FATHOM NICKEL ANNOUNCES THE CLOSING OF THE FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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Calgary, Alberta - May 2, 2025 – Fathom Nickel Inc. (CSE: FNI) (FSE: 6Q5) (OTCQB: FNICF) (the "**Company**" or "**Fathom**") is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of its non-brokered offering of units (the "**Offering**") previously announced on April 10, 2025. As part of this initial closing, the Company issued 35,902,500 units (the "**Units**") at a price of $0.03 per Unit for gross proceeds of $1,077,075. An additional closing under the Offering of up to approximately $420,000 is expected on or before May 23, 2025.

Each Unit under the Offering consists of one Common Share (a "**Common Share**") and one transferable Common Share purchase warrant (a "**Warrant**"). Each full Warrant shall be exercisable into one Common Share for a period of 36 months from issuance at an exercise price of $0.05.

14,235,833 of the Units issued under the Offering were issued under the listed issuer financing exemption set forth under section 5A.2 ("**Listed Issuer Exemption**") of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* ("**NI 45-106**") and contain no resale restrictions. The remaining 21,606,667 Units were issued to accredited investors under NI 45-106 and stipulate a four-month hold on the resale of the securities.

The gross proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Company for exploration-related work at the Company's Gochager Lake Project and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

As consideration for services in connection with the Offering, the Company has paid to certain qualified entities ("**Finders**") a cash commission of $7,875 and issued 262,500 broker warrants ("**Broker Warrants**"). Each Broker Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at a price of $0.05 for a period of 36 months from issuance.

Crescat Capital LLC ("**Crescat**") participated in the Offering with a strategic investment representing 46% of the total shares issued in the Offering. This brings Crescat's ownership/control position in Fathom to approximately 18.2% of the common shares currently outstanding, on a non-diluted basis.

About Fathom Nickel Inc.

Fathom is an exploration company that is targeting magmatic nickel sulphide discoveries to support the energy transition and to secure the supply of North American critical minerals.

The Company now has a portfolio of three high-quality exploration projects located in the prolific Trans Hudson Corridor in Saskatchewan: 1) the Albert Lake Project, a 90,000+ hectare project that was host to the historic and past producing Rottenstone Mine[1] (produced 28,724 tons @3.3% Ni, 1.8% Cu, 9.63 g/t 3E (Pd-Pt+Au) 1965-1969), and 2) the 23,000+ hectare Gochager Lake Project that is host to a historic NI 43-101 non-compliant open pit resource consisting of 4.3M tons at 0.295% Ni and 0.081% Cu[2], and 3) the 10,000+ hectare Friesen Lake Project located 40km southwest of the historic Rottenstone Mine and 30km northwest of the historic Gochager Lake deposit.

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[1] *The Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMDI #0958) reports the production grades noted above from a small open pit. Fathom cannot confirm the production numbers nor a historic resource estimate that may have been in place ahead of production. The historic pit exists, and the Company trusts the production, as noted in SMDI #0958, to be accurate. The Company has performed test assaying of Rottenstone-type mineralization and results are consistent with production grades.*

[2] *The Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMDI #0880) reports drill indicated reserves at the historic Gochager Lake Deposit of 4,262,400 tons grading 0.295% Ni and 0.081% Cu mineable by open pit. Fathom cannot confirm the resource estimate, nor the parameters and methods used to prepare the reserve estimate. The estimate is not considered NI43-101 compliant and further work is required to verify this historical drill indicated reserve.*

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