

Clean Air Metals Announces a Mineral Resource for the Thunder Bay North Project including a total Indicated Resource of 16,285,396 tonnes at an average grade of 3.5 g/t PdEq containing 1,834,158 ounces PdEq and a total Inferred Resource of 9,852,138 tonnes at an average grade of 2.1 g/t PdEq containing 663,660 ounces PdEq

THUNDER BAY, ON, Jan. 20, 2021 /CNW/ - Clean Air Metals Inc. ("Clean Air Metals" or the "Company") (TSXV: AIR) (OTCQB: CLRMF) (FRA: CKU) is pleased to announce that the Company has released an updated Indicated and Inferred mineral resource estimate prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") for the Company's 100%-owned Thunder Bay North Project (the "Project") which includes both the Current Lake and Escape Lake deposits.

The mineral resource estimate was prepared by Nordmin Engineering Ltd. ("Nordmin") and is based on an underground ramp-access constrained resource model with a cutoff value equating to 1.56 g/tonne PdEq (2.56 g/tonne PtEq) using 3-year trailing average metal prices for all metals except cobalt, which used a 2-year trailing average as described below in Table 8. A technical report will be filed on SEDAR within 45 days of the date of this news release.

The Current Lake Deposit contains an Indicated mineral resource of 11,999,177 tonnes grading 3.44 g/t PdEq and an Inferred mineral resource of 6,406,960 tonnes grading 2.02 g/tonne PdEq (See Table 1; Figure 2).

The Escape Lake Deposit contains an Indicated mineral resource of 4,286,220 tonnes grading 3.67 g/t PdEq and an Inferred mineral resource of 3,445,179 tonnes grading 2.23 g/tonne PdEq (See Table 2; Figure 3).

Highlights

- Indicated mineral resources at Thunder Bay North Project are approximately 1.33 million oz PdEq in the Current Lake Deposit and 0.50 million oz PdEq in the Escape Lake Deposit.
- Inferred mineral resources at Thunder Bay North Project are approximately 0.41 million oz PdEq in the Current Lake Deposit and 0.25 million oz PdEq in the Escape Lake Deposit.
- The underground resource at the Current Lake Deposit will now be the focus of a Preliminary Economic Assessment which will include specific work on geotechnical analysis and bench scale testing on a drilled bulk sample of mineralized material to verify metallurgical recoveries.
- The Indicated mineral resource is developed in multiple zones which exhibit a variable grade profile with highest grades occurring at relatively shallow depths, including the lower Current Zone and Bridge Zone in the Current Lake Deposit. (See Table 3; Figure 1).
- The initial mineral resource at Escape Lake is geologically open and will be the target of an extensive systematic drilling program planned for 2021.
- Current Lake and Escape Lake are polymetallic deposits with a roughly 1:1 platinum to palladium ratio and comparable geological attributes and metal grades.
- Nickel and Copper contribute significant metal values and will be tested for metallurgical flotation and recovery potential.
- Gold, Silver, Cobalt and Rhodium are potentially valuable byproducts in the metal mix at Thunder Bay North Project.

Table 1: Thunder Bay North Project - Grade Summary

Category	Tonnes	Grade									
		Pt (g/t)	Pd (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Rh (g/t)	Co (g/t)	Cu (%)	Ni (%)	PtEq (g/t)	PdEq (g/t)
Indicated - Current Lake	11,999,177	1.48	1.40	0.07	1.32	0.04	137	0.28	0.17	5.79	3.44
Indicated - Escape Lake	4,286,220	0.92	1.18	0.12	2.45	0.06	209	0.52	0.28	6.16	3.67
TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE	16,285,396	1.33	1.34	0.08	1.62	0.05	156	0.34	0.20	5.89	3.50
Inferred - Current Lake	6,406,960	0.68	0.65	0.06	0.95	0.01	123	0.30	0.14	3.40	2.02
Inferred - Escape Lake	3,445,179	0.64	0.73	0.07	1.13	0.00	173	0.33	0.18	3.75	2.23
TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE	9,852,138	0.67	0.68	0.07	1.01	0.01	140	0.31	0.15	3.52	2.10

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Table 2: Thunder Bay North Project - Contained Metal

Category	Tonnes	Metal									
		Pt (Oz)	Pd (Oz)	Au (Oz)	Ag (Oz)	Rh (Oz)	Co (Tonnes)	Cu (Tonnes)	Ni (Tonnes)	PtEq (Oz)	PdEq (Oz)
Indicated - Current Lake	11,999,177	569,176	536,161	26,121	508,434	16,998	1,649	33,751	20,999	2,233,575	1,328,789
Indicated - Escape Lake	4,286,220	127,080	162,357	16,923	337,546	8,009	886	22,390	12,016	849,481	505,369
TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE	16,285,396	696,256	700,517	43,050	846,380	25,008	2,544	56,141	32,985	3,083,056	1,834,158
Inferred - Current Lake	6,406,960	140,400	133,333	12,888	195,484	1,836	765	19,155	9,113	700,621	416,810
Inferred - Escape Lake	3,445,179	70,520	80,989	7,754	124,809	71	595	11,293	6,046	414,932	246,850
TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE	9,852,138	210,919	214,322	20,642	320,293	1,907	1,360	30,449	15,159	1,115,553	663,660

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below. Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Webinar

Clean Air Metals will be conducting a webinar to discuss the resource update with Amvest Capital on January 26th at 4:05pm EST. Please see the link below:

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3724157345636755725?source=co>

Executive Comments

Abraham Drost, P.Geo., CEO of Clean Air Metals stated, "We are very pleased for our shareholders and participating First Nations with this milestone mineral resource study. An underground ramp-access mine planning approach by Nordmin Engineering has been the key to unlock value at the Thunder Bay North Project. We look forward to a busy year ahead as we continue drilling with two drills in an effort to increase and upgrade mineral resources at the Escape Lake. We also plan on adding a drill at the Current Lake Deposit focused on upgrading Inferred material to Indicated and testing nearby greenfields exploration targets with massive sulphide potential."

Jim Gallagher, P.Eng., Executive Chairman of Clean Air Metals stated, "The broad suite of metals contained in the Thunder Bay North deposits is quite unique and positions the Company well for participation in the transition to a low carbon transportation future. Tougher emissions standards worldwide have significantly increased loadings of Palladium and Rhodium in auto catalysts pushing prices to near record levels. Platinum prices have risen sharply in the last several months as hydrogen and fuel cells become a viable alternative especially in the trucking and long-distance transportation sectors. Nickel, Copper and Cobalt are key to the battery electric revolution and Gold and Silver provide a potential sweetener to a future revenue stream. Subject to future feasibility studies around economic viability, this could give Clean Air Metals a natural hedge against fluctuating metal prices regardless of which technology becomes dominant."

Table 3: Current Lake Deposit – Grade Summary

Category	Area	Tonnes	Grade									
			Pt (g/t)	Pd (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Rh (g/t)	Co (g/t)	Cu (%)	Ni (%)	PtEq (g/t)	PdEq (g/t)
Indicated - Current Lake	Upper Current	1,089,212	1.60	1.50	0.08	1.72	0.07	148	0.35	0.20	6.50	3.87
	Current	1,534,911	2.10	1.96	0.11	2.25	0.05	142	0.41	0.21	7.97	4.74
	Bridge	3,355,050	1.72	1.67	0.08	1.49	0.05	130	0.35	0.17	6.67	3.97
	Beaver	4,481,507	1.23	1.14	0.05	1.00	0.03	139	0.20	0.16	4.82	2.87

	Cloud	1,538,497	0.93	0.89	0.04	0.66	0.04	136	0.17	0.16	4.00	2.38
	437-SE	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE		11,999,177	1.48	1.40	0.07	1.32	0.04	137	0.28	0.17	5.79	3.44
Inferred - Current Lake	Upper Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Bridge	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Beaver	1,735,331	0.80	0.75	0.05	0.79	0.02	146	0.20	0.18	3.72	2.21
	Cloud	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	437-SE	4,671,629	0.64	0.61	0.07	1.01	0.01	114	0.34	0.13	3.28	1.95
TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE		6,406,960	0.68	0.65	0.06	0.95	0.01	123	0.30	0.14	3.40	2.02

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below.

Table 4: Current Lake Deposit - Contained Metal

Category	Area	Tonnes	Metal									
			Pt (Oz)	Pd (Oz)	Au (Oz)	Ag (Oz)	Rh (Oz)	Co (Tonnes)	Cu (Tonnes)	Ni (Tonnes)	PtEq (Oz)	PdEq (Oz)
Indicated - Current Lake	Upper Current	1,089,212	56,185	52,487	2,692	60,154	2,342	161	3,800	2,150	227,801	135,523
	Current	1,534,911	103,563	96,875	5,220	111,114	2,677	218	6,328	3,259	393,310	233,986
	Bridge	3,355,050	185,255	179,929	8,702	160,257	5,079	436	11,851	5,832	720,020	428,351
	Beaver	4,481,507	177,932	164,879	7,292	144,294	4,842	625	9,168	7,343	694,657	413,262
	Cloud	1,538,497	46,241	44,010	2,216	32,615	2,058	209	2,604	2,385	197,787	117,667
	437-SE	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE		11,999,177	569,176	538,181	26,121	508,434	16,998	1,649	33,751	20,969	2,233,575	1,328,789
Inferred - Current Lake	Upper Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Bridge	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Beaver	1,735,331	44,527	41,708	2,718	44,020	1,031	253	3,446	3,203	207,495	123,442
	Cloud	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	437-SE	4,671,629	95,873	91,625	10,170	151,464	806	533	15,709	5,910	493,125	293,368
TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE		6,406,960	140,400	133,333	12,888	195,484	1,636	785	19,155	9,113	700,621	416,810

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below.

Table 5: Escape Lake Deposit – Grade Summary

Category	Area	Tonnes	Grade									
			Pt (g/t)	Pd (g/t)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Rh (g/t)	Co (g/t)	Cu (%)	Ni (%)	PtEq (g/t)	PdEq (g/t)
Indicated - Escape Lake	Steepledge North	135,650	0.71	0.81	0.06	1.28	0.01	157	0.28	0.18	3.87	2.30
	Steepledge South	45,180	0.87	1.02	0.05	1.14	0.00	141	0.28	0.17	4.25	2.53
	Escape South Perimeter	1,754,080	0.48	0.58	0.08	1.45	0.03	176	0.37	0.21	3.78	2.26
	Escape South High-Grade Zone	2,351,310	1.27	1.65	0.16	3.29	0.08	238	0.66	0.34	8.11	4.82
	TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE	4,286,220	0.92	1.18	0.12	2.45	0.06	208.95	0.52	0.28	6.16	3.67
	Inferred - Escape Lake	148,609	0.44	0.52	0.05	0.53	0.00	150	0.26	0.21	3.14	1.87
Inferred - Escape Lake	Steepledge South	2,287,589	0.74	0.84	0.07	1.15	0.00	173	0.32	0.16	3.96	2.36
	Escape South Perimeter	915,422	0.43	0.53	0.08	1.13	0.00	173	0.35	0.19	3.35	1.99
	Escape South High-Grade Zone	93,559	0.43	0.34	0.09	1.45	0.01	191	0.38	0.20	3.29	1.96
	TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE	3,445,179	0.64	0.73	0.07	1.13	0.00	173	0.33	0.18	3.75	2.23

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below.

Table 6: Escape Lake Deposit – Contained Metal

Category	Area	Tonnes	Metal									
			Pt (Oz)	Pd (Oz)	Au (Oz)	Ag (Oz)	Rh (Oz)	Co (Tonnes)	Cu (Tonnes)	Ni (Tonnes)	PtEq (Oz)	PdEq (Oz)
Indicated - Escape Lake	Steepledge North	135,650	3,087	3,545	266	5,577	43	21	383	238	16,897	10,053
	Steepledge South	45,180	1,258	1,485	79	1,653	0	6	125	76	6,175	3,673
	Escape South Perimeter	1,754,080	27,063	32,687	4,689	81,633	1,970	308	6,458	3,617	213,401	127,264
	Escape South High-Grade Zone	2,351,310	95,662	124,619	11,894	249,083	5,996	560	15,424	8,085	613,007	364,380
	TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE	4,286,220	127,090	162,337	16,928	337,946	8,009	896	22,390	12,016	849,481	505,368
	Inferred - Escape Lake	148,609	2,119	2,462	255	2,508	0	22	394	309	14,985	8,915
Inferred - Escape Lake	Steepledge North	2,287,589	54,498	61,920	4,869	84,680	0	396	7,321	3,771	291,351	173,329
	Escape South Perimeter	915,422	12,884	15,314	2,353	33,246	42	158	3,226	1,775	98,690	58,709
	Escape South High-Grade Zone	93,559	1,019	1,293	276	4,375	29	18	353	190	9,905	5,896
	TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE	3,445,179	70,520	80,989	7,754	124,809	71	595	11,293	6,046	414,932	246,849

Notes: See section "Input Parameters for Resource Calculation" below.



Figure 1: Thunder Bay North Project Plan View (CNW Group/Clean Air Metals Inc.)

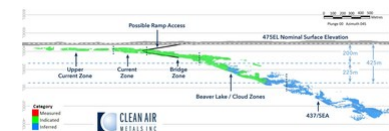


Figure 2: Current Lake Deposit Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource (CNW Group/Clean Air Metals Inc.)

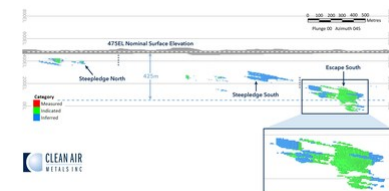


Figure 3: Escape Lake Deposit Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource (CNW Group/Clean Air Metals Inc.)

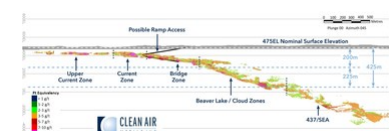


Figure 1 is a map titled "47565 Nominal Surface Elevation". It shows a horizontal cross-section of the site with various elevation points marked. A color-coded legend on the left indicates elevation ranges from 0 to 100 feet. A scale bar at the top right shows distances from 0 to 100 feet. A north arrow is also present. The map is labeled with "47565 Nominal Surface Elevation" and "Elevation South".

Wireframes were initially created on 10 m to 20 m plan sections and adjusted on vertical section views to edit and smooth each wireframe where required. When not cut off by drilling, the wireframes terminate at the contact of the conduit or due to lack of drilling, whichever was most appropriate. No wireframe overlapping exists within a given domain, but all domains are independent of each other.

Compositing

The raw sample data was found to have a relatively narrow range of sample lengths. Samples captured within all zones were composited to 1.0 m regular intervals based on the observed modal distribution of sample lengths, which supports a 5.0 m x 5.0 m x 5.0 m block model (with sub-blocking). An option to use a slightly variable composite length was chosen to allow for backstitching shorter composites that are located along the edges of the composited interval. All composite samples were generated within each mineral lens with no overlaps along boundaries. The composite samples were validated statistically to ensure there was no loss of data or change to the mean grade of each sample population.

A "soft boundary" was used for the application of composites for all mineralized domains except for the background domains, as follows:

- Background Grade: Selected composites include only background domain composites.
- Low Grade: Selected composites included background and low-grade domain composites.
- Medium Grade (where applicable): Selected composites included medium and low-grade domain composites.
- High Grade (where applicable): Selected composites included high grade and medium grade domain composites.

- Representative of the deposit geology and structural models.
- Accounts for the variability of grade, orientation, and continuity of mineralization.
- Controls the smoothing (grade spreading) of grades and the influence of outliers.
- Accounts for most of the mineralization.
- Is robust and repeatable within the mineral domains.
- Supports multiple domains.

All test scenarios were evaluated based on global statistical comparisons, visual comparisons of composite samples versus block grades, and the assessment of overall smoothing. Based on results of the testing, it was determined that the final resource estimation methodology would constrain the mineralization by using hard wireframe boundaries to control the spread of high to grade and low to grade mineralization. OK was selected as the best representative interpolation method.

Equivalency formulas were calculated and used for reporting purposes. The derivation of the equivalency formulas is based on accepted industry practices. All equivalencies are reported as in-situ grades and are calculated using the trailing average commodity price deck referenced in Table 8.

Notes:

- All percentage grades referenced in the formulas for Cu and Ni are numeral percentage rather than decimal percentages (i.e., 2% is 2.0, not 0.02).
- 0.06857 is used for troy ounce and pound conversion.
- 2204 is used for tonne and pound conversion.
- 10,000 is used to convert from numerical percentage to grams.

Platinum Equivalency

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Palladium Equivalency

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Additional

- The Independent and Qualified Person responsible for the Mineral Resource Estimate is Glen Kuntz, P.Geo. of Nordmin Engineering Ltd., Thunder Bay, Ontario, and the effective date of the estimate is January 18, 2021.
- CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves were used for the Thunder Bay North Project mineral resource estimate.
- 3-year trailing average prices were used for all calculations with the exception of cobalt which used a 2-year trailing average price as itemized in Table 8.
- Resource excludes all material immediately below Current Lake, above a minimum crown pillar thickness of 20m which is assumed to be not recoverable by underground methods.
- Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- Minor variations may occur during the addition of rounded numbers.
- Calculations used metric units (meters (m), tonnes (t) and grams/tonne (g/t)).

Table 8: Commodity Prices Used in Resource Calculation

Commodity	Units	Assumption (USD)
Palladium	per oz	\$ 1,516.82
Platinum	per oz	\$ 902.38
Silver	per oz	\$ 17.35
Gold	per oz	\$ 1,469.60
Copper	per lbs	\$ 2.87
Nickel	per lbs	\$ 6.15
Cobalt	per tonne	\$ 34,839.16
Rhodium	per oz	\$ 4,910.67

Note: 3-year trailing average except Cobalt is 2-year trailing average.

Qualified Persons

The Mineral Resource estimate was independently prepared under the supervision of **Mr. Glen Kuntz, P.Geo.** (Ontario) of Nordmin Engineering Ltd., a "Qualified Person" under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. Verification included a site visit to inspect drilling, logging, density measurement procedures and sampling procedures, and a review of the control sample results used to assess laboratory assay quality. In addition, a random selection of the drill hole database results was compared with original records.

About Clean Air Metals Inc.

Clean Air Metals' flagship asset is the Thunder Bay North Project, a platinum, palladium, copper, nickel project located near the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario and the Lac des Iles Mine owned by Impala Platinum Holdings. The Clean Air Metals project hosts the Current Lake Deposit and magma conduit and the Company is actively exploring the Escape Lake Deposit, a twin structure to the Current Lake Deposit. Executive Chairman Jim Gallagher, P.Eng. and CEO Abraham Drost, P.Geo. lead an experienced team of geologists and engineers who are using the Norilsk magma conduit stratigraphic and mineral deposit model to guide ongoing exploration and development studies. As the former CEO of North American Palladium Ltd. which owned the Lac des Iles Mine prior to the sale to Impala Platinum in December, 2019, Jim Gallagher and team are credited with the mine turnaround and creation of significant value for shareholders.

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