

## Nickel Royale Project Expanded

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### NOVAWEST RESOURCES INC ("NVE-V;NVWRF-0") - Nickel-Royale Project Expanded

NovaWest Resources Inc. (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company has increased its property holdings in the immediate vicinity of its recently acquired (76 claim unit - 3040 acre) Nickel Royale Project. The assemblage is located in the Hemlo-Schrieber Camp west of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The Company has acquired by option the FourSox Property comprised of 36 claim units (1440 acres) straddling the Hemlo-Schrieber greenstone belt to the west of the initial Nickel Royale Assemblage. This belt contains the Marathon deposit (34 mt Cu-Ni-PGMs) to the east being investigated by Geomaque, and the Nipigon Plate being investigated by others to the west. The belt, traditionally known for its VMS potential and the renown Hemlo gold deposits, appears to be evolving into an important locus for polymetallic sulphides rich in Ni-Cu-PGMs. The property is easily accessible by road and lies 9 miles west of the town of Schreiber, and is in close proximity (10km) to the Winston Lake polymetallic VMS mine (Inmet Mining). The basemetal sulphide mineralization in the area is comprised of pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite-pyrite-pentlandite. Pentlandite, the Ni-bearing sulphide phase from the Company's nearby Nickel Royale is particularly visible in cut and polished slabs and accounts for up to 15% of the sulphides. The sulphides occur as massive to net-texture and vein-like; Ni/Cu ratios exhibit a spread but average 3/1; Pd/Pt ratios average approximately 4/1. Sulphides from the Company's nearby Nickel Royale recalculated to 100% (Inco 1998) yielded grades up to 7.5% Ni, 6.6% Cu and 0.3% Co. The Company considers the acquisition important to its near-term plans to take advantage of the current exploration market to acquire key prospective properties ideal for base metal and PGM exploration. The Company plans further acquisitions in the immediate area. The Company plans to have its geological team on the property within fifteen days.

The Company will pay the vendors a total of 75,000 shares of the Company's common stock, with 20,000 shares payable upon exchange approval, 25,000 shares upon first positive engineering report following the first phase of exploration work carried out and the remaining 30,000 shares upon a second positive engineering report on a second phase of exploration work. Novawest has agreed to set aside a 3% NSR in favour of Brian Fowler and Bert Applegath on the new claim units, half of which can be repurchased by the Company for one million dollars.