

## FIRST ATLANTIC NICKEL REPORTS HIGHEST AWARUITE (NICKEL-IRON-COBALT ALLOY) DTR GRADES AND RECOVERY TO DATE FROM EXPANSION DRILLING AT PIPESTONE XL NICKEL ALLOY PROJECT

*Hole AN-25-10 Delivers Highest DTR Nickel Grade and Magnetic Concentrate Performance at RPM Zone; Company Plans to Announce Additional Drilling Around Hole 10 with Optimized Drilling Designed to Continue Eastward Expansion Toward Chrome Pond*

**GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR, Newfoundland and Labrador - (GlobeNewsWire - Dec 2, 2025)** – First Atlantic Nickel Corp. (TSXV: FAN) (OTCQB: FANCF) (FSE: P21) ("First Atlantic" or the "Company") is pleased to announce Davis Tube Recovery ("DTR") metallurgical results from Phase 2X drill holes AN-25-09 and AN-25-10 at the RPM Zone within its Pipestone XL Nickel Alloy Project in central Newfoundland. Hole AN-25-10 has returned the highest magnetically recoverable nickel grades and recovery to date at the RPM Zone, averaging 0.15% DTR Ni over 228 meters from 0.22% total nickel, with 68.62% magnetic recovery. This is calculated from 1.44% nickel in magnetic concentrate with a 10.48% mass pull. The hole, positioned 200 meters east of the Company's previous best result (AN-24-04: 0.14% DTR Ni over 366 meters), confirms that eastward expansion drilling toward Chrome Pond continues to deliver above average results. The hole ended in mineralization at 233 meters after encountering a clay-filled fault zone, and the Company plans to announce additional drilling around Hole AN-25-10, with optimized drilling designed to penetrate deeper and continue the eastward expansion.

Hole AN-25-10 intersected the highest-grade intervals to date at the RPM Zone, including 0.17% DTR Ni from 8 meters to 59 meters (51 meters) and 0.16% DTR Ni from 215 meters to 236 meters (21 meters), with up to 2.08% nickel in magnetic concentrate and 99.8% nickel recovery reported from whole rock assay grades which averaged 0.22% nickel over the entire hole. The Company's current metallurgical program is based on magnetic separation prior to flotation, leveraging awaruite's unique magnetic properties. The average 10.48% mass pull further demonstrates that magnetic separation can reduce the starting rock volume by approximately 90%, concentrating the recoverable nickel into just 10% of the starting mass prior to flotation. The high 68.62% magnetic nickel recovery achieved in Hole AN-25-10 highlights the favourable performance that awaruite nickel can achieve relative to common bulk-tonnage nickel sulfide mineralization.

Unlike conventional nickel sulfide minerals such as pentlandite (Fe,Ni)<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>, which contain sulfur, a non-metallic chemical element that must be removed through secondary processes such as smelting or roasting prior to the refining stages required to produce nickel sulphate (NiSO<sub>4</sub>) for EV battery precursor cathode active materials (pCAM), awaruite (Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe) is a naturally occurring nickel-iron-cobalt alloy that already exists in a reduced metallic state containing approximately 77% nickel. Composed entirely of metal elements, awaruite requires no reduction or chemical processing, offering a mine-direct-to-refinery pathway that bypasses the bottleneck of limited North American smelting capacity, with the potential to unlock large-scale domestic nickel production for the battery

supply chain. The metallurgical program continues to advance, with mineralogy, recovery, and concentrate testing ongoing. In addition to cobalt as a byproduct, disseminated chromium occurs with awaruite in all RPM Zone drill holes, and the Company has expanded its metallurgical program to include chromium as an area of interest for potential byproduct recovery. The metallurgical program is designed to create a marketable direct-to-refinery awaruite concentrate containing nickel and cobalt, and the Company is now also evaluating the potential for a high-grade chromium concentrate. Updates on recovery, separation, and preliminary concentrate products for nickel, chromium, and cobalt are anticipated in early 2026.

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#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. **Best DTR Nickel Results to Date:** Hole AN-25-10 returned 0.15% DTR Ni over 228 meters, the highest average magnetically recoverable nickel grade to date at the RPM Zone, calculated from 1.44% Ni in magnetic concentrate with a 10.48% mass pull. This represents a 25% increase over the RPM Zone average of 0.12% DTR Ni (calculated from 1.29% Ni concentrate and 9.25% mass pull).
2. **Highest-Grade Intervals - Open at Depth:** Hole AN-25-10 returned 0.17% DTR Ni from 8 to 59 meters (51 m), and 0.16% DTR Ni from 215 to 236 meters (21 m), both the best interval grades to date. The drill hole stopped in mineralization at 233 meters due to a clay-filled fault zone with abundant magnetite. Follow-up drilling from new collar locations will test deeper near Hole AN-25-10.
3. **Eastward Drilling Delivers Best Results:** Hole AN-25-10, positioned 200 meters east of the previous best hole (AN-24-04: 0.14% DTR Ni over 366 meters), exceeded that benchmark. The eastward trend toward Chrome Pond, where historic sampling returned up to 62.2% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - continues to yield the highest DTR Ni grades on the property.
4. **High Nickel Recovery from Awaruite:** Hole AN-25-10 achieved 68.62% magnetic nickel recovery, the best average recovery to date at the RPM Zone. Awaruite (Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe) contains approximately 77% nickel, or 2-3x the grade of common nickel sulfide minerals, enabling simpler magnetic concentration with less complicated flotation and supporting higher end-concentrate grades.
5. **Additional Drilling Planned:** The Company plans to announce additional drilling around Hole AN-25-10. Optimized drilling is designed to test deeper and continue expansion eastward. The eastern extension toward Chrome Pond remains open and is a high priority target.
6. **Chromium Co-Product Potential:** Chromium occurs with awaruite nickel in all RPM Zone drill holes, averaging 0.29% Cr and 0.15% DTR chromium. Mineralogy studies are underway to identify chromium mineral content and assess recovery and concentration potential for a chromium by-product concentrate.
7. **Metallurgical Program Expanding:** Mineralogy, recovery, and concentrate testing are ongoing. Chromite has been identified as the chromium-bearing mineral, and the Company is evaluating recovery methods and processing options. Updates on recovery, separation, and preliminary nickel, chromium, and cobalt concentrate products are anticipated in early 2026.

## HOLE AN-25-10 DELIVERS BEST RESULTS TO DATE ON EASTERN EXTENSION

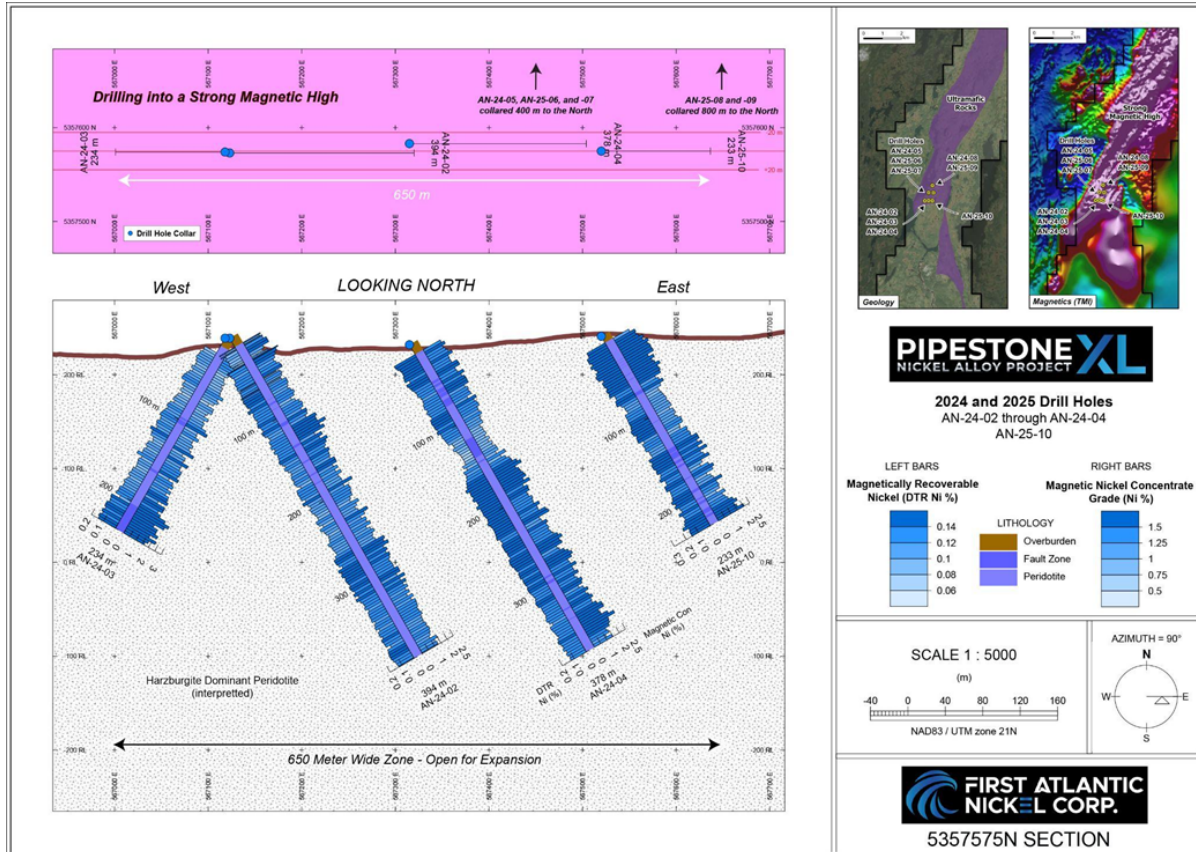
**Table 01:** Pipestone XL Nickel Alloy Project - Summary of Assay Results and DTR Metallurgical Test Results for Drill Hole AN-25-10 (RPM Zone)

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Mass Pull (%)	Nickel - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Ni (%)	Nickel - Total Grade Ni (%)	DTR Nickel Grade - Magnetically Recovered Ni (%)	Total Nickel Recovery (%)	Chromium - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Cr (%)	Chromium Total Grade Cr (%)	DTR Chromium Grade - Magnetically Recovered Cr (%)	Cobalt - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Co (%)
AN-25-10	8	236	228	10.48	1.44	0.22	0.15	68.62	1.54	0.29	0.16	0.05
including	8	59	51	9.47	1.76	0.21	0.17	79.80	1.55	0.29	0.15	0.06
	215	236	21	9.21	1.72	0.22	0.16	71.74	1.70	0.29	0.16	0.06
Including "Up To"				15.20	2.08	0.26	0.19	99.80	2.85	0.46	0.33	0.07

Hole AN-25-10 was positioned 200 meters east of Hole AN-24-04, the Company's previous best drill hole (0.14% DTR Ni over 366 meters), to test the continuation of high-grade mineralization toward Chrome Pond. The hole returned 0.15% DTR Ni over 228 meters from 0.22% total nickel, with 68.62% magnetic recovery. This was calculated from 1.44% nickel in magnetic concentrate with a 10.48% mass pull, exceeding the RPM Zone averages of 1.29% Ni in concentrate and a 9.25% mass pull. This result represents a 25% increase over the average DTR Ni grade of 0.12% across all previously reported RPM Zone drill holes.

Hole AN-25-10 intersected the highest-grade intervals to date at the RPM Zone, including 0.17% DTR Ni from 8 to 59 meters (51 meters) and 0.16% DTR Ni from 215 to 236 meters (21 meters). These results confirm that the eastern extension of Line Section S1 hosts the best magnetically recoverable nickel grades reported to date, supported by visual observations of disseminated, large-grain awaruite mineralization throughout the entire drilled interval.

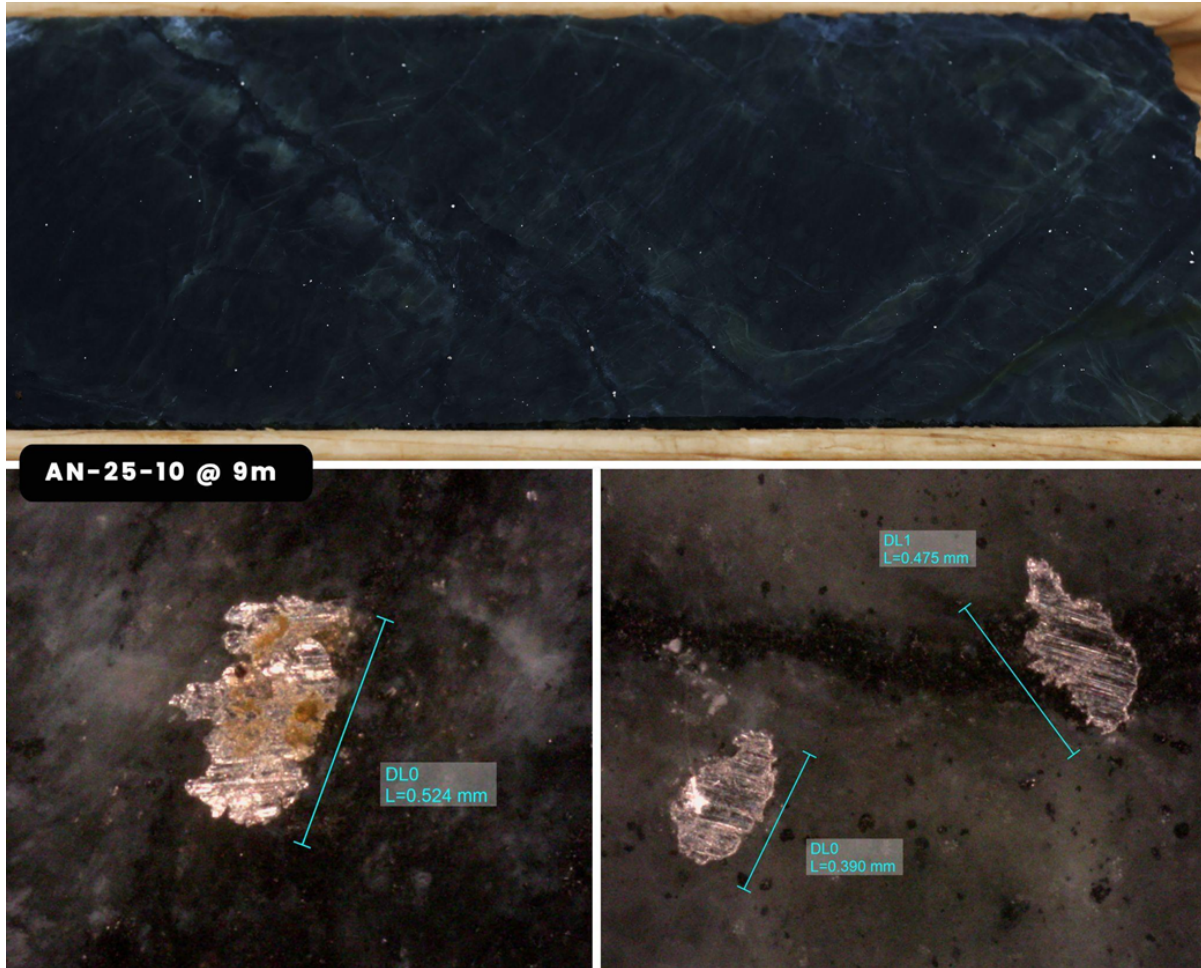
Drilling was halted at 233 meters after the hole encountered a clay-filled fault zone that caused complete loss of water circulation and excessive torque on the drill rods. Drill cuttings contained abundant magnetite that could not be washed from the borehole, preventing further advancement without risking equipment damage or the drill becoming irretrievably stuck downhole. Although the fault zone required suspension of drilling, the abundance of magnetite in the drill cuttings is encouraging, as awaruite commonly forms alongside magnetite during serpentinization. The hole ended in mineralization grading 0.16% DTR Ni over the final 21 meters, confirming continuation of the system at depth. Given the significance of these results, the Company plans to announce additional drilling around Hole AN-25-10, with optimized drilling designed to penetrate deeper and continue eastward expansion toward Chrome Pond.



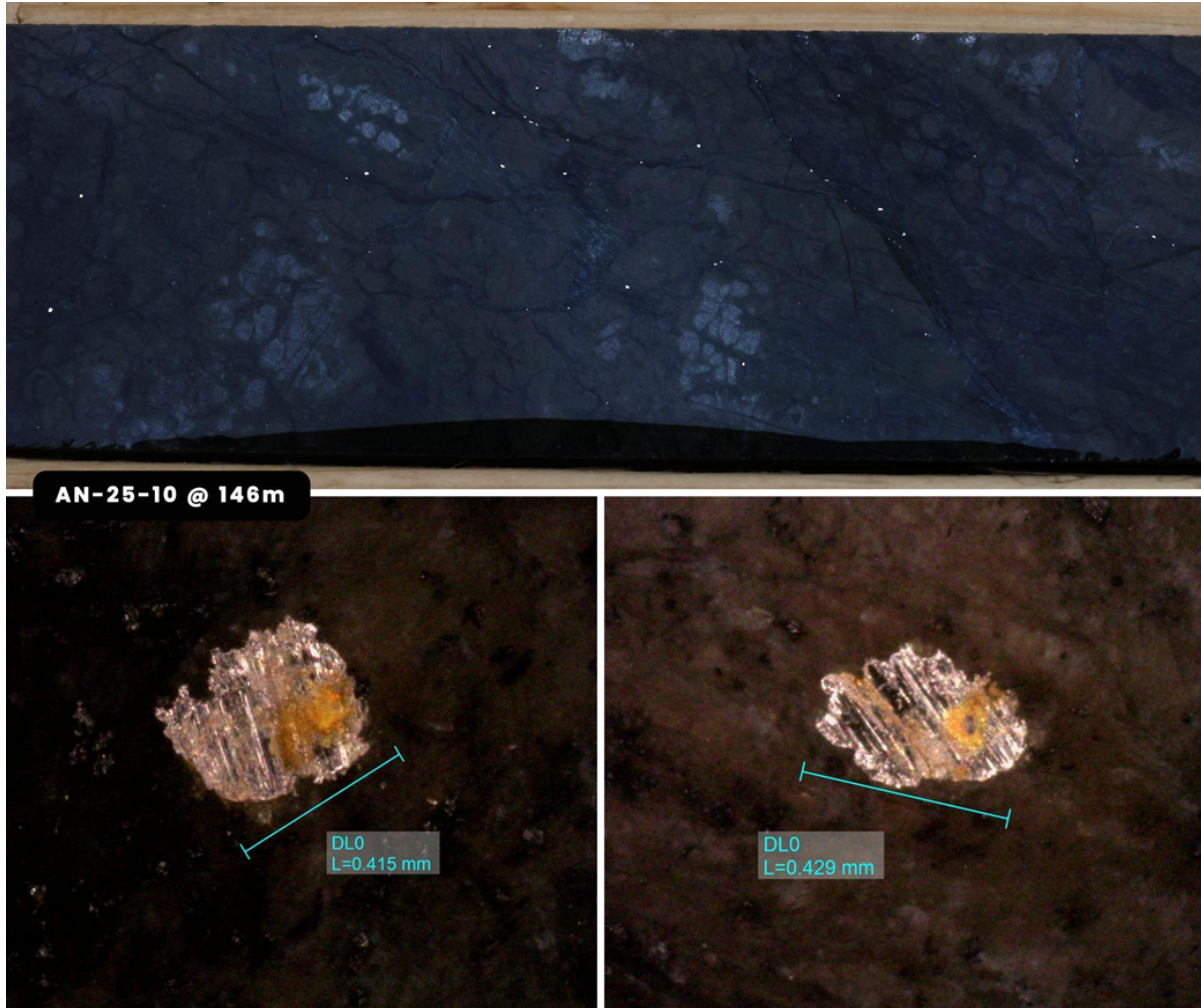
**Figure 01:** Cross-sectional view of the RPM Zone Hole AN-24-02 to AN-24-04 and AN-25-10, showing the distribution of magnetic concentrate and DTR nickel values. Hole AN-25-10 averages 1.44% nickel and 1.54% chromium in continuous metallurgical DTR magnetic concentrate, with an average 10.48% Mass Pull and 0.15% DTR nickel over 228 meters.

**Table 02:** Drill Hole Collar Location Information

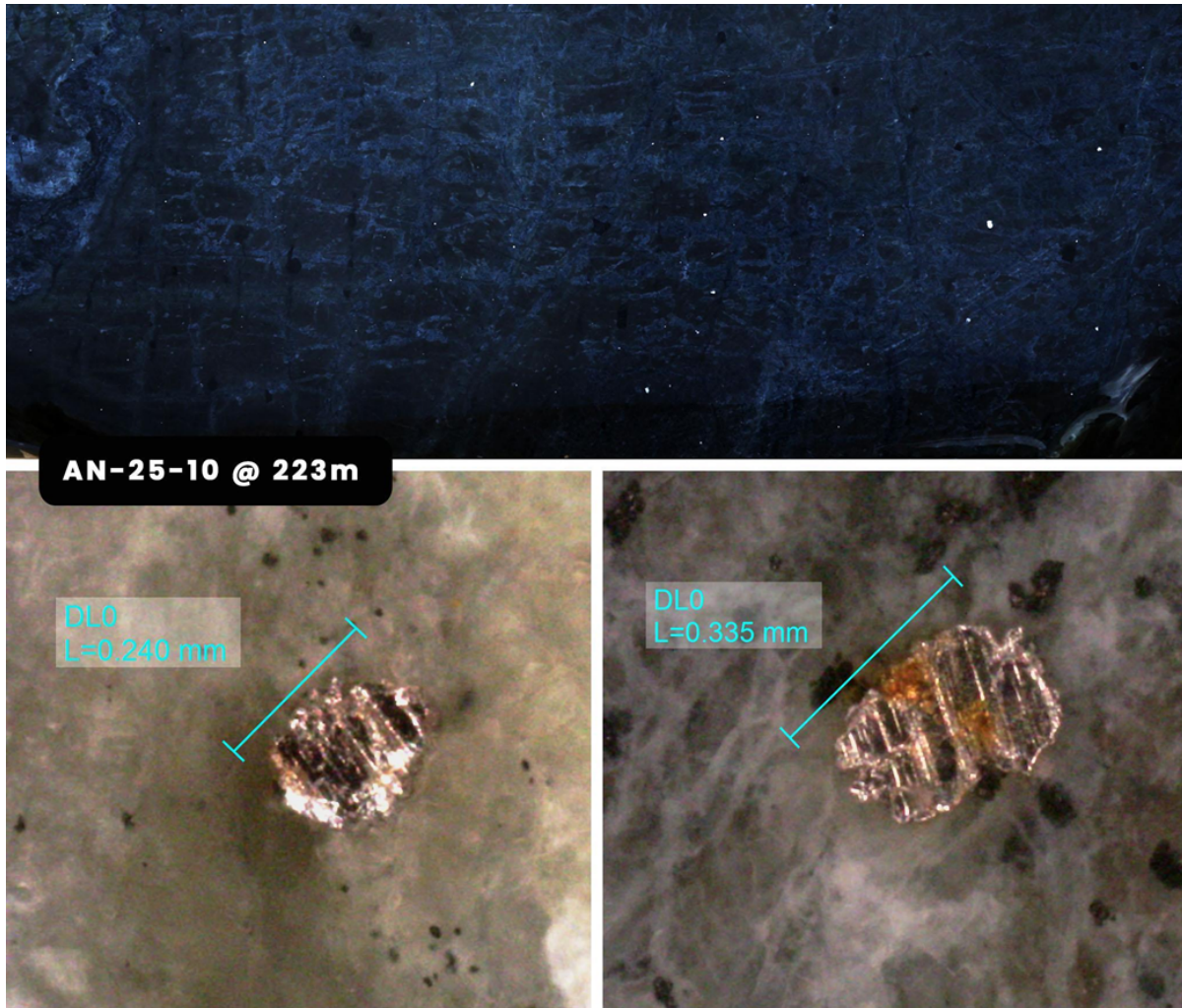
Hole ID	Easting (UTM)	Northing (UTM)	Elevation (m)	Azimuth (°)	Dip (°)	Depth (m)
AN-25-09	567517	5358377	219	270	-60	480
AN-25-10	567520	5357575	241	90	-60	233



**Figure 02:** Drill core from Hole AN-25-10 at 9 meters, showing disseminated awaruite (nickel-iron alloy) in serpentized peridotite (top); photomicrographs show awaruite grains up to ~500 microns in size (bottom).



**Figure 03:** Drill core from Hole AN-25-10 at 146 meters, showing disseminated awaruite (nickel-iron alloy) in serpentinized peridotite (top); photomicrographs show awaruite grains up to ~450 microns in size (bottom).



**Figure 04:** Drill core from Hole AN-25-10 at 233 meters, showing disseminated awaruite (nickel-iron alloy) in serpentinized peridotite (top); photomicrographs show awaruite grains up to ~350 microns in size (bottom).

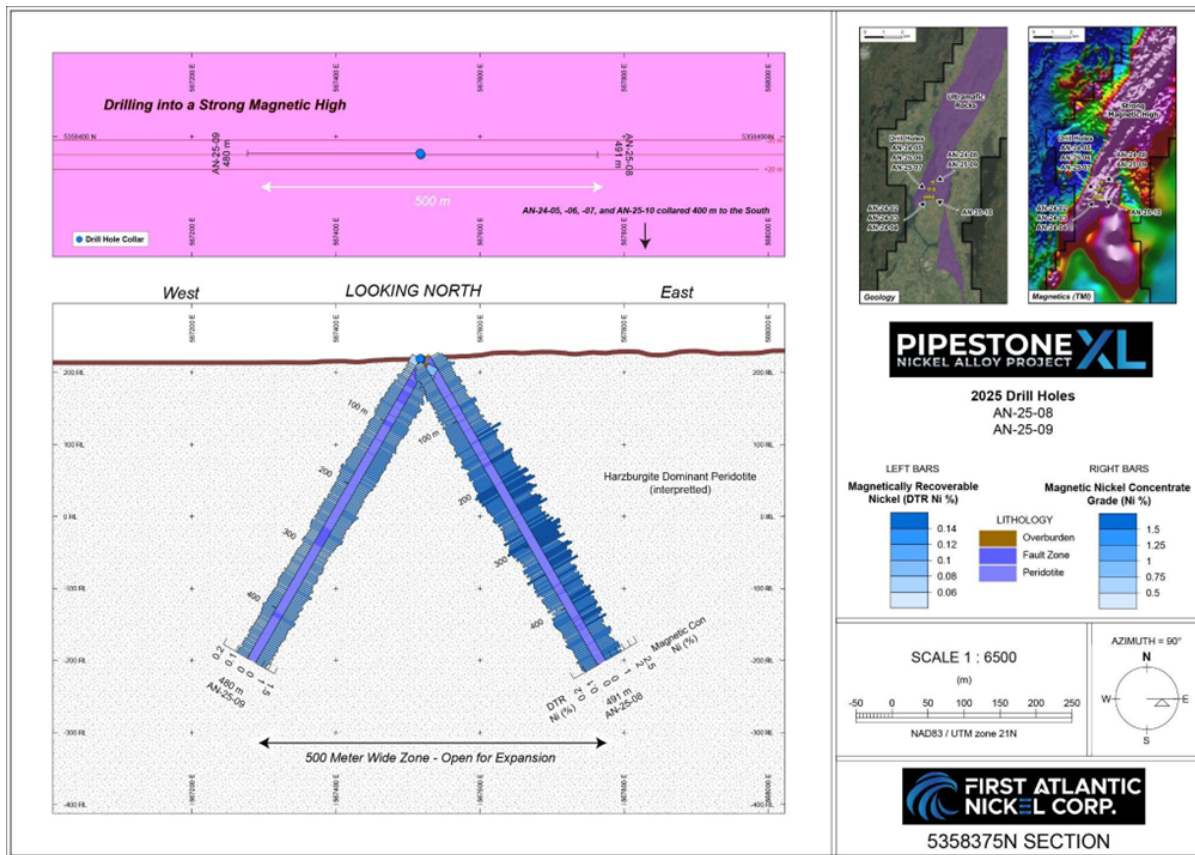
Hole AN-25-09, located 800 meters north of the discovery drilling on Section S1, was drilled from the same collar location as Hole AN-25-08 but oriented in the opposite direction. This hole tested westward toward Pipestone Pond on Section S3 and intersected continuous mineralization over its entire 480-meter length, returning 0.09% DTR Ni from 0.95% nickel in magnetic concentrate from 42 to 417 meters, is greater than the 0.06% DTR Ni cutoff grade calculated at the Baptiste awaruite nickel deposit in British Columbia<sup>11</sup>.

The westward orientation of AN-25-09, drilled prior to refined structural interpretation, was not optimally oriented to test the true width of the awaruite-bearing body. Despite this, the hole provided valuable geological information confirming the westward-dipping system, consistent with results from Hole AN-25-07, which was also drilled westward on Section S2. The successful DTR results from eastward-oriented holes, compared with the sub-optimal

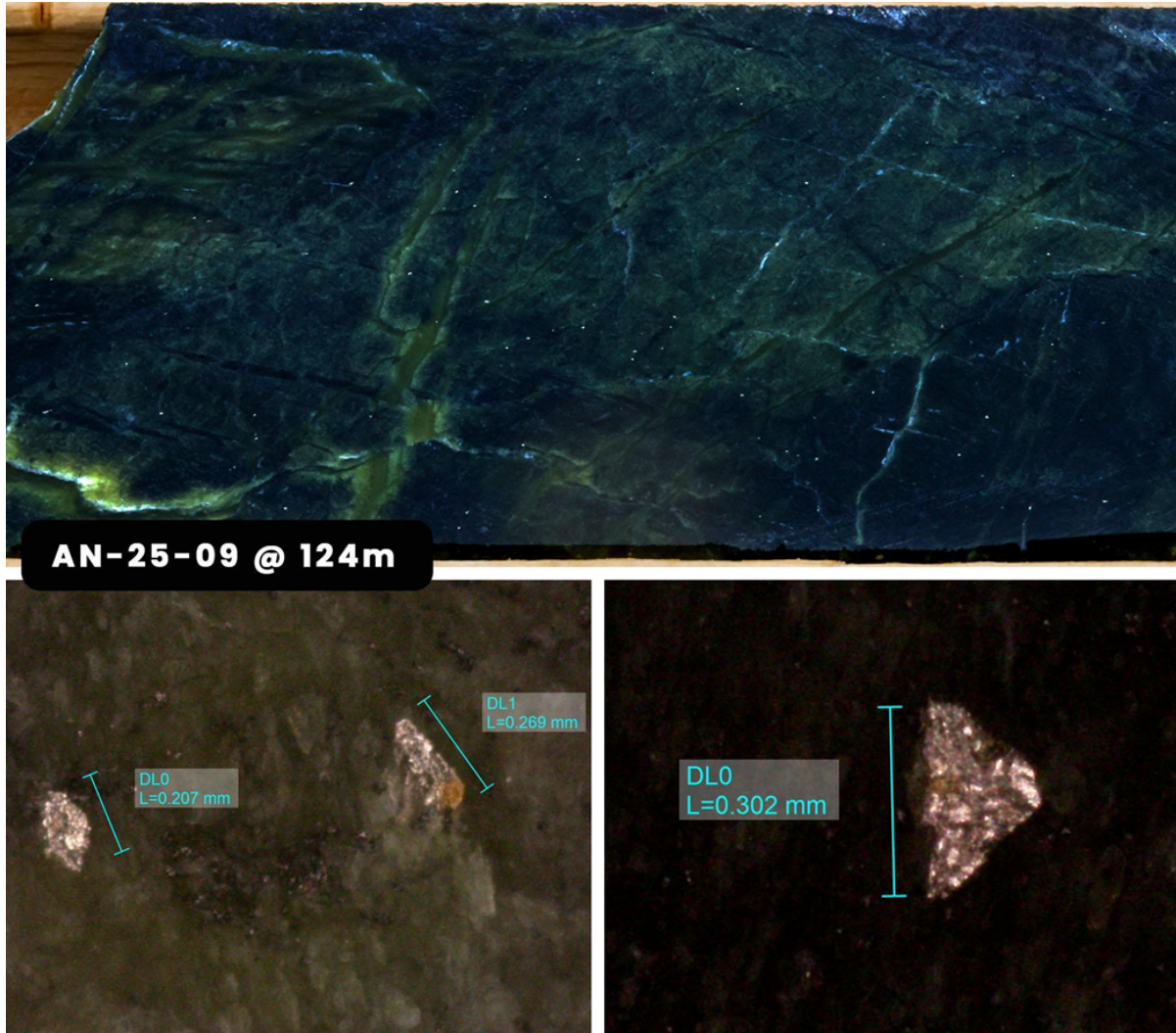
westward orientation of AN-25-07 and AN-25-09, confirm that eastward-oriented drilling is essential to test the true width of the mineralized body and continues to deliver the best grades on the property.

**Table 03:** Pipestone XL Nickel Alloy Project - Summary of Assay Results and DTR Metallurgical Test Results for Drill Hole AN-25-09 (RPM Zone)

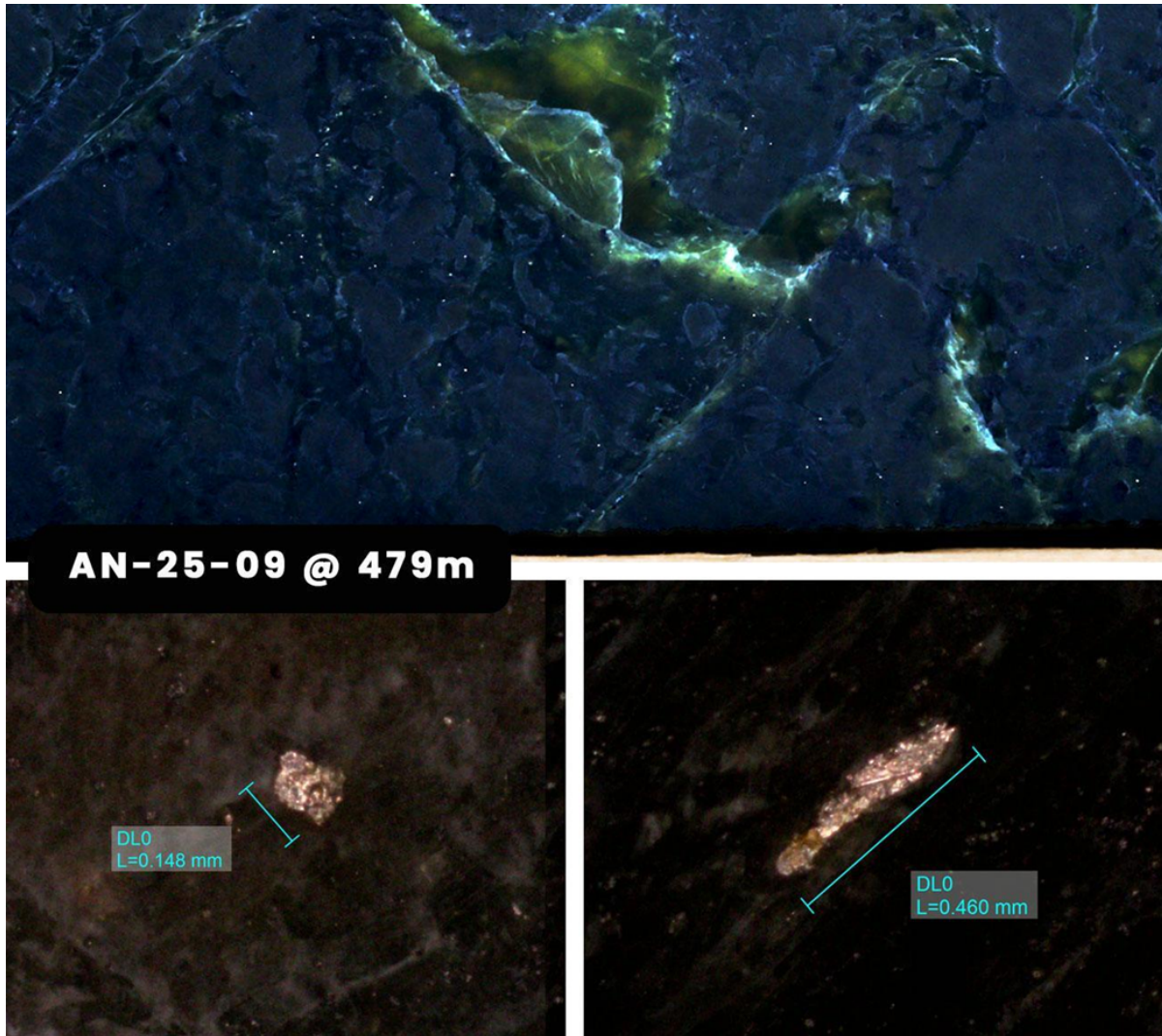
Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Mass Pull (%)	Nickel - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Ni (%)	Nickel - Total Grade Ni (%)	DTR Nickel Grade - Magnetically Recovered Ni (%)	Total Nickel Recovery (%)	Chromium - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Cr (%)	Chromium Total Grade Cr (%)	DTR Chromium Grade - Magnetically Recovered Cr (%)	Cobalt - Magnetic Concentrate Grade Co (%)
AN-25-09	9	483	474	9.00	0.93	0.23	0.08	36.07	1.61	0.28	0.14	0.06
including	42	417	375	9.03	0.95	0.23	0.09	37.16	1.57	0.26	0.14	0.06
including "Up To"				12.00	1.20	0.26	0.11	45.79	3.94	1.23	0.34	0.08



**Figure 05:** Cross-sectional view of the RPM Zone drill hole AN-25-08 and AN-25-09, located 800 meters north of discovery hole AN-24-02, showing the distribution of magnetic concentrate and DTR nickel values. Hole AN-25-08 averages 1.35% nickel and 1.57% chromium in continuous metallurgical DTR magnetic concentrate, with an average 8.79% Mass Pull and 0.12% DTR nickel over 480 meters.



**Figure 06:** Drill core from Hole AN-25-09 at 124 meters, showing disseminated awaruite (nickel-iron alloy) in serpentinized peridotite (top); photomicrographs show awaruite grains up to ~300 microns in size (bottom).



**Figure 07:** Drill core from Hole AN-25-09 at 479 meters, showing disseminated awaruite (nickel-iron alloy) in serpentinized peridotite (top); photomicrographs show awaruite grains up to ~450 microns in size (bottom).

#### **AWARUITE NICKEL: HIGH RECOVERY FROM HIGH-GRADE MINERAL**

Awaruite ( $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ ) is a naturally occurring nickel-iron-cobalt alloy containing approximately 77% nickel<sup>[1]</sup>, or 2 to 3 times the nickel content of typical nickel sulfide minerals such as pentlandite (~25% Ni)<sup>[2]</sup>. Awaruite's high nickel content and magnetic properties enables simpler magnetic concentration, with less complex flotation requirements than conventional sulfide processing, and supports higher end-concentrate grades.

DTR metallurgical testing at the RPM Zone has achieved an average nickel recovery of 68.62% across reported drill holes, demonstrating the effectiveness of magnetic separation for awaruite concentration. The 10.48% mass pull in

Hole AN-25-10 shows that magnetic separation can reduce the starting rock volume by approximately 90%, concentrating the recoverable nickel into about 10% of the original rock mass prior to flotation. The Company's current metallurgical program is based on magnetic separation ahead of flotation, leveraging awaruite's unique magnetic properties to achieve superior recoveries relative to bulk tonnage nickel sulfide mineralization.

Unlike conventional nickel sulfide minerals such as pentlandite (Fe,Ni)<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>, which contain sulfur, a non-metal chemical element that takes-up weight and space within the mineral and needs to be removed through secondary processing such as high temperature smelting or roasting, awaruite's sulfur-free composition eliminates the need for smelting, roasting, or acid leaching. This positions the Pipestone XL Project as a potential domestic source of magnetically concentrated nickel that reduces reliance on overseas processing infrastructure.

### PHASE 2X DRILLING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Phase 2X drilling program continues to expand the RPM Zone within the 4-kilometer strike length target area announced [October 21, 2025](#). To date, approximately 3,500 meters of drill core from the RPM Zone have returned positive magnetically recoverable nickel results. Reported holes averaging 1.29% nickel in magnetic concentrate with a 9.25% mass pull, result in a calculated grade of 0.12% DTR nickel. The exceptional results from AN-25-10 (0.15% DTR Ni with 68.62% recovery) demonstrate increasing grades with eastward expansion toward Chrome Pond.

The Company plans to announce additional drilling targeting multiple directions:

- **Eastern Extension (High Priority):** Following the exceptional results from Hole AN-25-10, additional drilling from optimized collars designed to penetrate deeper will target the zone beyond where the hole was halted, continuing the eastward expansion toward the historic Chrome Pond chromite prospect. The eastward trend has consistently delivered the best magnetically recoverable nickel grades on the property.
- **Northern Extension:** Systematic step-outs north of Section S3 will continue to test the 4-kilometer strike length potential outlined by DTR surface sampling.
- **Southern Extension:** Approximately 1 kilometer of southern extension potential has been identified in areas now reinterpreted as ultramafic peridotites hosting awaruite.

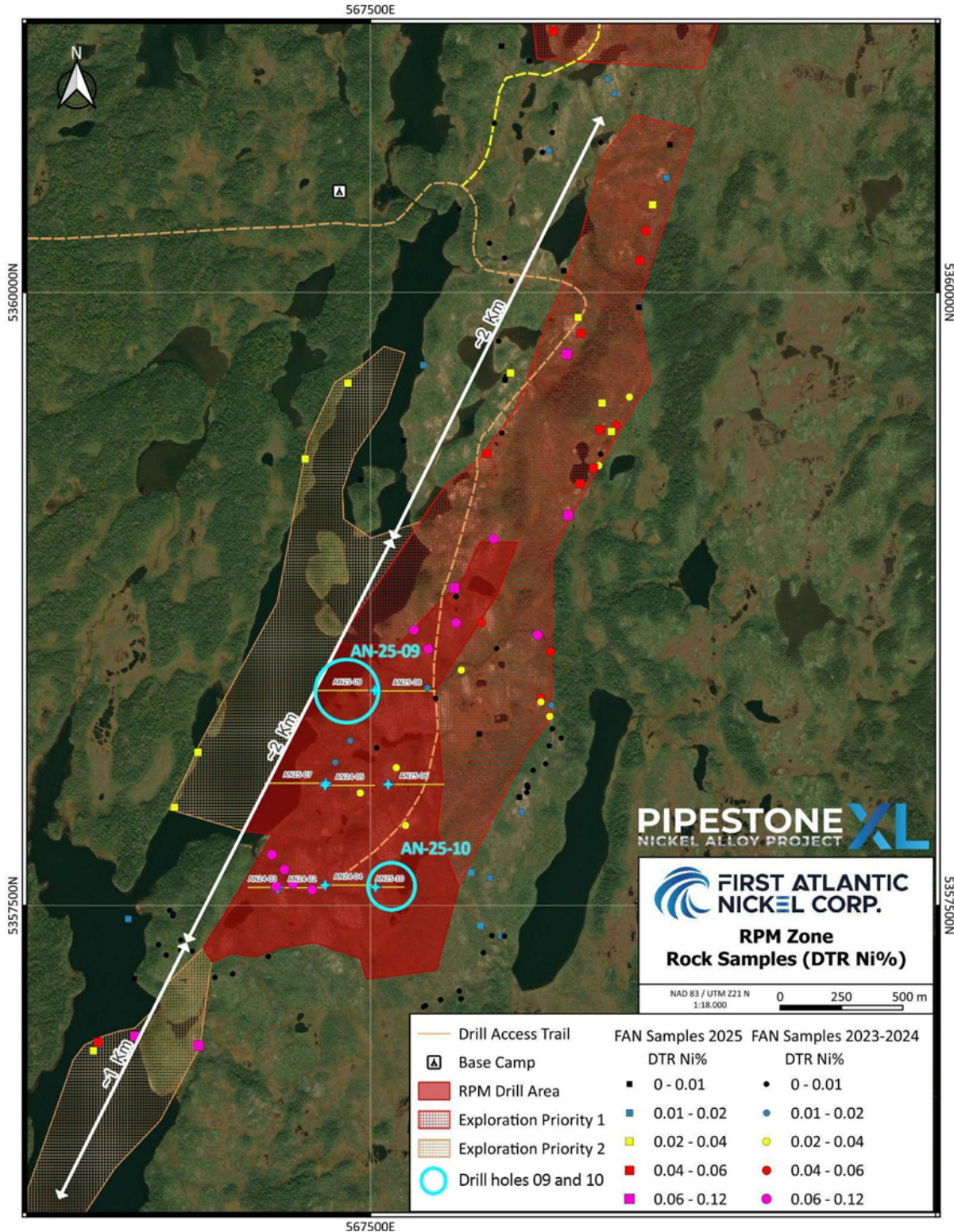
### CHROMIUM CO-PRODUCT AND METALLURGICAL PROGRAM

Chromium occurs disseminated with the awaruite nickel alloy in all RPM Zone drill hole intervals, averaging 0.15% DTR chromium across reported intersections with a 9.25% average mass pull. Based on consistent chromium assays in every RPM Zone drill hole to date, the Company has expanded its metallurgical program to include chromium as an area of interest for potential by-product recovery. Chromite has been identified as the source mineral for chromium, and its beneficiation potential is currently under investigation. Mineralogy analysis provides the foundation for determining future recovery methods, processing routes, and separation techniques, and will

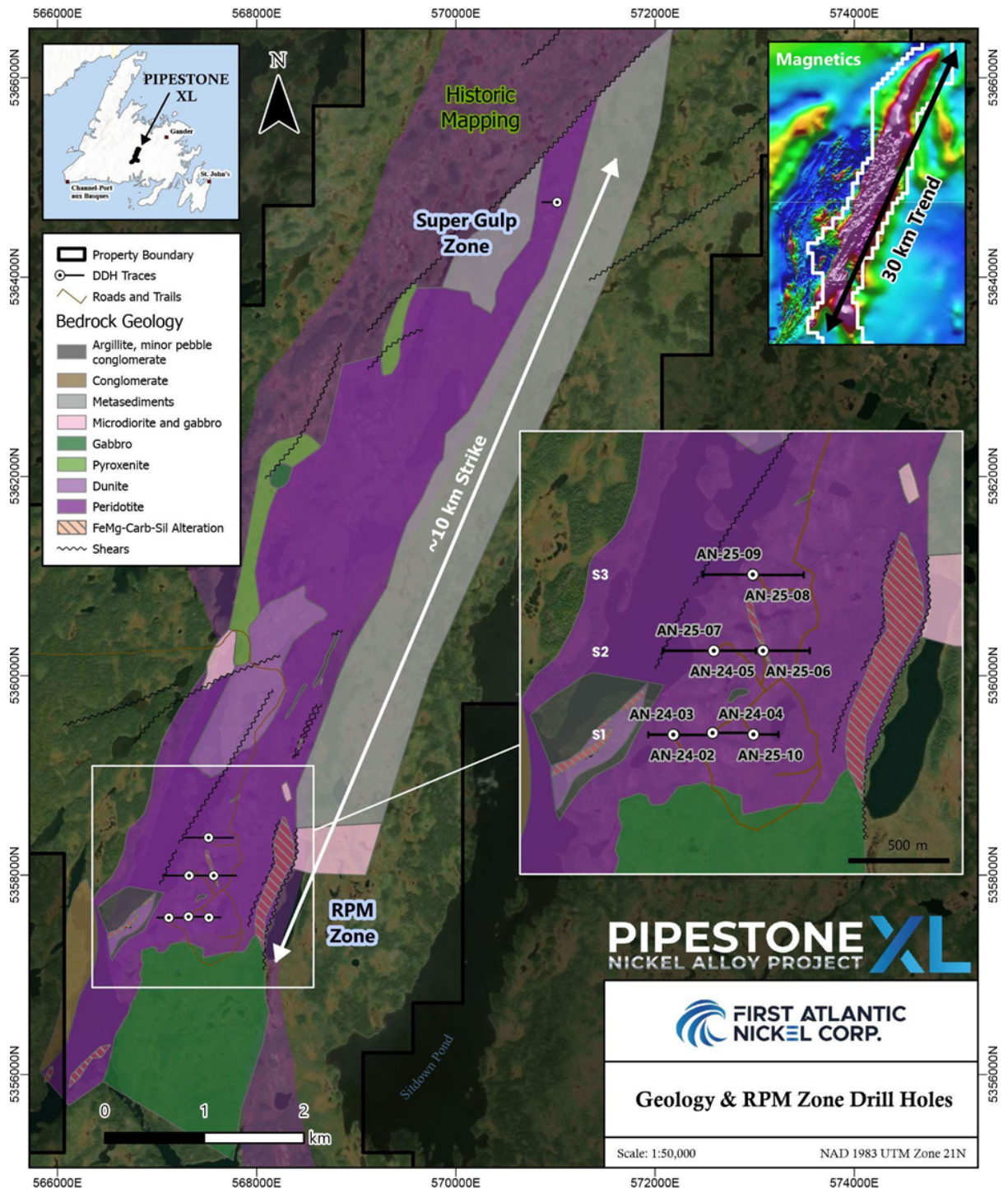
provide insight into potential concentrate grades. The Company anticipates updates on recovery, separation, and preliminary concentrate products for nickel, chromium, and cobalt in early 2026.

**Table 04: RPM Zone - Complete Intervals for all Drill Holes Reported to Date**

Drill Hole	Zone	Section	From meters	To meters	Interval meters	Magnetically Recovered (DTR) Nickel %	Magnetic Concentrate Nickel Grade (Ni %)	Mass Pull (%)	Comment
AN 24 - 02	RPM	S1	11.0	394.1	383.1	0.13	1.37	9.50	NR - March 12, 2025
AN 24 - 03	RPM	S1	18.0	234.0	216.0	0.11	1.32	9.12	NR - April 15, 2025
AN 24 - 04	RPM	S1	12.0	378.0	366.0	0.14	1.46	9.53	NR- June 24, 2025
AN 24 - 05	RPM	S2	6.0	357.0	351.0	0.12	1.47	8.21	NR - July 9, 2025
AN 25 - 06	RPM	S2	5.65	453	447.35	0.11	1.27	9.02	NR - August 12, 2025
AN 25 - 07	RPM	S2	9	495	486.0	0.09	0.97	9.60	NR - October 23, 2025
AN 25 - 08	RPM	S3	11	491	480.0	0.12	1.35	8.79	NR - October 23, 2025
AN 25 - 09	RPM	S3	9	483	474.0	0.08	0.93	9.0	NR - Dec 2, 2025
AN 25 - 10	RPM	S1	8	236	228	0.15	1.44	10.48	NR - Dec 2, 2025
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**Figure 08: Phase 2X drill plan map showing expanded target areas - RPM, RPM South, and RPM North, within the 30 km Pipestone XL Nickel Alloy Project.**



**Figure 09: Phase 2X drill plan map at the RPM Zone showing the 800-meter drill-confirmed strike length and the open 10-kilometer strike extension to Super Gulp within the 30-kilometer Pipestone XL nickel trend.**

### **AWARUITE - RARE & PURE NATURAL NICKEL-IRON-COBALT ALLOY MINERAL**

The sulfur-free nature of awaruite ( $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ ), a naturally occurring nickel-iron-cobalt alloy already in metallic form, eliminates the need for secondary processes such as smelting, roasting or acid leaching that are typical of sulfide or laterite nickel ores. Unlike sulfides, which are not natural alloys, awaruite avoids the challenge of sourcing smelter capacity—a bottleneck in North America's nickel supply chain. With an average nickel grade of approximately 77%, awaruite significantly exceeds the ~25% nickel grade characteristic of pentlandite. Awaruite's strong magnetic properties enable concentration through magnetic separation, as demonstrated by Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) testing at First Atlantic's RPM Zone drill core.

Awaruite eliminates the electricity requirements, emissions, and environmental impacts associated with conventional smelting, roasting or acid leaching processes of common nickel minerals. Moreover, awaruite's sulfur-free composition removes the risks of acid mine drainage (AMD) and related permitting challenges commonly posed by sulfide minerals. As noted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in 2012: *"The development of awaruite deposits in other parts of Canada may help alleviate any prolonged shortage of nickel concentrate. Awaruite, a natural iron-nickel alloy, is much easier to concentrate than pentlandite, the principal sulfide of nickel."*



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Nickel-Cobalt-Iron  
Alloy [ $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ ]

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**Figure 10: Quote from USGS on Awaruite Deposits in Canada**

## DAVIS TUBE RECOVERY (DTR) METALLURGICAL TEST

Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) is a laboratory method that uses magnets to separate magnetic and non-magnetic material from a sample, similar to commercial magnetic separators used in mining operations. The percentage of magnetic mass recovered (mass pull) is used together with the assayed grade of the magnetic fraction to calculate the magnetically recoverable nickel.

DTR nickel percentage is calculated by:  $\text{Mass Pull (\%)} \times \text{Magnetic Nickel Concentrate Grade (\%)}$ . This represents the portion of nickel that can be recovered through magnetic separation and is not equivalent to a standard assay result. DTR results can vary based on equipment settings and technological advancements.

The Company has released a new educational video that breaks down the Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) test into five simple steps. This video is a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding mineral exploration. Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3zsgDtLWns> to view the video.



**Figure 11: Davis Tube Recovery (DTR) Metallurgical Test 5 Step Process**

### Investor Information

The Company's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "**FAN**", the American OTCQB Exchange under the symbol "**FANCF**" and on several German exchanges, including Frankfurt and Tradegate, under the symbol "**P21**".

Investors can get updates about First Atlantic by signing up to receive news via email and SMS text at [www.fanickel.com](http://www.fanickel.com).

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**Disclosure**

Adrian Smith, P.Geo., a director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company is a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101. The qualified person is a member in good standing of the Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL) and is a registered professional geoscientist (P.Geo.). Mr. Smith has reviewed and approved the technical information disclosed herein.

**Analytical Method & QA/QC**

Samples were split in half on site, with one half remaining in the core box for future reference and the other half securely packaged for laboratory analysis. The QA/QC protocol included the insertion of blanks, duplicates, and certified reference material (standards), with one QA/QC sample being inserted every 20 samples to monitor the precision and accuracy of the laboratory results. All analytical results successfully passed QA/QC screening at the laboratory, and all Company inserted standards and blanks returned results within acceptable limits.

Samples were submitted to Activation Laboratories Ltd. (“Actlabs”) in Ancaster, Ontario, an ISO 17025 certified and accredited laboratory operating independently of First Atlantic. Each sample was crushed, with a 250 g sub-sample pulverized to 95% - 200 mesh. A magnetic separate was then generated by running the pulverized sub-sample through a magnetic separator which splits the sub-sample into magnetic and non-magnetic fractions. This involves running a 30 g split of the pulp through a Davis Tube magnetic separator as a slurry using a constant flow rate, a magnetic field strength of 3,500 Gauss, and a tube angle of 45 degrees to produce magnetic and non-magnetic fractions.

The magnetic fractions are collected, dried, weighed and the magnetic fraction is fused with a lithium metaborate/tetraborate flux and lithium bromide releasing agent and then analyzed on a wavelength dispersive XRF for multiple elements including nickel, cobalt, iron and chromium. The magnetically recovered nickel grade was then calculated by multiplying the XRF fusion nickel value by the weight of the magnetic fraction and dividing by the total recorded feed weight or magnetic mass pulled from the sample.

True widths are currently unknown. However the nickel bearing ultramafic ophiolite and peridotite rocks being targeted and sampled in the Phase 1 drilling program at the Atlantic Nickel Project are mapped on surface and in drilling as several hundred meters to over 1 kilometer wide and approximately 30 kilometers long.

**Forward-looking statements:**

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*Forward-looking information in this news release includes, but is not limited to: statements regarding: the timing, scope and results of the Company's Phase 1 and Phase 2 work and drilling programs (including follow-up drilling around Hole AN-25-10 and continued expansion toward Chrome Pond); future project developments; the Company's objectives, goals, and future plans; statements and estimates of market conditions; the viability of magnetic separation as a low-impact processing method for awaruite; the strategic and economic implications of the Company's projects; and expectations regarding future developments and strategic plans. Forward-looking information is based on, among other things, assumptions regarding: the continuity of mineralization and geology suggested by drilling and sampling to date; metallurgical recoveries and magnetic separation performance continuing to be consistent with test results; the availability of drill rigs, services, personnel and supplies; permitting and regulatory timelines; prevailing and future nickel, cobalt and chromium prices and demand; and the Company's ability to obtain financing on reasonable terms to carry out planned exploration and metallurgical programs.*

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*The Company is presently an exploration stage company. Exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks, requires substantial expenditures, and may not result in the discovery of mineral deposits that can be mined profitably. Furthermore, the Company currently has no mineral reserves on any of its properties. As a result, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking information, except as required by applicable securities laws.*

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