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NORTHISLE ANNOUNCES \$1.9 MILLION STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BY MICHAEL GENTILE, CFA AND PIERRE BEAUDOIN

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Vancouver, B.C. – Northisle Copper and Gold Inc. (TSX-V: NCX) (“Northisle” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it intends to raise aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$1,918,240 pursuant to a non-brokered private placement (the “Private Placement”) consisting of 10,096,000 units (each a “Unit”) at a price of C\$0.19 per Unit. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company (each a “Common Share”) and one half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company (each a “Warrant”). Each Warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.28 for a period of two years from the date of closing of the Private Placement, subject to acceleration in certain circumstances.

Proceeds from the Private Placement will be used for development and exploration expenditures for the North Island Copper Gold Project (the “North Island Project”) as well as general corporate purposes.

Sam Lee, President and CEO, stated: “We are pleased to have Michael and Pierre make this strategic investment in Northisle. Since October 2020, Michael has built a significant position in the Company driven by his conviction around the enormous value opportunity that Northisle presents. Throughout the past year, I have developed a great respect for Michael’s thought leadership and know that this respect is shared by many within the capital markets industry. Today’s investment is yet another endorsement of his ongoing support and initiates a strategic relationship that will contribute to Northisle’s attractive growth trajectory in 2022 and beyond. We also welcome Pierre to the Northisle family as we look forward to drawing on his vast mine building and operating experience.”

Michael Gentile, CFA, added: “I’ve been an investor in NCX since 2020 as I believe that the North Island Project is a very buildable mine trading at a small fraction of its economic value. The project benefits from great infrastructure and Tier 1 location, large scale, economic grades and robust PEA economics indicating strong returns. In addition to the robust mine build economics and attributes, the North Island project has significant untapped exploration upside that with success could increase the mine life well beyond the 20 years in the PEA and enhance the project economics even further with potential high grade discoveries. Since his appointment in October 2020 I’ve been very impressed with Sam Lee’s leadership and his plan to unlock the significant value of the North Island project for all shareholders and stakeholders and I look forward to working alongside Sam as a strategic shareholder to maximize the potential of the North Island Project.”

On closing of the Private Placement, Mr. Gentile will own approximately 7.7% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Shares, and on a partially-diluted basis (assuming full exercise of all of his Warrants and no other issuance of Shares by the Company), Mr. Gentile will own 9.9% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Shares.

Mr. Gentile is considered one of the leading strategic investors in the junior mining sector, owning significant top 5 stakes in over 15 small-cap mining companies. Michael is currently a strategic advisor to Arizona Metals (AMC-V) and a director of Northern Superior Resources (SUP-V), Roscan Gold (ROS-V), Radisson Mining Resources (RDS-V) and Solstice Gold (SGC-V). Michael recently founded Bastion Asset Management and was previously a Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager with Formula Growth Limited.

Mr. Beaudoin is a mining executive with over 36 years of experience and has been the Chief Operating Officer of Silvercrest Metals Inc. (SIL-T) since 2018. Previously, Pierre was the COO at Detour Gold Corporation after starting as Senior VP of Capital Projects. Previously, he worked for 16 years at Barrick, including 6 years in the Capital Projects

Group, where he led the study teams on Buzwagi, Donlin Creek and Cerro Casale. Before joining Barrick in 1996, he worked for Lac Minerals Ltd. and Noranda Minerals.

The Private Placement is subject to the completion of formal documentation and receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX-V.

The Common Shares and Warrants issued pursuant to this Offering, and any Common Shares issued upon exercise of the Warrants, will be subject to a hold period expiring four months and one day from the closing date of the Private Placement in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws.

About Northisle

Northisle Copper and Gold Inc. is a Vancouver-based company whose mission is to become a leading and sustainable mineral resource company for the future. Northisle owns the North Island Project, which is one of the most promising copper and gold porphyry deposits in Canada. The North Island Project is located near Port Hardy, British Columbia on a 33,149-hectare block of mineral titles 100% owned by Northisle stretching 50 kilometres northwest from the now closed Island Copper Mine operated by BHP Billiton. Northisle recently completed an updated preliminary economic assessment for the North Island Project and is now focused on advancement of the project through a prefeasibility study while continuing exploration within this highly prospective land package.

For more information on Northisle please visit the Company's website at www.northisle.ca.

On behalf of Northisle Copper and Gold Inc.

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