

FPX Nickel Commences Van Target Step-Out Drilling Program at Decar Nickel District in Central British Columbia

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VANCOUVER, July 18, 2022 - [FPX Nickel Corp.](#) (TSXV: FPX) (OTCQB: FPOCF) ("FPX" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Van Target ("Van") step-out drilling program has started at the Company's Decar Nickel District ("Decar") in central British Columbia. This year's drilling is focused on expansion of mineralization at Van, where an initial drilling program in 2021 confirmed a major new discovery and suggested the potential for Van to host a large-scale, standalone nickel deposit that could rival the deposit already delineated at Decar's neighboring PEA-stage Baptiste Deposit.

Highlights

- Widely-spaced, 8-10 hole program to step-out meaningfully south, southwest and west of 2021 discovery holes
- 2021 Van holes defined a large zone of strong awaruite nickel mineralization approximately 400 to 750 m wide and 1 km long, to downhole depths of up to 350 m, with these results comparing favourably to the mineralized area defined by outcrop sampling and subsequent drilling at Baptiste
- 2022 program to follow the trend of increasing grade and thickness to the south and west as observed in drill sections from the 2021 program, and to test strong Davis Tube Recoverable ("DTR") nickel occurrences in outcrops to the southwest

The 2022 program at the Van Target will comprise approximately 3,000 metres of drilling over 8-10 holes, stepping out meaningfully to the south, southwest and west of the holes drilled in 2021, as indicated in Areas 1 and 2 of Figure 1, below.

Area 1, which extends up to 500 m south of the 2021 holes, has been selected to follow the trend of increasing grade and thickness to the south as observed in sections drilled during the 2021 program. Area 2, which extends up to 1 km west of the 2021 holes, has been selected to similarly follow the trend of increasing grade and thickness along strike to the west, as well as to test DTR nickel occurrences in outcrops to the southwest.

Figure 1: Van Target - Areas of Focus for 2022 Drill Program

Drilling at Van is expected to occur over an approximate six-week period and will be based on a combination of skid- and helicopter-supported setups.

In 2021, the Company executed a maiden nine-hole, 2,688 m drill program at the Van Target, which is located 6 km north of Baptiste at a similar elevation, and accessible via active logging roads. Maiden drilling at Van tested the sub-surface potential for mineralization below and adjacent to prospective mineralized outcrop, which had defined a target area of approximately 1 km². The size of the Van Target as defined by this outcrop sampling is comparable to the Baptiste deposit, which measures approximately 1 km strike with widths of up to 1 km.

The three southernmost of the Van holes (21VAN-002, 21VAN-003 and 21VAN-005) returned among the 10 highest-grade near-surface intervals in the history of Decar, suggesting that Van has strong potential to host a higher-grade, nearer-surface resource than that found at Baptiste. For a complete description of 2021's successful maiden exploration drilling program at Van Target, see the Company's news release dated January 6th, 2022.

Erin Wilson, P. Geo., FPX Nickel's Qualified Person under NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical content of this news release.

About the Decar Nickel District

The Company's Decar Nickel District claims cover 245 km² of the Mount Sidney Williams ultramafic/ophiolite complex, northwest of Fort St. James in central British Columbia. The district is a two-hour drive from Fort St. James on a high-speed road.

Decar hosts a greenfield discovery of nickel mineralization in the form of a naturally occurring nickel-iron alloy called awaruite.

Fe), which is amenable to bulk-tonnage, open-pit mining. Awaruite mineralization has been identified in four target areas within the ophiolite complex, being the Baptiste Deposit, and the B, Sid and Van targets, as confirmed by drilling, petrographic examination, electron probe analyses and outcrop sampling on all four targets. Since 2010, approximately US \$28 million has been spent on exploration and development of Decar.

Of the four targets in the Decar Nickel District, the Baptiste Deposit, which was initially the most accessible and had the largest known surface footprint, has been the focus of diamond drilling since 2010, with a total of 99 holes and 33,700 m of drill core completed. The Sid target was tested with two holes in 2010 and the B target had a single hole drilled in 2011; all three intersected nickel-iron alloy mineralization over wide intervals with DTR nickel grades comparable to the Baptiste Deposit. The Company executed a maiden drilling program at Van, which has returned promising results comparable with the strike-slip results at Baptiste.

About FPX Nickel Corp.

[FPX Nickel Corp.](#) is focused on the exploration and development of the Decar Nickel District, located in central British Columbia and other occurrences of the same unique style of naturally occurring nickel-iron alloy mineralization known as awaruite. For more information, please view the Company's website at www.fpxnickel.com

On behalf of [FPX Nickel Corp.](#)

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