drilling results will be added to the Resource for a second update.
- Metallurgical Test Work (Mid-2024): Completion of metallurgical test work in mid-2024 to confirm the potential for commercially producing a high-quality nickel concentrate.
- Strategic Discussions (2024): Ongoing strategic investor and joint venture discussions with various interested parties are expected to be finalised in 2024.

### **Corporate**

#### **Option Awards**

On 20 July 2023, the Company issued 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 31 May 2026 and 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.40 on or before 31 May 2026 to the Company's Senior Exploration Geologist.

#### **Management Appointments**

In October 2023, the Company appointed Vern Langdale as Country Manager of Finland and Pekka Tuomela as Sustainability & ESG Manager. Vern is responsible for overseeing the Company's operations in Finland. Pekka is responsible for overseeing and supporting Nordic's sustainability and ESG strategy and stakeholder management in-country.

#### **Placement**

On 11 December 2023, the Company announced that it had received firm commitments to raise \$2.05 million through the issuance of 14,658,840 new shares at \$0.14/share. In addition to the new shares issued in the placement, participants also received 1 free unlisted option for every 2 shares purchased at a strike of A\$0.25 and a two-year expiry. The shares and options were issued in two tranches:

1. Tranche 1 comprised of 13,837,410 shares and 6,918,705 options. Issue was completed on 27 December 2023 and was issued under the Company's existing ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A capacity.
2. Tranche 2 comprised of 821,430 shares and 410,715 options to Directors of the Company. The issue was subject to shareholder approval which was gained at a meeting held on 2 February 2024. The allotment was completed on 5 February 2024.

### **MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD**

#### **Option Awards**

On 25 January 2024, the Company issued 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 31 January 2027 and 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.40 on or before 31 January 2027 to the Company's Country Manager of Finland.

#### **Placement – Tranche 2**

The Company finalised the allotment of Tranche 2 on 5 February 2024. Tranche 2 comprised of 821,430 shares and 410,715 options to Directors of the Company. The issue was subject to shareholder approval which was gained at a meeting held on 2 February 2024.

#### **Updated Mineral Resource Estimate - Hotinvaara Prospect**

On 11 March 2024, the Company announced an updated in-situ JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for the Hotinvaara Prospect (Hotinvaara) at its Pulju Nickel Project. This JORC (2012) MRE was prepared for Nordic by independent resource consultant, Adam Wheeler (see Competent Person statement on page 21) using all available assay data as of February 2024, namely historical data plus drilling and assay results from Nordic Nickel's 2023 program.



## Directors' Report

The updated MRE now totals **418Mt @0.21% Ni, 0.01% Co and 53ppm Cu for 862Kt of contained Ni, 40kt of contained Co and 22.1kt of contained Cu<sup>2</sup>**. This MRE replaces the previous in-situ Hotinvaara MRE completed by Mr Wheeler in 2022 (refer to Company announcement "Nordic Delivers Maiden 133.6Mt Mineral Resource" dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022).

Table 1: Comparison between 2022 MRE and 2024 MRE at 0.15% cut-off

	2022 MRE						
	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade			Contained Metal		
		Ni Total (%)	Co (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (Kt)	Co (Kt)	Cu (Kt)
Indicated	20.9	0.22	100	56	46.5	2.09	1.18
Inferred	112.7	0.21	94	57	232	10.56	6.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>278.5</b>	<b>12.65</b>	<b>7.62</b>

	2024 MRE						
	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade			Contained Metal		
		Ni Total (%)	Co (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (Kt)	Co (Kt)	Cu (Kt)
Indicated	42	0.22	99.5	56.3	92.7	4.2	2.4
Inferred	376	0.2	95.3	52.4	770.1	35.8	19.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>862.8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22.1</b>

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

### ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the directors' report. Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded off in accordance with the instrument to the nearest dollar.

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires our auditors, to provide the Directors of the Company with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the half-year financial report. This Independence Declaration is set out on page 8 and forms part of this Directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to section 306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed on behalf of the Directors.

**Todd Ross**  
**Managing Director**  
 Perth, Western Australia  
 13 March 2024

<sup>2</sup> ASX release "Substantial Increase in Hotinvaara Resource Establishes Pulju as Globally Significant Nickel Sulphide District", 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. NNL confirms all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Resource Estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed as per Listing Rule 5.23.2.



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## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY PHILLIP MURDOCH TO THE DIRECTORS OF NORDIC NICKEL LTD

As lead auditor for the review of Nordic Nickel Ltd for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Nordic Nickel Ltd and the entities it controlled during the period.

**Phillip Murdoch**

**Director**

**BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd**

Perth

13 March 2024



**Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
*for the half-year ended 31 December 2023*

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	31-Dec-22 \$
<b>Continuing Operations</b>			
Interest income		20,860	24,628
Other income		14,639	-
<b>Expenses</b>			
Professional and consulting fees		(112,502)	(108,384)
Director and employee costs		(441,953)	(275,566)
Other expenses		(316,127)	(300,188)
Share-based payments expense	7(a)	(177,398)	(446,069)
(Loss)/gain on foreign exchange		(16,047)	180,516
Travel and accommodation		(4,985)	(68,346)
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(1,033,513)</b>	<b>(993,409)</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net loss for the period</b>		<b>(1,033,513)</b>	<b>(993,409)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Items that may be reclassified to profit and loss</b>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(111,589)	33,882
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax</b>		<b>(111,589)</b>	<b>33,882</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>(1,145,102)</b>	<b>(959,527)</b>
<b>Loss per share</b>			
Loss per share (cents)		(0.89)	(0.86)

The above Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
*as at 31 December 2023*

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	30-Jun-23 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,865,465	5,387,349
Receivables		75,569	485,440
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,941,034</b>	<b>5,872,789</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Deferred exploration and evaluation expenditure	3	9,932,816	7,758,204
Property, plant and equipment		57,780	77,893
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>9,990,596</b>	<b>7,836,097</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>12,931,630</b>	<b>13,708,886</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		353,232	2,038,206
Provisions		28,276	12,562
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>381,508</b>	<b>2,050,768</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>381,508</b>	<b>2,050,768</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>12,550,122</b>	<b>11,658,118</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	4	14,638,059	12,778,351
Reserves	5	2,125,450	2,059,641
Accumulated losses	6	(4,213,387)	(3,179,874)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>12,550,122</b>	<b>11,658,118</b>

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**  
for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Foreign exchange translation reserve \$	Convertible note reserve \$	Share option reserve \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>12,778,351</b>	<b>(1,765,642)</b>	<b>(6,375)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,010,128</b>	<b>12,016,462</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>						
Loss for the period	-	(993,409)	-	-	-	(993,409)
Foreign currency translation	-	-	33,882	-	-	33,882
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(993,409)</b>	<b>33,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(959,527)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</b>						
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	446,069	446,069
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>12,778,351</b>	<b>(2,759,051)</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,456,197</b>	<b>11,503,004</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>12,778,351</b>	<b>(3,179,874)</b>	<b>196,513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,863,128</b>	<b>11,658,118</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>						
Loss for the period	-	(1,033,513)	-	-	-	(1,033,513)
Foreign currency translation	-	-	(111,589)	-	-	(111,589)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,033,513)</b>	<b>(111,589)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,145,102)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</b>						
Shares issued during the period	1,937,237	-	-	-	-	1,937,237
Cost of issue	(77,529)	-	-	-	-	(77,529)
Share-based payments (note 7)	-	-	-	-	177,398	177,398
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>14,638,059</b>	<b>(4,213,387)</b>	<b>84,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,040,526</b>	<b>12,550,122</b>

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
*for the half-year ended 31 December 2023*

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(806,937)	(554,391)
Interest received	32,328	24,628
Other receipts	14,639	-
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(759,970)</b>	<b>(529,763)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for exploration expenditure	(3,664,144)	(577,155)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(74,379)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(3,664,144)</b>	<b>(651,534)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issue of shares	1,937,237	-
Payments for share issue costs	(18,960)	-
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>1,918,277</b>	<b>-</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,505,837)	(1,181,297)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	5,387,349	10,749,842
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash	(16,047)	180,516
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>2,865,465</b>	<b>9,749,061</b>

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



**1. Corporate Information**

The financial report of Nordic Nickel Ltd ("Nordic Nickel" or "the Company") for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 13 March 2024. Nordic Nickel is a company limited by shares incorporated in Australia. The nature of the operations and the principal activities of the Company are described in the Directors' Report.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

These consolidated financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'. The presentation currency is Australian dollars.

These half-year financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Group as the full financial statements. Accordingly, these half-year financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and all ASX announcements made by the company during the period.

The half-year report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. The accounting policies have been consistently applied with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim report period.

**(b) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The Company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The impact on the financial performance and position of the Company from the adoption of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations was not material. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

	31-Dec-2023	30-Jun-23
	\$	\$
<b>3. Deferred Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure</b>		
<b><i>Exploration and Evaluation phase - at cost</i></b>		
Opening balance	7,758,204	1,180,468
Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred during the year	2,174,612	6,577,736
Closing balance	<b>9,932,816</b>	<b>7,758,204</b>

The ultimate recoupment of costs carried forward for exploration expenditure is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective mining areas.

**4. Issued capital**

**(a) Issued and paid up capital**

Issued and fully paid	<b>14,638,059</b>	<b>12,778,351</b>
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**(b) Movements in ordinary shares on issue**

	31-Dec-2023		30-Jun-23	
	Number of shares	\$	Number of shares	\$
Opening balance	115,225,006	12,778,351	115,225,006	12,778,351
Issue of shares - Placement (\$0.14)	13,837,410	1,937,237	-	-
Transaction costs on share issue	-	(77,529)	-	-
Closing balance	<b>129,062,416</b>	<b>14,638,059</b>	<b>115,225,006</b>	<b>12,778,351</b>



## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	31-Dec-2023	30-Jun-23
	\$	\$
<b>5. Reserves</b>		
Share option reserve	2,040,526	1,863,128
Foreign exchange translation reserve	84,924	196,513
	<b>2,125,450</b>	<b>2,059,641</b>

**Movements in Reserves**

<i>Share option reserve</i>		
Opening balance	1,863,128	1,010,128
Share-based payments	177,398	853,000
Closing balance	<b>2,040,526</b>	<b>1,863,128</b>

The share option reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided to Directors and executives as part of their remuneration and non-employees for their goods and services and to record the premium paid on the issue of unlisted options.

<i>Foreign exchange translation reserve</i>		
Opening balance	196,513	(6,375)
Foreign exchange translation difference	(111,589)	202,888
Closing balance	<b>84,924</b>	<b>196,513</b>

The foreign exchange differences arising on translation of foreign controlled entities are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve.

**6. Accumulated losses**

Movements in accumulated losses were as follows:

Opening balance	(3,179,874)	(1,765,642)
Loss for the period	(1,033,513)	(1,414,232)
Closing balance	<b>(4,213,387)</b>	<b>(3,179,874)</b>

**7. Share based payments****(a) Recognised share based payment transactions**

Share based payment transactions recognised have been recognised as operational expenses in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the period as follows:

Options issued to employees and Directors (note 7 (b))	177,398	853,000
<b>Share-based payments recognised</b>	<b>177,398</b>	<b>853,000</b>

**(b) Options issued to employees and Directors**

The fair value at grant date of options granted during the reporting period was determined using the Black Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option.

The table below summarises options granted during the period ended 31 December 2023:

Grant Date	Expiry date	Exercise price per option	Balance at start of the period	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Expired during the period	Balance at end of the period	Exercisable at end of the period
			Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
14/07/23	31/05/26	\$0.30	-	125,000	-	-	125,000	- <sup>1</sup>
14/07/23	31/05/26	\$0.40	-	125,000	-	-	125,000	- <sup>2</sup>
			-	<b>250,000</b>	-	-	<b>250,000</b>	-

<sup>1</sup> Options vest on 30 March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Options vest on 30 March 2025.



**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The expense recognised in respect of the above options granted during the period was \$16,567 which represents the fair value of the options. The expense recognised during the period on options granted in prior periods was \$160,831. The weighted average fair value of options issued during the period was \$0.14. The model inputs, not included in the table above, for options granted included:

- a) options issue price was nil;
- b) expected life of the options of 2.9 years;
- c) share price at grant date of \$0.25;
- d) expected volatility of 100%;
- e) expected dividend yield of nil; and
- f) a risk-free interest rate of 3.75%.

**8. Contingent assets and liabilities**

There has been no material change in contingent assets and liabilities since 30 June 2023.

**9. Segment Information**

The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reported to the Managing Director (the chief operating decision maker) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. The Board as a whole will regularly review the identified segments in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance. The Group operates predominately in one industry, being the exploration of nickel. The main geographic areas that the entity operates in are Australia and Finland. The parent entity is registered in Australia. The Group's exploration assets are located in Finland.

The following table present revenue, expenditure and certain asset and liability information regarding geographical segments for the period ended 31 December 2023 and the year ended 30 June 2023:

	Australia \$	Finland \$	Total
<b>Year ended 31 December 2023</b>			
Other income	20,356	-	20,356
Interest income	-	-	-
<b>Segment revenue</b>	<b>20,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,356</b>
Result			
Loss before tax	(851,760)	(181,753)	(1,033,513)
Income tax expense	-	-	-
<b>Loss for the year</b>	<b>(851,760)</b>	<b>(181,753)</b>	<b>(1,033,513)</b>
Asset and liabilities			
Segment assets	2,602,145	10,329,485	12,931,630
Segment liabilities	248,031	133,477	381,508
<b>Year ended 30 June 2023</b>			
Other income	105,332	-	105,332
Interest income	726,368	-	726,368
<b>Segment revenue</b>	<b>831,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>831,700</b>
Result			
Loss before tax	(1,243,578)	(170,654)	(1,414,232)
Income tax expense	-	-	-
<b>Loss for the year</b>	<b>(1,243,578)</b>	<b>(170,654)</b>	<b>(1,414,232)</b>
Asset and liabilities			
Segment assets	4,591,089	9,117,797	13,708,886
Segment liabilities	187,426	1,863,342	2,050,768

**10. Dividends**

No dividends have been paid or provided for during the half-year.



**11. Commitments**

There have been no material changes to commitments since 30 June 2023.

**12. Significant events after the reporting date**

**Option Awards**

On 25 January 2024, the Company issued 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 31 January 2027 and 125,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.40 on or before 31 January 2027 to the Company's Country Manager of Finland.

**Placement – Tranche 2**

The Company finalised the allotment of Tranche 2 on 5 February 2024. Tranche 2 comprised of 821,430 shares and 410,715 options to Directors of the Company. The issue was subject to shareholder approval which was gained at a meeting held on 2 February 2024.

**Updated Mineral Resource Estimate - Hotinvaara Prospect**

On 11 March 2024, the Company announced an updated in-situ JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for the Hotinvaara Prospect (Hotinvaara) at its Pulju Nickel Project. This JORC (2012) MRE was prepared for Nordic by independent resource consultant, Adam Wheeler (see Competent Person statement on page 21) using all available assay data as of February 2024, namely historical data plus drilling and assay results from Nordic Nickel's 2023 program.

The updated MRE now totals **418Mt @0.21% Ni, 0.01% Co and 53ppm Cu for 862Kt of contained Ni, 40kt of contained Co and 22.1kt of contained Cu<sup>3</sup>**. This MRE replaces the previous in-situ Hotinvaara MRE completed by Mr Wheeler in 2022 (refer to Company announcement "Nordic Delivers Maiden 133.6Mt Mineral Resource" dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022).

Table 2: Comparison between 2022 MRE and 2024 MRE at 0.15% cut-off

	2022 MRE						
	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade			Contained Metal		
		Ni Total (%)	Co (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (Kt)	Co (Kt)	Cu (Kt)
Indicated	20.9	0.22	100	56	46.5	2.09	1.18
Inferred	112.7	0.21	94	57	232	10.56	6.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>278.5</b>	<b>12.65</b>	<b>7.62</b>

	2024 MRE						
	Tonnage (Mt)	Grade			Contained Metal		
		Ni Total (%)	Co (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (Kt)	Co (Kt)	Cu (Kt)
Indicated	42	0.22	99.5	56.3	92.7	4.2	2.4
Inferred	376	0.2	95.3	52.4	770.1	35.8	19.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>862.8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22.1</b>

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

<sup>3</sup> ASX release "Substantial Increase in Hotinvaara Resource Establishes Pulju as Globally Significant Nickel Sulphide District", 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

NNL confirms all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Resource Estimate continue to apply and have not materially changed as per Listing Rule 5.23.2.



## Directors' Declaration

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In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Nordic Nickel Limited ('the Company'), I state that:

1. In the opinion of the Directors:
  - a) the financial statements and notes of the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
    - i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and
    - ii. complying with Accounting Standards AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - b) the financial statements and condensed notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

**Todd Ross**  
**Managing Director**  
Perth, Western Australia  
13 March 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Nordic Nickel Ltd

### Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Nordic Nickel Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of the Group does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

#### Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



### **Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

**BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd**

BDO  


**Phillip Murdoch**

**Director**

Perth, 13 March 2024



### Tenement Interests

Project	Tenement Name	Area Code	Tenement Type	Status	Registered Holder	Application Date	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
Pulju (100% interest)	Tepasto	VA2022:0074	Exploration Reservation	Valid	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/28/2022	10/28/2022	10/28/2024	245.89
	Hotinvaara	ML2019:0101	Ore Exploration Permit	Valid	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	11/11/2019	09/20/2021	9/20/2025	4.92
	Aihkiselkä	ML2013:0092	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	11/4/2013	11/18/2022	TBD	15.75
	Kiimatievat	ML2019:0102	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	11/11/2019	11/18/2022	TBD	24.21
	Rööni-Holtti	ML2022:0009	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	3/9/2022	11/18/2022	TBD	18.65
	Mertavaara1	ML2013:0091	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	11/4/2013	11/18/2022	TBD	11.88
	Saalamaselkä	ML2022:0010	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	3/9/2022	11/18/2022	TBD	6.02
	Kaunismaa	ML2022:0011	Ore Exploration Permit	Granted - pending appeal	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	3/9/2022	11/18/2022	TBD	1.68
	Holtinvaara	ML2013:0090	Ore Exploration Permit	Valid	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	11/4/2013	07/05/2025	08/11/2027	14.99
	Juoksuvuoma	ML2022:0081	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			26.53
	Kermasaajo	ML2022:0073	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			11.37
	Kolmenoravanmaa	ML2022:0076	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			15.49
	Koppelojänkä	ML2022:0075	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			19.42
	Kuusselkä	ML2022:0077	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			17.63
	Lutsokuru	ML2022:0074	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			11.33
	Marjantieva	ML2022:0079	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			11.86
	Salmistonvaara	ML2022:0078	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			18.23
Vitsaselkä	ML2022:0080	Ore Exploration Permit	Application	Pulju Malminetsintä Oy	10/31/2022			9.28	
<b>Total</b>									<b>239.23</b>
Maaninkijoki (earning 75% interest)	MJ3	ML2020:0011	Ore Exploration Permit	Valid	MagStar Mining Oy	3/21/2020	08/30/22	08/30/26	30.44

### Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targeting and Results is based on, and fairly represents, information compiled and reviewed by Mr Andrew Pearce, who is an employee of Nordic Nickel Ltd, and is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources defined at Hotinvaara is based on information compiled by Mr Adam Wheeler who is a professional fellow (FIMMM), Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. Mr Wheeler is an independent mining consultant.

Mr Pearce and Mr Wheeler have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (the JORC Code 2012). Mr Pearce and Mr Wheeler consents to the inclusion in the report of matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

### Forward Looking Statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including reference to the conceptual Exploration Target area which surrounds the maiden Hotinvaara MRE described in this announcement. These forward-looking statements are expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. These statements reflect current expectations, intentions or strategies regarding the future and assumptions based on currently available information. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary from the expectations, intentions and strategies described in this announcement. No obligation is assumed to update forward looking statements if these beliefs, opinions and estimates should change or to reflect other future developments.