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TITLE: 2010 REPORT ON GEOLOGICAL
MAPPING OF WHEATON LIME CLAIMS

CLAIMS WORKED: WHEATON LIME 1,3 and 4.

RECORD NUMBER: 672084, 672103, 672123

MINING DIVISION: LIARD

NTS MAP SHEET: 104I/06E

MINERAL TITLES
REFERENCE MAP: M104I 035

LATITUDE: 58°18'

LONGITUDE: 128°04'

CLAIM OWNER: HARD CREEK NICKEL CORP.
FMC #103195

OPERATOR: HARD CREEK NICKEL CORP.

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ASSESSMENT REPORT

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**ASSESSMENT REPORT
TITLE PAGE AND SUMMARY**

TITLE OF REPORT (type of survey(s)) 2010 Report on Geological Mapping of Wheaton Lime Claims TOTAL COST \$1325203

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Greg Ross [Signature]

NOTICE OF WORK PERMIT NUMBER(S)/DATE(S) _____ YEAR OF WORK 2010

STATEMENT OF WORK - CASH PAYMENT EVENT NUMBER(S)/DATE(S) 4808918 2010/11/10

PROPERTY NAME Wheaton Lime

CLAIM NAME(S) (on which work was done) 672084 672103 672123

COMMODITIES SOUGHT Limestone

MINERAL INVENTORY MINFILE NUMBER(S), IF KNOWN 1041 081?

MINING DIVISION Liard NTS 104I 06E

LATITUDE 58 ° 18 " LONGITUDE 128 ° 04 " (at centre of work)

OWNER(S)
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PROPERTY GEOLOGY KEYWORDS (lithology, age, stratigraphy, structure, alteration, mineralization, size and attitude):
Flat to steeply dipping Upper Triassic limestone of Sinwa Formation
exposed in anticline, phyllite and pebble conglomerate of
Lower Jurassic Inklin Formation surround limestone

REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT WORK AND ASSESSMENT REPORT NUMBERS
AR 0933, AR 14954, AR 17490

TYPE OF WORK IN THIS REPORT	EXTENT OF WORK (IN METRIC UNITS)	ON WHICH CLAIMS	PROJECT COSTS APPORTIONED (incl. support)
GEOLOGICAL (scale, area)			
Ground, mapping	1:25,000	2.5 km ²	
		672084, 672103	\$ 12,202.03
Photo interpretation		672123	
GEOPHYSICAL (line-kilometres)			
Ground			
Magnetic			
Electromagnetic			
Induced Polarization			
Radiometric			
Seismic			
Other			
Airborne			
GEOCHEMICAL			
(number of samples analysed for ...)			
Soil			
Silt			
Rock	14 samples for whole rock, Leco sulphur	672084, 672103	1,050.
Other	and 23 elements for 4 acid digestion and ICP-ES	672123	
DRILLING			
(total metres; number of holes, size)			
Core			
Non-core			
RELATED TECHNICAL			
Sampling/assaying			
Petrographic			
Mineralographic			
Metallurgic			
PROSPECTING (scale, area)			
PREPARATORY/PHYSICAL			
Line/grid (kilometres)			
Topographic/Photogrammetric (scale, area)			
Legal surveys (scale, area)			
Road, local access (kilometres)/trail			
Trench (metres)			
Underground dev. (metres)			
Other			
TOTAL COST			13,252.03

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INTRODUCTION

Hard Creek Nickel has been expanding the size of its nearby Turnagain nickel sulphide property and conducting a variety of metallurgical tests on core samples since 2003. As this work advanced, it was considered prudent to locate a local source of metallurgical limestone. Consequently, several claim blocks have been staked to cover exposed limestone located between the Turnagain property and the town of Dease Lake. Wheaton Lime is the latest claim block to be staked and sampled.

PROPERTY LOCATION, ACCESS and PHYSIOGRAPHY

The Wheaton Lime Property is located in the Liard Mining Division, 55 km east-southeast of the community of Dease Lake and 5 km east of Turnagain Lake (Figure 1). Coordinates for the centre of the claim group are 58°19' north latitude and 129°04' west longitude on NTS map sheet 104I/6E.

Although the resource access road in the Turnagain valley extends east from Highway 37 and passes 10 kilometres north of the property and placer access trails in Wheaton Creek reach within four kilometres, a helicopter based in Dease Lake was used for daily set outs during the mapping.

Elevations on the claims range from 1,230 metres to 1,670 metres and the topography consists of rolling hills incised by drainages in the eastern and western portions of the property. Most of the property is overlain by till and fluvio-glacial material which supports an abundant growth of willow and alder near drainages and higher elevations with a dense growth of conifers in drier areas. Grass and sedge meadows are extensive in the headwaters of Wheaton Creek. Extensive bedrock was noted along several unnamed creeks, located immediately north of Settea Creek and flowing westerly, and in several tributaries of Wheaton Creek.

CLAIMS

The property comprises the 1-4 Wheaton Lime claims (#672084, 672085, 672103 and 672123), staked electronically by Hard Creek Nickel Corp. on November, 20, 2009. Total area of the contiguous claims is 1360.3 hectares. Claim boundaries in relation to drainage features are shown in Fig. 2 and pertinent claim data is tabulated in Appendix A.

PREVIOUS WORK

Although the Turnagain River drainage has experienced a long history of small scale placer gold and jade mining, there has been limited exploration work reported in the area covered by the present four Wheaton Lime claims.

In 1980 Dupont Exploration conducted stream sediment sampling along a southwest flowing tributary of Settea Creek in response to an earlier 5000ppb heavy mineral gold anomaly. No anomalous results were reported from the additional sediment sampling and no further work was conducted (Strain, 1981).

Cameron Scott staked the Falcon claims in 1985 to cover reported silver and base metal mineralization in quartz stockworks and siliceous zones hosted by limestone, located in the headwaters of Wheaton Creek. Preliminary work in 1986 included geological mapping, geochemical soil sampling, VLF-EM and magnetic surveys on a 5 line-kilometre flagged grid. Three chip samples across 35-60 centimetre wide quartz veins with accessory tetrahedrite, galena, sphalerite and pyrite returned 103-435g/t silver and 0.38 to >1% copper. The geochemical soil survey indicated Au, Ag, As, Cu, Pb and Zn could be useful pathfinders for

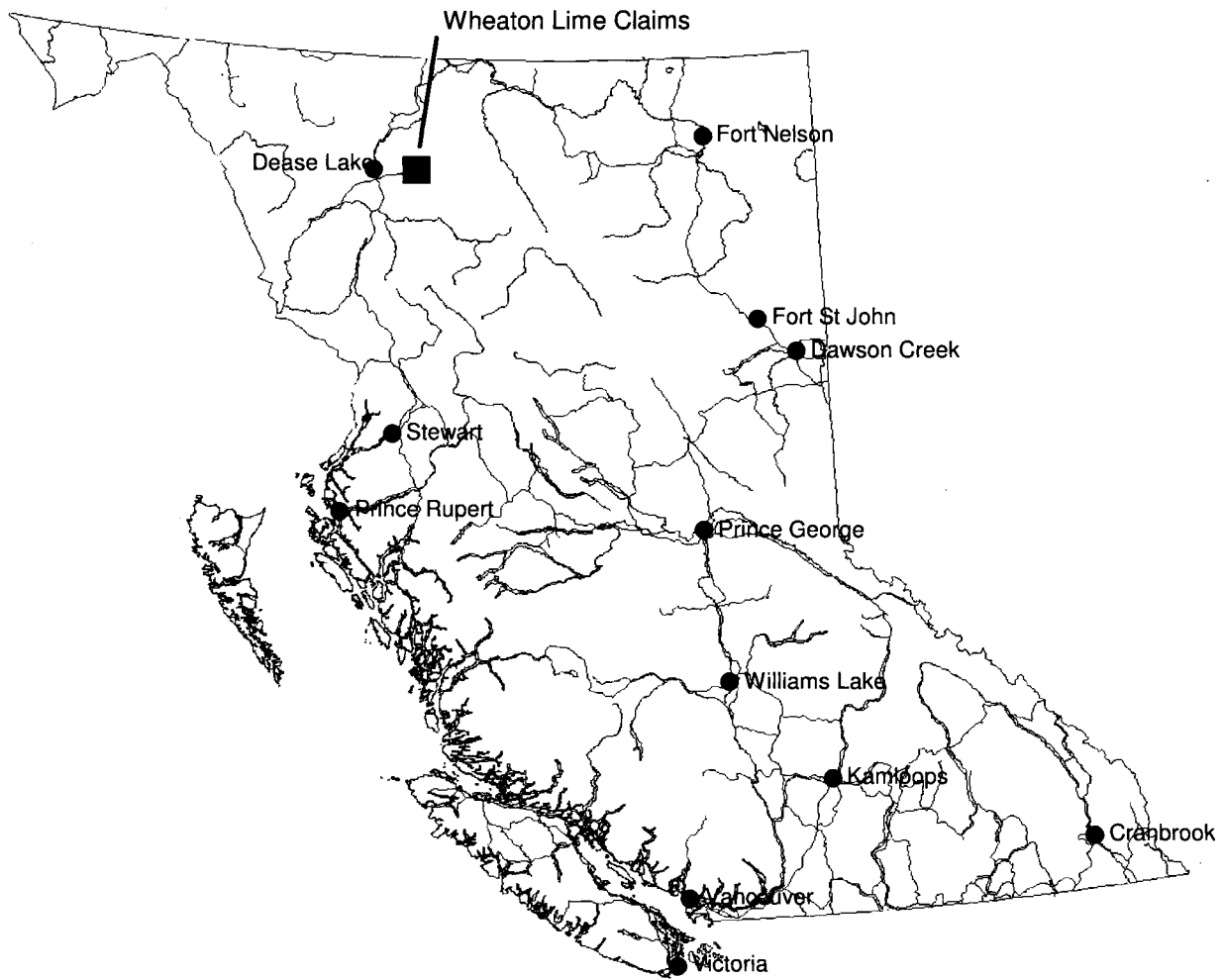
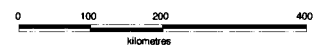


Figure 1

HARD CREEK NICKEL CORP.

Date: 8/22/01	Map of BC Showing Location of Wheaton Lime Claims
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Office: HNC	
Drawing:	
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locating additional, similar mineralization. The geophysical surveys outlined anomalies parallel to the main lithological contacts in the vicinity of the mineralization (Christopher, 1986).

The 1988 geochemical program on the Falcon claims was limited to analyzing the remaining samples originally collected during the 1986 program. No significant anomalies were reported (Scott, 1988) and there is no evidence of any additional work on the Falcon claims.

The area around Wheaton Creek has had a long history of placer gold mining and recovering jade from both alluvial and bedrock prospects. The better known prospects are summarized below.

Wheaton (Boulder) Creek (Minfile #104I 004) has produced coarse placer gold intermittently from its discovery to the present day. Recent activity has been limited to 2-3 miners using a rock truck to haul gravel to a trommel. Crews drive daily a short distance from accommodation in Boulder City.

Settea Creek (Minfile #104I 087) placer workings are located immediately south of the Wheaton Lime claims. Minor placer gold production has occurred in the past and recent attempts were made in 2009 and 2010 to move equipment to the creek.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

Regional Geology

The geology of the Cry Lake map sheet (104 I) and adjacent Dease Lake map sheet (104 J) was investigated by H. Gabrielse and others between 1956-1991 and eventually published as GSC Bulletin 504 in 1998 (Gabrielse, 1998). These map sheets are underlain by six discrete geological terranes, each bounded by regional faults and identified by unique stratigraphic and structural characteristics.

The granodiorite-quartz monzonite intrusions comprising the Cassiar Batholith and stratigraphy of Ancestral North America underlie the northeastern half of the Cry Lake sheet. The southwestern half of the Cry Lake sheet and most of the Dease Lake sheet are underlain by accreted terranes (Quesnellia, Cache Creek and Stikinia) added to Ancestral North America during Mesozoic time.

The Wheaton Lime claims are located 25 kilometres southwest of the fault contact between Ancestral North America and the accreted terranes in an area underlain by limestone and phyllitic rocks of the Cache Creek terrane.

Property Geology

The claims were acquired to cover Sinwa Formation limestone of Upper Triassic age, exposed in the core of an anticline in an inlier surrounded by phyllitic slate and pebble conglomerate of the Lower Jurassic Inklin Formation.

Traverses were designed to concentrate on sections of the Sinwa limestone exposed in several well incised creeks, located immediately north of Settea Creek in the western portion of the claims, and in the headwaters of Wheaton Creek in the eastern portion of the property. Geology and sample locations appear in Fig 3. Limestone samples were collected and analyzed to investigate their suitability as a pH control in a metallurgical facility. Analytical results are documented in Appendix B.

The limestone is a light grey weathering, medium to dark grey on fresh surface, fetid and crystalline to fossiliferous. In several of the larger exposures, located north of Settea Creek, beds of massive, oolitic and fossiliferous limestone 20-500 centimetres thick are separated by platy weathering beds 10-20 centimetres thick. Pelecypod shell fragments to 10 centimetres in length were the most abundant fossils. Bedding in this area strikes approximately 115° with dips either vertical or steeply to the north.

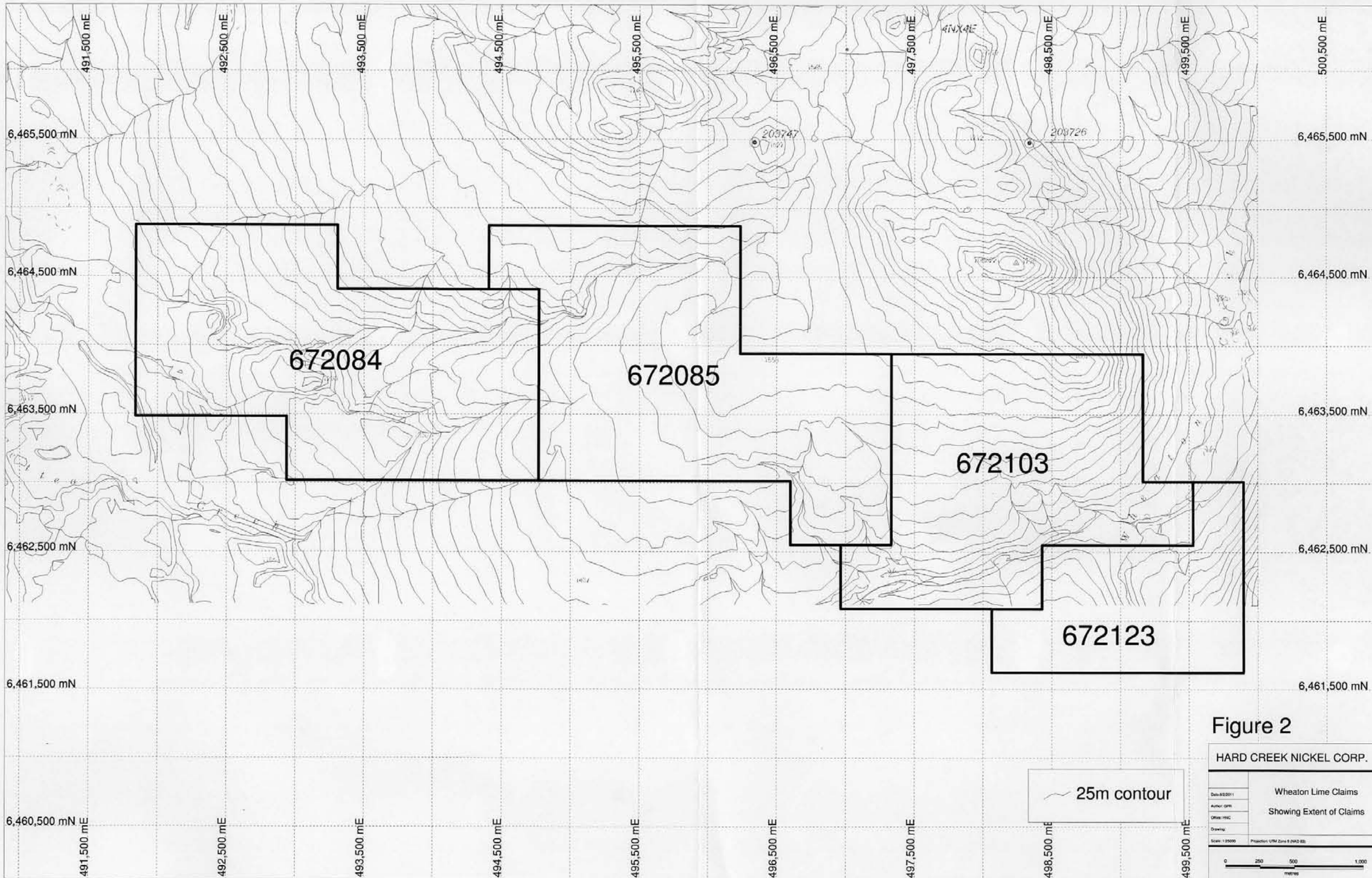
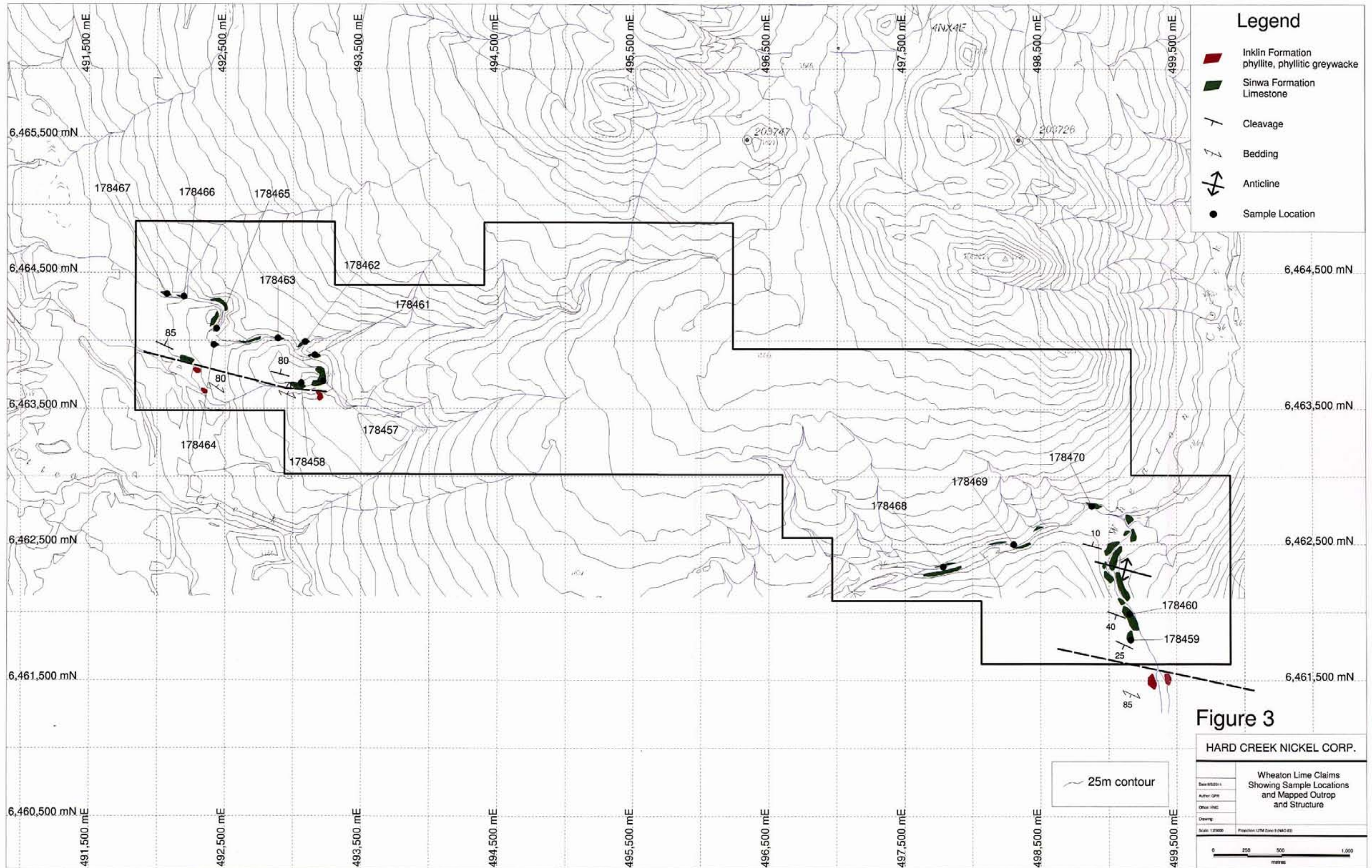


Figure 2

HARD CREEK NICKEL CORP.	
Wheaton Lime Claims	
Showing Extent of Claims	
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Office: HRC	Drawing:
Scale: 1:25000	Projection: UTM Zone 8 (NAD 83)



Sinwa Formation limestone is exposed in the core of a broad anticline in the headwaters of Wheaton Creek, in the southeastern portion of the property. Several large limestone outcrops are cut by anastomosing white quartz veins generally 2-8 centimetres thick, but occasionally 30 centimetres, and quartz lenses up to 2 metres in size.

Thickness of the Sinwa Formation was not determined since the base is not exposed on the claims. Gabrielse (1998) noted the thickness to be variable and that tight folding has led to significant thickening of the unit but, estimated a thickness of up to 75 metres for exposures located 12 kilometres south east of the property.

Phyllitic slate and greywacke Inklin Formation overlies the Sinwa Formation, probably unconformably, (Gabrielse, 1998) but contacts are not exposed on the property.

SAMPLES

Fourteen samples of the Sinwa Limestone were collected from outcrops and analyzed by Acme Laboratories for 21 major oxides and elements by lithium metaborate fusion and 23 elements by four acid ICP-ES. Samples are tabulated below and analytical results are in Appendix B.

Sample #	Northing	Easting	Description
178457	6463702	493220	20m discontinuous chips, vertical orientation
178458	6463688	493060	20m discontinuous chips, across bedding
178459	6461800	499160	30m discontinuous chip, base of o/c
178460	6461990	499152	10m discontinuous chip, fetid
178461	6463894	493161	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178462	6463992	493089	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178463	6464018	492889	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178464	6463970	492417	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178465	6464089	492436	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178466	6464325	492196	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178467	6464343	492071	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178468	6462336	497782	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178469	6462501	498301	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel
178470	6462785	498876	discontinuous chips over 1m x 1m panel

For all 14 rock samples sulphur values were less than 0.02%, total iron did not exceed 0.33% and the heavy metal values were low. CaO was between 51-56% except for three samples, 178457, 178459 and 178460, where the MgO content varied between 7.2 and 10.9% probably indicative of localized dolomitization of the limestone. SiO₂ content was generally less than 1% except for samples 178460, 178464, 178468 and 176470, where higher silica could have been contribute by a combination of detrital quartz and occasional quartz veins.

CONCLUSION

Limestone of the Sinwa Formation has minimal impurities and is well exposed in stream valleys near the eastern and western claims of the Wheaton Lime property.

RECOMMENDATION

Additional exploration will be required to determine the thickness of the limestone and any continuity through the central portion of the claim block. However, prior to any additional exploration, limestone on the Wheaton Lime property should be compared, in terms of quality and ease of future access, to the limestone on the other properties held by Hard Creek Nickel Corp.

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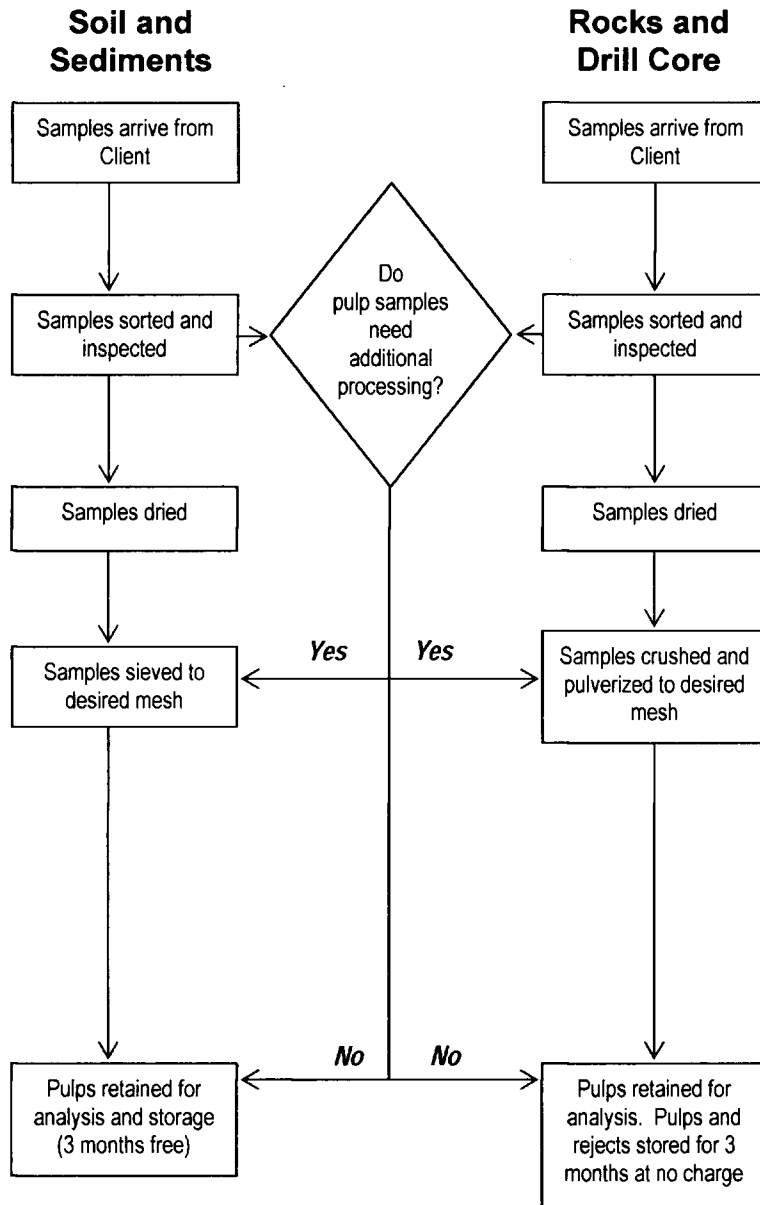
APPENDIX A
LIST OF MINERAL CLAIMS

Tenure Number	Claim Name	Owner	Map Number	Issue Date	Good To Date	Area (ha)
672084	WHEATON LIME 1	103195 (100%)	104I	2009/nov/20	2013/oct/01	425.0418
672085	WHEATON LIME 2	103195 (100%)	104I	2009/nov/20	2012/oct/01	425.0651
672103	WHEATON LIME 3	103195 (100%)	104I	2009/nov/20	2013/oct/01	340.1173
672123	WHEATON LIME 4	103195 (100%)	104I	2009/nov/20	2012/oct/01	170.0985

APPENDIX B

ANALYTICAL RESULTS AND METHODS

GENERAL SAMPLE PREPARATION METHODS



Comments

Receiving: Samples arrive via courier, post or by client drop-off; shipment inspected for completeness.

Sorting and Inspection: Samples sorted and inspected for quality of use (quantity and condition). Pulp samples inspected for homogeneity and fineness. Coarse pulps are screened or pulverized after getting client's approval.

Drying: Wet or damp samples are dried at 60°C (40°C if specified by the client).

Sieving: Soil and sediment sieved to -80 mesh ASTM (-177 microns) unless client specifies otherwise. Sieve cleaned by brush and compressed air between samples. Reference material G-1 (pulp made of granite blank) is carried as first sample in sequence (sieve>weigh>digest>analyse) to monitor background noise.

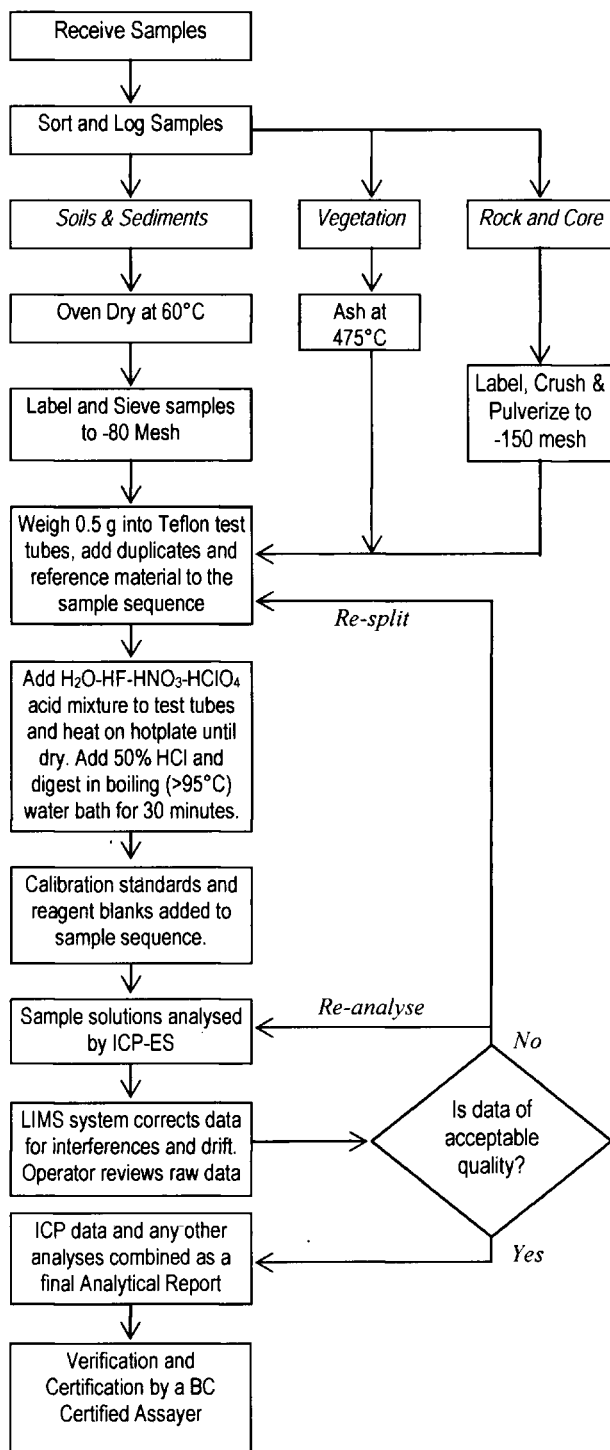
Crushing and Pulverizing: Rock and Drill Core crushed to 70% passing 10 mesh (2 mm), homogenized, riffle split (250 g subsample) and pulverized to 95% passing 150 mesh (100 microns). Crusher and pulverizer are cleaned by brush and compressed air between routine samples. Granite wash scours equipment after high-grade samples, between changes in rock colour and at end of each file. Granite is crushed and pulverized as first sample in sequence and carried through to analysis to monitor background noise.

Compositing: Equal weights of crushed, pulverized or sieved material from 2 or more samples are combined and pulverized for 60+ seconds to produce a homogeneous mixture.

Storage: Pulp samples (up to 100g for soils or sediments and up to 250 g for rock and drill core) are archived for 3 months at no cost. Soil and sediment rejects are discarded immediately. Rock and drill core rejects are stored for 3 months at no charge. Client may request additional storage, return or disposal of pulps and rejects after initial free storage period.

METHODS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANALYTICAL PACKAGE GROUP 7TD – MULTI-ELEMENT ASSAY BY ICP-ES • 4-ACID DIGESTION

Analytical Process



Comments

Sample Preparation

All samples are dried at 60°C. Soil and sediment are sieved to -80 mesh (-177 µm). Moss-mats are disaggregated then sieved to yield -80 mesh sediment. Vegetation is pulverized or ashed (475°C). Rock and drill core is jaw crushed to 70% passing 10 mesh (2 mm), a 250 g riffle split is then pulverized to 95% passing 150 mesh (100 µm) in a mild-steel ring-and-puck mill. Pulp splits of 0.5 g are weighed into Teflon test tubes.

Sample Digestion

A 20 mL aliquot of the acid solution (2:2:1:1 H₂O-HF-HClO₄-HNO₃) is added, heated until fuming on a hot plate and taken to dryness. A 16 mL aliquot of 50% HCl is added to the residue and heated in a hot-water bath (~95°C) for 30 minutes. After cooling the solutions are transferred to 100 mL volumetric flasks and made to volume with 5% HCl.

Sample Analysis

Solutions aspirated into a Spectro Ciros Vision ICP emission spectrograph are analysed for a 22 element package comprising: Ag, Al, As, Bi, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, P, Pb, Sb, Sr, W and Zn. Very high grade samples may require a 1 g to 250 mL or 0.25 g to 250 mL sample to solution ratio for accurate determination.

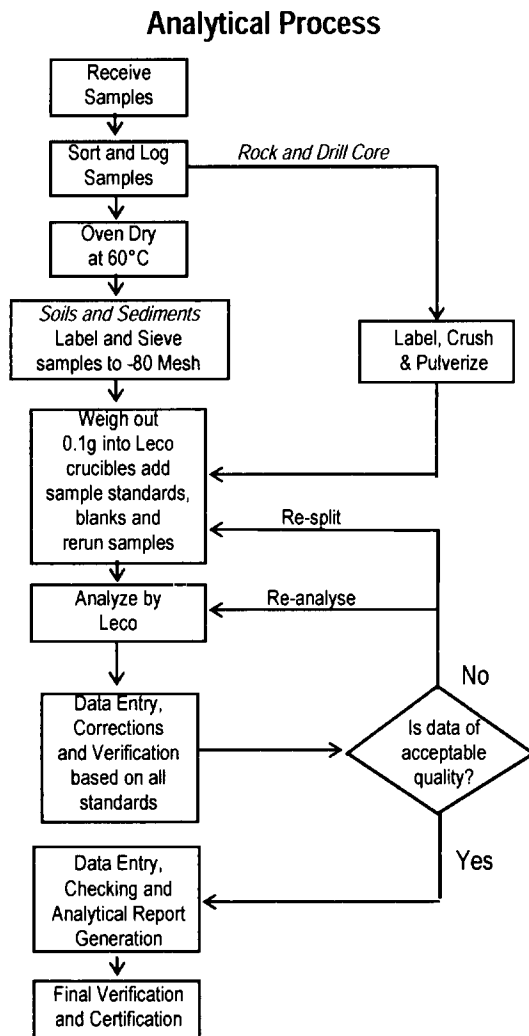
Quality Control and Data Verification

An Analytical Batch (1 page) comprises 36 samples. QA/QC protocol incorporates a sample-prep blank (G-1) carried through all stages of preparation and analysis as the first sample, a pulp duplicate to monitor analytical precision, a -10 mesh rejects duplicate to monitor sub-sampling variation (drill core only), a reagent blank to measure background and an aliquot of in-house Standard Reference Materials like STD R3 to monitor accuracy.

Raw and final data undergo a final verification by a British Columbia Certified Assayer who signs the Analytical Report before it is released to the client.

METHODS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANALYTICAL PACKAGE

GROUP 2A: TOTAL CARBON & SULPHUR



Comments

Sample Preparation

Soils and sediments are dried (60°C) and sieved to -80 mesh ASTM (-177 microns), rocks and drill core are crushed and pulverized to -150 mesh ASTM (-100 microns). Moss-mat samples are dried (60°C), macerated then sieved to recover -80 mesh sediment or ashed at 550°C (upon a client's request). Sample splits (0.1 g) are placed in Leco crucibles. Duplicate splits of crushed (rejects duplicate) and pulverized (pulp duplicate) fractions are included with every 36 drill core or trench samples to define sample homogeneity (reject duplicate) and analytical precision (pulp duplicate). Duplicate pulp splits (only) are included in every batch of soil, sediment and routine rock samples. A blank and in-house standard material STD CSC are carried through weighing, ignition and analytical stages to monitor accuracy.

Sample Analysis

Analysis is by infrared adsorption using a Leco CS244 or CS200 Carbon-Sulphur analyser. After precise weighing, induction flux is added and the sample is ignited at >1650°C in an induction furnace. A carrier gas sweeps up released carbon and sulphur to be measured by adsorption in an infrared spectrometric cell. Results are total and attributed to the presence of carbon and sulphur in all forms.

Data Evaluation

Raw and final data from the Leco Carbon-Sulphur analyser undergoes a final verification by a British Columbia Certified Assayer who must sign the analytical report before release to the client.

METHOD SPECIFICATIONS

GROUP 4A & 4B – LITHOGEOCHEMICAL WHOLE ROCK FUSION

Package Codes: 4A, 4B
Sample Digestion: Lithium metaborate/tetraborate fusion
Instrumentation Method: ICP-ES (4A, 4B), ICP-MS (4B)
Applicability: Sediment, Soil, Vegetation, Moss-mat, Non-mineralized Rock and Drill Core

Method Description:

Prepared sample is mixed with $\text{LiBO}_2/\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$ flux. Crucibles are fused in a furnace. The cooled bead is dissolved in ACS grade nitric acid. Loss on ignition (LOI) is determined by igniting a sample split then measuring the weight loss. Total Carbon and Sulphur are determined by the Leco method (Group 2A).

Element	Group 4A Detection	Upper Limit
SiO ₂	0.01 %	100 %
Al ₂ O ₃	0.01 %	100 %
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.04 %	100 %
CaO	0.01 %	100 %
MgO	0.01 %	100 %
Na ₂ O	0.01 %	100 %
K ₂ O	0.04 %	100 %
MnO	0.01 %	100 %
TiO ₂	0.01 %	100 %
P ₂ O ₅	0.01 %	100 %
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.002%	100 %
LOI	0.1 %	100 %
C	0.01 %	100 %
S	0.01 %	100 %

Element	Group 4A Detection	Group 4B Detection	Upper Limit
Au	-	0.5 ppb	100 ppm
Ag	-	0.1ppm	100 ppm
As	-	1 ppm	10000 ppm
Ba	5 ppm	1 ppm	50000 ppm
Be	-	1 ppm	10000 ppm
Bi	-	0.1 ppm	2000 ppm
Cd	-	0.2 ppm	2000 ppm
Co	20 ppm	0.2 ppm	10000 ppm
Cs	-	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Cu	5 ppm	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Ga	-	0.5 ppm	10000 ppm
Hf	-	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Hg	-	0.1 ppm	100 ppm
Mo	-	0.1 ppm	2000 ppm
Nb	5 ppm	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
Ni	20 ppm	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Pb	-	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Rb	-	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
Sb	-	0.1 ppm	2000 ppm
Sc	1 ppm	-	10000 ppm
Se	-	0.5 ppm	100 ppm

METHOD SPECIFICATIONS

Element	Group 4A Detection	Group 4B Detection	Upper Limit
Sn	-	1 ppm	10000 ppm
Sr	2 ppm	0.5 ppm	50000 ppm
Ta	-	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
Th	-	0.2 ppm	10000 ppm
Tl	-	0.1 ppm	1000 ppm
U	-	0.1 ppm	10000 ppm
V	-	8 ppm	10000 ppm
W	-	0.5 ppm	10000 ppm
Y	3 ppm	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
Zn	5 ppm	1 ppm	10000 ppm
Zr	5 ppm	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
La	-	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
Ce	30 ppm	0.1 ppm	50000 ppm
Pr	-	0.02 ppm	10000 ppm
Nd	-	0.3 ppm	10000 ppm
Sm	-	0.05 ppm	10000 ppm
Eu	-	0.02 ppm	10000 ppm
Gd	-	0.05 ppm	10000 ppm
Tb	-	0.01 ppm	10000 ppm
Dy	-	0.05 ppm	10000 ppm
Ho	-	0.02 ppm	10000 ppm
Er	-	0.03 ppm	10000 ppm
Tm	-	0.01 ppm	10000 ppm
Yb	-	0.05 ppm	10000 ppm
Lu	-	0.01 ppm	10000 ppm

Note: Highlighted elements by 1DX Aqua Regia – ICP-MS analysis



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

VAN10004019.1

CLIENT JOB INFORMATION

Project: Wheaton Lime
Shipment ID:
P.O. Number
Number of Samples: 14

SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

Table with 6 columns: Method Code, Number of Samples, Code Description, Test Wgt (g), Report Status, Lab. Rows include R200-250, 4A02, and 7TD2.

SAMPLE DISPOSAL

DISP-PLP Dispose of Pulp After 90 days
DISP-RJT Dispose of Reject After 90 days

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Acme does not accept responsibility for samples left at the laboratory after 90 days without prior written instructions for sample storage or return.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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Unit	kg	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%	
MDL	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.002	5	20	2	5	3	5	1	-5.1	
178457	Rock	1.87	0.74	0.21	0.12	9.64	44.14	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.002	22	<20	624	<5	<3	<5	<1	44.8
178458	Rock	1.96	0.99	0.29	0.11	1.00	53.22	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.002	48	<20	1651	<5	<3	<5	<1	44.0
178459	Rock	1.50	0.80	0.07	0.06	10.90	42.59	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.07	<0.01	<0.002	15	<20	384	<5	<3	<5	<1	45.2
178460	Rock	0.81	1.07	0.43	0.16	7.20	45.23	0.02	0.13	0.02	0.12	<0.01	0.003	37	<20	1847	<5	4	<5	<1	45.3
178461	Rock	0.44	0.54	0.08	0.05	0.15	55.11	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.002	12	<20	1436	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.8
178462	Rock	0.65	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.48	55.46	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.04	<0.01	<0.002	13	<20	438	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.7
178463	Rock	1.30	0.23	0.07	<0.04	0.29	55.56	0.01	0.01	<0.01	0.03	0.02	<0.002	9	<20	536	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.7
178464	Rock	0.58	6.97	0.60	0.23	0.62	50.42	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.03	0.01	<0.002	24	<20	427	<5	3	<5	<1	40.9
178465	Rock	0.87	0.50	0.11	0.05	0.08	55.90	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.002	8	<20	465	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.2
178466	Rock	0.62	0.30	0.05	<0.04	0.15	55.91	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	<0.002	<5	<20	359	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.5
178467	Rock	1.22	0.76	0.20	0.09	0.17	55.49	0.03	0.03	<0.01	0.05	<0.01	<0.002	16	<20	291	5	<3	<5	<1	43.1
178468	Rock	0.68	1.17	0.28	0.15	0.46	54.17	<0.01	0.08	0.02	0.01	<0.01	<0.002	13	<20	1141	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.5
178469	Rock	0.74	0.22	0.03	0.06	0.16	56.17	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.06	<0.01	0.003	6	<20	320	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.3
178470	Rock	0.70	2.77	1.26	0.49	0.65	51.44	<0.01	0.43	0.04	0.01	0.03	<0.002	141	<20	919	<5	3	<5	2	42.7



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		Sum	TOT/C	TOT/S	Mo	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ag	Ni	Co	Mn	Fe	As	Sr	Cd	Sb	Bi	Ca	P	Cr
Unit		%	%	%	%	%	%	gm/mt	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
MDL		0.01	0.02	0.02	0.001	0.001	0.02	0.01	2	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.001	
178457	Rock	99.84	12.59	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.07	<0.02	0.06	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	31.42	<0.01	<0.001
178458	Rock	99.98	12.07	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.08	<0.02	0.16	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	38.57	0.02	<0.001
178459	Rock	99.81	12.89	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.04	<0.02	0.04	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	30.80	0.03	<0.001
178460	Rock	99.87	13.10	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.11	<0.02	0.18	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	32.83	0.05	0.001
178461	Rock	99.99	12.05	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.04	<0.02	0.14	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	39.45	<0.01	<0.001
178462	Rock	99.99	12.05	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.03	<0.02	0.05	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	40.03	0.02	<0.001
178463	Rock	99.99	11.60	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	0.01	0.03	<0.02	0.05	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	39.61	0.01	<0.001
178464	Rock	99.99	11.30	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.16	<0.02	0.04	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	36.69	0.01	<0.001
178465	Rock	99.99	12.20	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.03	<0.02	0.05	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	40.98	0.02	<0.001
178466	Rock	99.99	12.20	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.04	<0.02	0.03	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	39.93	0.01	<0.001
178467	Rock	100.00	12.05	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.06	<0.02	0.03	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	39.61	0.02	<0.001
178468	Rock	99.99	12.00	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.10	<0.02	0.11	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	37.80	<0.01	<0.001
178469	Rock	100.01	12.16	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.02	<0.02	0.03	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	38.83	0.02	<0.001
178470	Rock	99.98	11.75	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	0.03	0.33	<0.02	0.09	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	36.57	<0.01	<0.001

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Analyte	Mg	Al	Na	K	W	S	
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	
MDL	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	
178457	Rock	5.23	0.11	<0.01	0.04	<0.01	<0.05
178458	Rock	0.54	0.14	0.04	0.04	<0.01	<0.05
178459	Rock	6.28	0.04	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.05
178460	Rock	3.91	0.22	0.02	0.10	<0.01	<0.05
178461	Rock	0.07	0.05	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.05
178462	Rock	0.26	0.05	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.05
178463	Rock	0.15	0.05	0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.05
178464	Rock	0.33	0.31	0.02	0.09	<0.01	<0.05
178465	Rock	0.04	0.07	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.05
178466	Rock	0.07	0.04	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.05
178467	Rock	0.09	0.12	0.02	0.03	<0.01	<0.05
178468	Rock	0.24	0.14	0.01	0.07	<0.01	<0.05
178469	Rock	0.09	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.05
178470	Rock	0.35	0.66	0.01	0.33	<0.01	<0.05



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Analyte	Wgt	SiO2	Al2O3	Fe2O3	MgO	CaO	Na2O	K2O	TiO2	P2O5	MnO	Cr2O3	Ba	Ni	Sr	Zr	Y	Nb	Sc	LOI	
Unit	kg	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	%	
MDL	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.002	5	20	2	5	3	5	1	-5.1	
Pulp Duplicates																					
178466	Rock	0.62	0.30	0.05	<0.04	0.15	55.91	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.03	<0.01	<0.002	<5	<20	359	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.5
REP 178466	QC																				
178468	Rock	0.68	1.17	0.28	0.15	0.46	54.17	<0.01	0.08	0.02	0.01	<0.01	<0.002	13	<20	1141	<5	<3	<5	<1	43.5
REP 178468	QC																				
Reference Materials																					
STD CSC	Standard																				
STD OREAS131A	Standard																				
STD OREAS76A	Standard																				
STD R4T	Standard																				
STD SO-18	Standard	58.14	13.97	7.62	3.38	6.37	3.70	2.15	0.70	0.84	0.40	0.563	520	45	402	303	31	18	25	1.9	
STD SO-18	Standard	58.12	14.04	7.62	3.38	6.33	3.70	2.15	0.69	0.83	0.40	0.567	519	44	404	305	31	19	25	1.9	
STD SO-18	Standard	58.12	14.03	7.65	3.38	6.35	3.67	2.15	0.69	0.85	0.40	0.560	525	45	402	305	31	19	25	1.9	
STD SO-18	Standard	58.08	14.03	7.63	3.39	6.38	3.69	2.14	0.70	0.84	0.40	0.564	519	44	402	306	31	21	25	1.9	
STD CSC Expected																					
STD OREAS76A Expected																					
STD R4T Expected																					
STD OREAS131A Expected																					
STD SO-18 Expected																					
		58.47	14.23	7.67	3.35	6.42	3.71	2.17	0.69	0.83	0.39	0.55	515	44	402	280	31	21.3	25		
BLK	Blank																				
BLK	Blank																				
BLK	Blank	<0.01	<0.01	<0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.002	<5	<20	<2	<5	<3	<5	<1	0.0	
BLK	Blank	<0.01	<0.01	<0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.002	<5	<20	<2	<5	<3	<5	<1	0.0	
Prep Wash																					
G1	Prep Blank	<0.01	67.53	15.47	3.36	1.10	3.35	3.55	3.63	0.39	0.19	0.10	0.003	1035	<20	748	146	18	20	6	1.1
G1	Prep Blank	<0.01	67.62	15.53	3.29	1.10	3.33	3.55	3.62	0.38	0.18	0.10	0.003	1060	<20	751	127	16	23	5	1.1



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Analyte	Sum	TOT/C	TOT/S	Mo	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ag	Ni	Co	Mn	Fe	As	Sr	Cd	Sb	Bi	Ca	P	Cr	
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	gm/mt	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
MDL	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.001	0.001	0.02	0.01	2	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Pulp Duplicates																					
178466	Rock	99.99	12.20	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.04	<0.02	0.03	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	39.93	0.01	<0.001
REP 178466	QC			<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.03	<0.02	0.04	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	40.39	0.01	<0.001	
178468	Rock	99.99	12.00	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	0.10	<0.02	0.11	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	37.80	<0.01	<0.001
REP 178468	QC		11.95	<0.02																	
Reference Materials																					
STD CSC	Standard	2.80	4.20																		
STD OREAS131A	Standard			<0.001	0.033	1.81	2.99	32	0.003	0.002	0.18	6.03	<0.02	<0.01	0.009	<0.01	<0.01	5.63	0.06	0.002	
STD OREAS76A	Standard	0.13	18.32																		
STD R4T	Standard			0.064	0.522	1.61	3.52	86	0.361	0.040	0.09	24.65	<0.02	0.02	0.019	0.02	<0.01	2.27	0.04	0.019	
STD SO-18	Standard	99.90																			
STD SO-18	Standard	99.90																			
STD SO-18	Standard	99.91																			
STD SO-18	Standard	99.91																			
STD CSC Expected		2.94	4.25																		
STD OREAS76A Expected		0.16	18																		
STD R4T Expected				0.062	0.502	1.518	3.376	86	0.339	0.039	0.086	24.07	0.0087	0.0185	0.018	0.0138	0.0018	2.166	0.045	0.018	
STD OREAS131A Expected				0.001	0.0322	1.72	2.83	30.9	0.0027	0.0023	0.1722	5.8166	0.0082	0.0028	0.0081	0.0047	0.001	5.286	0.0536	0.0025	
STD SO-18 Expected																					
BLK	Blank	<0.02	<0.02																		
BLK	Blank			<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	<0.02	<0.01	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
BLK	Blank	<0.01																			
BLK	Blank	<0.01																			
Prep Wash																					
G1	Prep Blank	99.99	<0.02	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	0.08	2.35	<0.02	0.08	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	2.42	0.08	<0.001
G1	Prep Blank	100.00	<0.02	<0.02	<0.001	<0.001	<0.02	<0.01	<2	<0.001	<0.001	0.08	2.30	<0.02	0.08	<0.001	<0.01	<0.01	2.46	0.08	0.001



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Analyte	Mg	Al	Na	K	W	S	
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	
MDL	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	
Pulp Duplicates							
178466	Rock	0.07	0.04	<0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.05
REP 178466	QC	0.07	0.04	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.05
178468	Rock	0.24	0.14	0.01	0.07	<0.01	<0.05
REP 178468	QC						
Reference Materials							
STD CSC	Standard						
STD OREAS131A	Standard	3.25	4.93	0.16	2.60	<0.01	5.23
STD OREAS76A	Standard						
STD R4T	Standard	1.46	4.11	0.95	1.22	<0.01	13.18
STD SO-18	Standard						
STD SO-18	Standard						
STD SO-18	Standard						
STD SO-18	Standard						
STD CSC Expected							
STD OREAS76A Expected							
STD R4T Expected		1.384	3.897	0.9	1.153	0.00016	12.9903
STD OREAS131A Expected		3.1182	4.6057	0.1501	3.1584	0.0005	4.8
STD SO-18 Expected							
BLK	Blank						
BLK	Blank	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.05
BLK	Blank						
BLK	Blank						
Prep Wash							
G1	Prep Blank	0.66	8.06	2.81	3.02	<0.01	<0.05
G1	Prep Blank	0.66	8.27	2.84	3.13	<0.01	<0.05

APPENDIX C
STATEMENT OF COSTS

Exploration Work type	Comment	Days			Totals
Personnel (Name)* / Position	Field Days (list actual days)	Days	Rate	Subtotal*	
Tony Hitchins/geologist	Aug.2-5, 2010	4	\$540.00	\$2,160.00	
Greg Ross/geologist	Aug. 2-5,2010	4	\$464.00	\$1,856.00	
				\$4,016.00	\$4,016.00
Office Studies	List Personnel (note - Office only, do not include field days)				
Report preparation	Tony Hitchins, Greg Ross			\$1,000.00	
Other (specify)					
				\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ground Exploration Surveys	Area in Hectares/List Personnel				
Geological mapping					
Geochemical Surveying	Number of Samples	No.	Rate	Subtotal	
Rock	14 samples trace element and whole rock			\$675.16	
				\$675.16	\$675.16
Transportation		No.	Rate	Subtotal	
Helicopter (hours)	Set out sand pickups; 5.4 hrs		\$1,175.16	\$6,345.87	
				\$6,345.87	\$6,345.87
Accommodation & Food	Rates per day				
Hotel					
Camp	6 person days at Turnagain camp		6.00	\$160.00	\$960.00
Meals				\$960.00	\$960.00
Miscellaneous					
Telephone	Internet, satellite telephone, radios			\$95.00	
Other (Specify)	Field equipment, flagging, sample bags			\$75.00	
				\$170.00	\$170.00
Freight, rock samples	Bandstra Transportation to Acme Labs			\$85.00	
				\$85.00	\$85.00
TOTAL Expenditures					13252.03

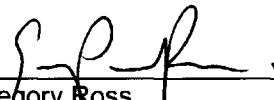
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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Statement of Qualifications

GREGORY ROSS

I, GREGORY ROSS, of 301-1209 Jervis St., Vancouver, B.C., hereby certify that:

- 1) I am a staff geologist with Hard Creek Nickel Corporation with offices at 1060- 1090 West Georgia St., Vancouver, B.C.
- 2) I hold a B. Sc. in Earth Science from the University of Victoria, awarded in 2006.
- 3) I hold the designation of Geoscientist-in -Training from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia.
- 4) I have prepared a portion of the report and performed a portion of the work reported herein as a geologist for Hard Creek Nickel Corp.



Gregory Ross

Date 8 Feb 2011

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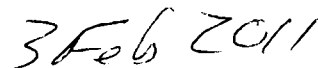
ANTHONY HITCHINS

**I, Anthony Hitchins, of 1648 Mayneveiw Terrace, North Saanich, B.C.
hereby certify the following:**

- 1) I graduated with a B.A.Sc. Degree in engineering geology from the University of Toronto in 1970 and a M.Sc in geology, also from the University of Toronto, in 1973.
- 2) From 1970 until 1994 I worked in mineral exploration in Nova Scotia, Ontario, British Columbia and Yukon for the Amax-Canamax group of companies in positions of increasing responsibility from field geologist to project manager.
- 3) Between 1994 and 1998 I was district exploration manager for Cyprus Gold in Western Australia.
- 4) Between 1998 and 2002 I worked as project manager for junior exploration companies in Nevada and British Columbia.
- 5) From 2003 to the present I have worked for Hand Creek Nickel Corp. on the Turnagain ultramafic complex as project manager.
- 6) I have performed a portion of the work reported and have prepared a portion of this report.



Anthony Hitchins



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