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## NEWS RELEASE

# NICKEL NORTH ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DIRECTOR

Nickel North Exploration Corp. (the "**Company**") wishes to announce the Company's Board has increased the number of directors of the Company from four (4) directors to a total of five (5) directors and appointed Mr. Rujia (Edward) Gu as a director of the Company.

About Mr. Rujia (Edward) Gu:

Mr. Gu has been doing business of international trades of mineral products and mining industry in Nigeria for ten years, which include Lead, Zinc ore and concentrate, columbite-tantalite ore and concentrate. He also has experience in lithium mine development and exploration and made investments in separation plant. All of these involvements gave Mr. Gu priceless experience about mining exploration, site development and management and processing plants. Mr. Gu attended Michigan State University and received his Bachelor of Arts in Supply Chain Management, specializing in international business.

**About Nickel North Exploration**

Nickel North Exploration is a Canada-based exploration company focused on defining a Cu-Ni-Co-PGE mineral resource at its Hawk Ridge Project in Northern Quebec. The board of directors, advisor committee and management team are experienced, successful mine finders. The property consists of a 50 km long belt of strong magmatic Cu-Ni-Co-PGE occurrences covering 179.67 km2. Quebec is a mining-friendly jurisdiction. Nickel North Exploration is a conscientious corporate citizen maintains good relations with local Inuit communities and is committed to sustainable development. For more information on the company, please visit www.nnexploration.com or follow Company on Twitter at https://twitter.com/nickelnorth.

Nickel North Exploration Corp. has been identified as a key player in **the Critical and Strategic Minerals value chain by Quebec's Ministry of Economics and Innovation** (MEI) in 2021 (Quebec Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Minerals 2020-2025 (quebec.ca), which is part of Quebec's Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Metals (QPDCSM) and aims to stimulate the exploration and mining of SCMs, their transformation and recycling.

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