

# Clean Air Metals PEA Delivers C\$219.4 M pre-tax NPV, 39% IRR for the Thunder Bay North Project

**THUNDER BAY, ON, October 9, 2025** - Clean Air Metals Inc. ("Clean Air Metals" or the "Company") (TSXV: AIR) (FRA: CKU) (OTCQB: CLRMF) is pleased to announce results from an independent Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) and updated resource that was completed for its Thunder Bay PGE-Cu-Ni Project near Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. The PEA outlines an 11-year mine life (+ 2 years of pre-production activities) producing 2,500 tonnes per day from a near-surface, ramp-access underground operation.

All figures are in Canadian Dollars, unless specified otherwise.

# **Highlights**

- The project has a  $$219.4M^1$  pre-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> against a project capital cost of \$89.5M. After-tax NPV of \$157.5M
- The pre-tax internal rate of return (IRR) is 39%, and the after-tax IRR is 32%
- At spot pricing<sup>1</sup>, pre-tax NPV<sub>8</sub> totals \$316M with pre-tax IRR of 52%
- The asset is designed from the ground up as a low-cost, high-margin producer with access to the first seven months from collaring the ramp portal. The project maximizes the use of temporary infrastructure and utilizes toll milling at a nearby facility
- The capital payback is 2.5 years from the start of production through healthy operating margins of 45%
- Baseline environmental studies are primarily completed to support future permitting of the project
- The Project is near the City of Thunder Bay, Canada, where key highway and electrical infrastructure and support are located
- The Company has positive relationships and is working closely with nearby Indigenous communities to allow full and meaningful participation in the project
- The resource has been updated with additional drilling and new pricing, highlighting a 14.9M tonne indicated resource grading 2.66 g/t 2PGE<sup>2</sup>, 0.40% Cu and 0.24% Ni
- Additionally, there are 2.49M tonnes of inferred resource grading 1.62 g/t 2PGE<sup>2</sup>, 0.31% Cu and 0.19% Ni. There are no reserves

#### Notes

- 1. Study pricing and Spot pricing are outlined in Table 7
- 2. 2 PGE = Platinum + Palladium
- 3. Resource table which shows indicated and inferred material is outlined in Table 9



CEO Mike Garbutt P.Eng, MBA stated that "The PEA is a critical step in advancing the Thunder Bay North Project and more importantly, it adds to the list of significant critical mineral opportunities in this province and has the potential to provide long-term economic opportunities for Northwestern Ontario. We intend to move this project forward and continue exploration efforts on the Escape down-plunge through a follow-up to the successful resource expansion hole recently drilled within this area."

The PEA was independently prepared by Mr. Denis Decharte, P. Eng of SLR, Mr. Michael Selby, P. Eng of Technica Mining, Mr. Charlie Buck, P. Eng of XPS and Mrs. Maria Story of Story Environmental, who are considered independent "Qualified Persons" under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects. The technical disclosure in this news release is based upon the information in the PEA prepared by or under the supervision of Mr. Decharte, Mr. Selby, Mr. Buck, and Mrs. Story. The Company will file the complete PEA report on Sedar+ at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> within 45 days of this press release.

**Table 1. PEA Summary of Key Project Metrics** 

Project Metric	Units	Value
Pre-tax NPV 8%	\$ M	219.4
After-tax NPV 8%	\$ M	157.5
Pre-tax IRR	%	39
After-tax IRR	%	32
Payback period from production start	years	2.5
Initial CAPEX	\$ M	89.5
Sustaining CAPEX	\$ M	162.7
Maximum Production Rate	Mtpa	0.91
Mine Life	years	11
Total Mill Feed	ktonnes	8,705
LOM Feed Grade	Pt (g/t) eq <sup>1</sup>	4.92
Total Revenue (net of royalties)	\$ M	1,584
Total Operating Costs	\$ M	874
Pre-Tax Operating Cashflow	\$ M	453
Net Smelter Return (NSR)	\$ / tonne feed	189
Operating Margin	%	45



Operating Costs		
Mine Operating Cost	\$ / tonne feed	66.80
Transportation and Toll-Milling	\$ / tonne feed	33.60
Total Site Operating	\$ / tonne feed	100.40
Royalties	\$ / tonne feed	6.80

Note: Values have been rounded

The project cash flows were modelled using a simple discounted cash flow model, with an 8% discount rate. The project cash flow is scheduled annually and uses an exchange rate of 1.37 CAD to USD. Taxes were evaluated for federal and provincial corporate tax rates, as well as the Ontario Mining tax rates, subject to appropriate deductions for CEE, CDE, and depreciation allowances.

#### **Strategic Intent**

The Thunder Bay North project contains several critical minerals and therefore is ideally positioned to meet the priority goals of both the Federal and Provincial governments including advancing meaningful economic reconciliation with several Indigenous communities.

The toll milling scenario contemplated in the Thunder Bay North PEA looks to take advantage of the significant processing capability in the region, specifically the Lac-des-Iles (LDI) Mine and Mill situated 65 km north of the Thunder Bay North project. The recent announcement from Impala Canada about the pending closure of the LDI mine presents a potential new opportunity. Clean Air Metals has a significant interest in working through unexplored options to utilize infrastructure at LDI, up to and including the possible acquisition of the assets and continued operation LDI with supplementary higher-grade feed from Thunder Bay North. There can be no certainty that any business arrangement with Impala Canada can be reached for the processing of ores from the Thunder Bay North Project.

# Path Forward for the Project

Based on the strong initial economics and the current dynamic metals market, the Board of Clean Air Metals has given management approval to fast-track the project towards a final production decision. The key steps to reaching this milestone are as follows:

- Advancing appropriate NI 43-101 studies, engineering, environmental and permitting activities
- Continued consultation with local Indigenous communities

<sup>1.</sup> Pt..eq Platinum equivalent are calculated as follows: Pt.eq = (Pt grade/31.1035  $\times$  \$1425 + Pd grade  $\times$  31.1035  $\times$  86.0%  $\times$  \$1,225 + Cu grade  $\times$  2204  $\times$  94%  $\times$  \$4.80 + Ni grade  $\times$  2204  $\times$  57%  $\times$  \$6.60 + Au grade/31.1035  $\times$  85%  $\times$  \$2,800 + Ag grade/31.1035  $\times$  65%  $\times$  \$30) / \$1225



- Exploring all available processing opportunities
- Raising capital to fund the above work
- Begin assembling the construction financing plan, including support from the federal and provincial governments as well as the private sector

Clean Air Metals Chair Jim Gallagher, P.Eng. stated: "The Board is quite pleased with the results of the study. The project features high-grade material very close to the surface with minimal infrastructure requirements, given its proximity to Thunder Bay. This results in a low-risk, quick-payback project. Recent drill results demonstrate the continuation of the mineral zones at depth, suggesting the potential for a significantly longer mine life. Given the very strong government support for critical mineral projects and the recent improvement in metal prices, there has never been a better time to move this project forward."

## **Capital and Operating Costs Summary**

The initial project capital cost is estimated at \$89.5M, including a 25% contingency allowance for all capital items. The duration of the construction phase of the project is estimated at 24 months. The capital cost estimates are detailed in Table 2. Operating costs average \$100.40 per tonne, driven by maximizing stope size and efficient operating development designs for near-surface, underground bulk mining. The operating cost summary is shown in Table 3.

**Table 2: Project and Sustaining Capital Cost Estimates** 

Category	Unit	Initial Project	Sustainin	Total
Capital Development	\$ M	19.8	<b>g</b> 64.1	83.9
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Underground Infrastructure	\$ M	2.0	19.1	21.1
Mobile Equipment Lease	\$ M	4.8	72.0	76.8
Sample Tower and Pads	\$ M	2.3	-	2.3
Access Road / Prep /	\$ M	3.5	-	3.5
Ditching				
Site Power	\$ M	3.4	2.3	5.7
Ventilation Fans and	\$ M	2.5	4.5	7.0
Heating				
Other Surface Infrastructure	\$ M	9.8	0.7	10.5
Pre-Production Indirect	\$ M	18.7	-	20.8
Mine Closure	\$ M		5.0	5.0
Engineering and	\$ M	4.8	-	4.8
Procurement				
Project Contingency	\$ M	17.9	-	17.9



Note: Values have been rounded

**Table 3: Operating Cost Summary** 

Category	LoM Cost (\$M)	Average (\$/t prod)		
Mine Production	110.0	12.60		
Operating Development	61.1	7.00		
Haulage	65.7	7.50		
Indirect Costs	280.1	32.20		
Transportation and Processing	292.4	33.60		
General and Administration	64.5	7.40		
Total	874.7	100.40		

Note: values have been rounded

# Sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis identified that project economics are most sensitive to changes in operating costs and metal pricing. Results are shown in Tables 4 through 6.

Table 4: Cost Sensitivities for Post-Tax NPV<sub>8</sub>

		Variables		
Change	Unit	Initial Capital	Sustaining Capital	Operating Cost
20%	\$ M	144	141	77
10%	\$ M	151	149	118
5%	\$ M	154	153	138
-0%	\$ M	158	158	158
-5%	\$ M	161	162	177
-10%	\$ M	164	166	197
-20%	\$ M	171	174	235

Note: Values have been rounded

Table 5: Metal Price Sensitivities for Pre-Tax NPV8

		Variable
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Change	Unit	All
		Metals
10%	\$ M	320
SPOT	\$ M	316
5%	\$ M	270
-0%	\$ M	219
-5%	\$ M	169
-10%	\$ M	118

Note: Values have been rounded

Table 6: Metal Payable Sensitivities for Pre-Tax NPV<sub>8</sub>

		Variables				
Change	Unit	Platinum Payable	Palladium Payable	Copper Payable		
10%	\$ M	250	251	246		
5%	\$ M	235	235	233		
-0%	\$ M	219	219	219		
-5%	\$ M	204	204	206		
-10%	\$ M	189	188	193		

Note: Values have been rounded

# Ramp-up of Market Interest in Platinum and Palladium

The Company is also encouraged by recent market dynamics, particularly with platinum and palladium pricing. The fundamentals for platinum, in particular, have been steadily improving, with increased deficits expected to continue for the next 5-10 years. Key market drivers that are fueling this price recovery include:

- Despite recent improvements, spot prices for PGEs continue below the marginal cost of supply for many primary PGE operations worldwide and thus are operating at a loss. This is resulting in production curtailments worldwide
- A significant volume of the world supply of PGEs originates in Russia and South Africa, which have aging infrastructure that is prone to disruptions, and have been generally heavily undercapitalized during this recent downturn
- Supply deficits have existed for 10 of the last 11 years
- Future growth in demand for PGEs will be driven in part by slowing battery electric vehicle growth, that is taken up by hybrid and plug-in hybrids that have



- significant PGE loadings. This is further supported by recent US policy changes regarding EVs
- Recycling has not picked up and is plagued by a lack of interest and investment
- Platinum is increasingly seen as a lower-cost store of value in the face of rising gold prices

Following nearly four years of a declining outlook for PGEs, the Company believes that the strong results and timing of this study, in conjunction with recent exploration success in the Escape down-plunge, provide a solid platform for the Company to move forward. Table 7 shows the price deck for the study in comparison to the spot price on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Table 8 illustrates the potential impact on project metrics resulting from the increased interest in the platinum and palladium markets and associated changes in spot prices.

**Table 7: Study Price Deck and Spot Pricing** 

Metal	Unit	Study Price <sup>1</sup>	Spot Price (October 7, 2025)
Platinum	\$ US/oz	1425	1629
Palladium	\$ US/oz	1225	1323
Gold	\$ US/oz	2800	3692
Silver	\$ US/oz	30	48.47
Copper	\$ US/lb	4.80	5.04
Nickel	\$ US/lb	6.60	7.02

Study prices are based on a combination of recent information from various financial institutions and long-term metal forecasts.



<b>Table 8: Impact</b>	of Recent Imp	provement to	<b>PGE Markets</b>
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Project Metric		Study Price Deck	<b>Spot</b> (Oct 7, 2025)
Pre-tax NPV - 8%	\$ M	219	316
After-tax NPV 8%	\$ M	158	225
Pre-tax IRR	%	39	52
After-tax IRR	%	32	44
Payback period from production start	years	2.5	2.0
Operating Margin	%	45	50

Note: subject to rounding

#### **Note on Mineral Reserves, Mineral Resources and PEA**

There are no Mineral Reserves for the Thunder Bay North Project currently. The information reported in the PEA for the Project is preliminary in nature. It includes Inferred Mineral Resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves. Inferred Mineral Resources are based on limited geological evidence and sampling. The tonnage and grade of Inferred Mineral Resources are subject to significant uncertainty regarding their existence and whether they can be mined economically. There is no certainty that the results for the PEA for the Project will be realized.

#### **Updated Mineral Resource**

The Updated Mineral Resource Estimate was prepared by SLR Consulting Ltd. ("SLR") and is based on an underground constrained resource model using a Net Smelter Return (NSR) cut-off value of US\$46/tonne and consensus metal pricing.

The Current Deposit contains an Indicated Mineral Resource of 8.8 million tonnes grading 2.7 g/t 2PGE ("Pt + Pd"), 0.32% copper and 0.22% nickel and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 1.7 million tonnes grading 1.7 g/tonne 2PGE, 0.32% copper, 0.21% nickel.

The Escape Deposit contains an Indicated Mineral Resource of 6.0 million tonnes grading 2.6 g/t 2PGE, 0.52% copper, 0.28% nickel and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 0.8 million tonnes grading 1.4 g/tonne 2PGE, 0.27% copper, 0.17% nickel.

Summaries of resource grades and contained metals are presented in Tables 9 and 10 below.



#### **Table 9 Thunder Bay North Resource Table**

		Donaitu: Ta	Tannana	Average Grade						
Project Classification	Density Tonnage	Pt	Pd	Au	Ag	Cu	Ni	2PGE		
		t/m³	Mt	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	g/t
Current	Indicated	2.94	8.87	1.39	1.30	0.09	1.96	0.32	0.22	2.68
Lake	Inferred	2.95	1.65	0.91	0.83	0.07	1.91	0.32	0.21	1.74
Escape	Indicated	3.11	6.03	1.17	1.45	0.11	3.30	0.52	0.28	2.62
Lake	Inferred	3.01	0.83	0.63	0.75	0.05	1.61	0.27	0.17	1.37
Total	Indicated		14.90	1.30	1.36	0.10	2.51	0.40	0.24	2.66
Total	Inferred		2.49	0.81	0.80	0.07	1.81	0.31	0.19	1.62

# **Table 10 Thunder Bay North Contained Metal Table**

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	Classification	Density	Tonnage	Contained Metal						
Project				Pt	Pd	Au	Ag	Cu	Ni	2PGE
		t/m³	Mt	koz	koz	koz	koz	kt	kt	koz
Current Lake	Indicated	2.94	8.87	396	370	25	560	29	19	766
	Inferred	2.95	1.65	48	44	4	102	5	3	93
Escape Lake	Indicated	3.11	6.03	226	282	21	640	31	17	508
	Inferred	3.01	0.83	17	20	1	43	2	1	37
Total	Indicated		14.90	622	652	47	1,201	60	36	1,274
	Inferred		2.49	65	64	5	144	8	5	129

#### Notes:

- 1. CIM (2014) definitions were followed for Mineral Resources
- 2. Mineral Resources are estimated using a long-term platinum price of US\$1,400 per ounce, a palladium price of US\$1,200 per ounce, a gold price of US\$2,800 per ounce, a silver price of US\$38 per ounce, a copper price of US\$5,00 per pounds, a nickel price of US\$9.50 per pounds, and a US\$/C\$ exchange rate of 1:1.37
- 3. The Mineral Resources have been reported within underground reporting shapes generated using a NSR cut-off value of US\$46/t
- 4. For Current Lake, the NSR used for reporting is based on the following
  - a) Mill recoveries are 81% for platinum, 86% for palladium, 84% for gold, 69% for silver, 94% for copper and 57% for nickel
  - b) NSR(US\$/t) is calculated as follow: US\$30.41/g \* grade Pt (g/t) + US\$27.87/g \* grade Pd (g/t) + US\$44.45/g \* grade Au (g/t) + US\$0.27/g \* grade Ag (g/t) + US\$79.07/% \* grade Cu (%) + US\$36.54/% \* grade Ni (%)
- 5. For Escape Lake, the NSR used for reporting is based on the following
  - a) Mill recoveries are 81% for platinum, 86% for palladium, 84% for gold, 69% for silver, 94% for copper and 57% for nickel
  - b) NSR(US\$/t) is calculated as follow: US\$30.41/g \* grade Pt (g/t) + US\$27.77/g \* grade Pd (g/t) + US\$41.66/g \* grade Au (g/t) + US\$0.28/g \* grade Ag (g/t) US\$82.13/% \* grade Cu (%) + US\$44.04/% \* grade Ni (%)
- 6. Bulk densities were interpolated into blocks and averages range from 2.94 t/m³ to 3.11 t/m³
- 7. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability
- 8. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- 9. 2PGE = Pt + Pd



#### **Mineral Resource Estimate**

Block models for the Current and Escape Deposits were created by SLR using Seequent's Leapfrog Geo and Edge using drilling and assays results as of April, 2025. Wireframes for the ultramafic chonolith were generated based on logged lithologies and chromium assays. Higher grade mineralization wireframes were generated at a 1.0 g/t Pt + Pd cut-off grade with lower grades included to maintain continuity. Assays were composited to 2 m lengths and were used for block estimation on an uncapped basis, except for silver for which assays have been capped at 39 g/t before compositing for the Escape Deposit only. Pt, Pd, Au, Ag, Cu, Ni and density were interpolated using Ordinary Kriging (OK) into blocks measuring 5.0 m by 5.0 m by 2.5 m. Inverse Distance Squared (ID2) and nearest neighbour estimates were run for validation purposes. Blocks were classified following CIM Definitions (2014) as Indicated and Inferred using drill hole spacing based criterion. Indicated Mineral Resources were based on a nominal drill hole spacing of 50 m. Mineral Resources have been reported within underground reporting shapes based on an NSR cut-off value of US\$46/tonne. A crown pillar exclusion of 20 m from the bottom of the overburden below lakes and the underground reporting shapes used during reporting ensure that the Mineral Resources meet the minimum requirements for Reasonable Prospects of Eventual Economic Extraction (RPEEE).

#### **NSR and Mineral Resources Cut-off Value**

NSR values have been estimated for an operating scenario that includes production of a split copper sulphide concentrate and a nickel-rich residual sulphide concentrate, each containing payable platinum and palladium, for both the Escape and Current deposits.

Metal prices are based on consensus, long term forecasts from banks, financial institutions, and other sources. The metal prices and other input parameters used in development of a unit NSR value for each block is provided in Table 11.

**Table 11: - NSR Parameters in Resource** 

Commodity	Units	Metal	Mill Recovery	Refining Cost
		Prices		(US\$)
		(US\$)		
Palladium	per oz	\$1,200	86%	15.00
Platinum	per oz	\$1,400	81%	15.00
Silver	per oz	\$38.00	69%	0.45
Gold	per oz	\$2,800	84%	4.50
Copper	per lb	\$5.00	94%	0.07
Nickel	per lb	\$9.50	57%	0.03

Note: Transportation cost used in the resource was US \$100/wet tonne, while Treatment costs used were US \$70 for Cu concentrate and US \$174 for Bulk Concentrate.



For Mineral Resource reporting, underground constraining shapes were developed using Leapfrog Geo based on an NSR cut-off value of US\$46/tonne. The cut-off parameters, based on current incremental operating cost estimates, are provided in Table 12.

**Table 12. NSR Resource Cut-off Parameters** 

Cost Parameter	Unit	Value	
Mining (Underground)	C\$/t milled	26.81	
Processing	C\$/t milled	29.29	
G&A	C\$/t milled	6.75	
Total Unit Operating Cost	C\$/t milled	62.85	
Total Unit Operating Cost US\$	US\$/t milled	45.88	
NSR US\$ cut-off (rounded)	US\$/t milled	46.00	

#### **Mining and Metallurgy Operating Summary**

The study outlines a nominal 0.91 Mtpa (million tonnes per year) mining rate from a ramp-access underground mining operation with over an 11-year mine life, plus two years of construction. Production will be sampled on-site and sent for assays, with ROM production sent to an off-site facility for toll milling. Early revenue is generated by prioritizing near-surface production within the Lower Current and Bridge Zones, grading 3.2 g/t 2PGE + 0.4%Cu and 0.24% Ni for the first 5 years of production. All LOM production is contained within the indicated resource and does not contain any inferred resource.

Operating costs average \$100.40 per tonne mined with an NSR of \$189 per tonne over the life, driven by maximizing stope size, efficient operating development design and optimizing use of backfill.

# **Mine Operations**

The proposed Thunder Bay North operation involves underground mining of 2,500 tonnes per day of mill feed and a peak average of 1,000 tonnes per day of development waste.

The Current Deposit is accessed via a portal from surface to the Current Deposit. Production ramp-up will take place over a period of 18 months with a nominal annual rate of 0.9 Mtonnes/year of toll-mill feed. The main ramp continues towards the Escape Deposit, where production starts in the Escape high-grade zone in production year 4.



Long sections of the proposed Current Deposit and Escape Deposit are shown below in Figures 1 and 2.



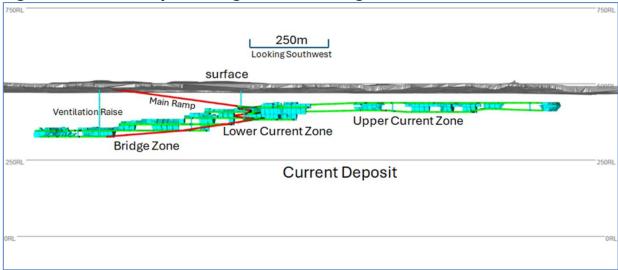
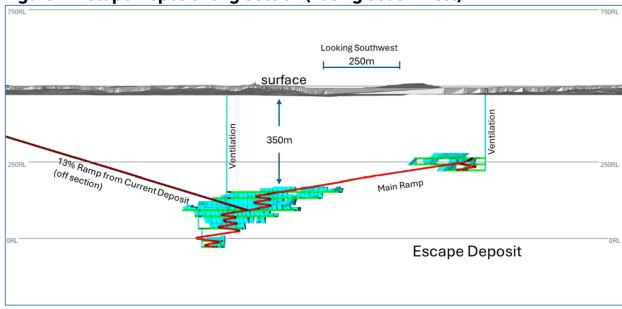


Figure 2: Escape Deposit Long Section (Facing South-West)



The underground mining inventory was determined using Deswik Mineable Shape Optimizer (MSO) software tool. The MSO uses the geological block model to generate shapes (e.g., stopes) based on an initial mining cut-off of \$96/tonne, and specifically targeting higher-margin mining zones within the larger resource. The mining underground inventory combines the three mining areas (Current, Bridge, and Beaver-Cloud) within the Current Deposit, and one mining area within the Escape Deposit. The underground stope inventory is



constrained by a crown pillar, extending 20 m below the unconsolidated sediments below Current Lake.

The Current and Escape deposits will be mined via conventional underground transverse long-hole open stoping using a combination of cemented rock fill (CRF) and unconsolidated rock fill (URF) where necessary. Early work using the stability graph method outlined the potential to have large, stable stope openings. Stopes are designed to be accessed and excavated via overcut and undercut development cross-cut drifts, which connect to the main declines. The main declines provide ventilation, haulage to surface, and mine access. Table 13 outlines key underground design parameters.

**Table 13: Underground Design Parameters** 

Parameter	Value
<b>Max Stope Dimensions</b>	
Length	45m
Height	20 to 40m
Width	15 to 30m
Development	
Dimensions	
Width	5m
Height	5m
Mining Parameters	
Mining Dilution	0.5m
Mining Recovery	95%

# Mineralogy

Platinum, palladium, and gold mineralization is very fine-grained; however, they are closely associated with all sulphide minerals, including pyrite, pyrrhotite and pentlandite, and recovery of the sulphides will therefore bring along the majority of the precious metal values. Copper is contained primarily as chalcopyrite, and approximately two-thirds of the nickel is in sulphide form, primarily as pentlandite. copper and nickel sulphide material liberation indicates a moderately fine grind is required for good recovery of the sulphides. The remaining nickel is mostly hosted by magnesium-silicate minerals, chiefly serpentine and olivine. Gangue silicates consist of serpentine, pyroxenes, olivine, and feldspar.



## **Metallurgical Test Work**

Two rounds of metallurgical test work have been completed since 2021. The most recent test work developed and evaluated a sequential flowsheet and a bulk concentrate with a separation flowsheet, ultimately choosing the bulk flowsheet for improved PGM recovery. A total of 12 kinetic rougher tests were conducted to optimize the rougher circuit, followed by a total of 36 open-circuit tests to optimize the sequential and bulk separation flowsheets. A comparison of locked-cycle tests revealed that the idealized approach for recovery was to use a bulk concentrate, followed by separation into two concentrates. This program conducted a total of 91 tests including development, variability & locked cycle and other tests as well as extensive mineralogy & comminution measurements.

The successful bulk with separation flowsheet includes grinding to a p80 of 65um in the presence of CuSO4, conditioning with CMC at a pH of 8.5 and bulk flotation using SIPX & 3477 with four stages of cleaning. The bulk cleaner concentrate is reground to a p80 of ~25um at a pH of 11. The regrind product is aerated before flotation in a Cu-Ni rougher with 3477 and 3 stages of cleaning. Results were verified with locked cycle tests and variability testing.

# **Mineral Processing**

The PEA contemplates a regional toll-milling scenario for the Thunder Bay North Project, structured as a future ore sale agreement. No such agreement is currently in place. Run of mine feed would be accumulated into processing lots of an agreed-upon mass at site, sampled via a sampling tower, and transported to the local mining company's concentrator for processing. Consolidated payability terms, which are outlined in Table 14, are based on a combination of projected mill recoveries, assumed smelter terms and minimum deductions, with toll milling fee, treatment charges and refining charges all payable by Clean Air Metals. The Company anticipates the need to undertake additional metallurgical testing, specifically on the toll milling facilities flowsheet, to validate our assumptions and identify optimization opportunities.

**Table 14: Estimated Payability Terms Within Toll Milling** 

Metal	Consolidate d Payability
Platinum	68%
Palladium	77%
Gold	40%
Silver	21%
Copper	84%
Nickel	32%



#### **Key Onsite Project Infrastructure**

The project, as contemplated, focuses on minimizing on-site infrastructure. Where possible, site facilities are modular in nature and can be readily removed from the site with minimal cost or effort.

#### Sample Tower and Ore Pad

The site will have a lined ore pad and sample tower that will be used to sample ROM production from underground. The sample tower crushes ROM ore and splits it to recover appropriately sized samples for assaying. The pad will be designed to accommodate the dumping of underground production and the loading of ROM material for shipment off-site for processing. The ore pad will be reclaimed, and material will be sent underground at closure.

#### Water Management

Contact water, from the ore pad, as well as water pumped from underground, will be transferred to a 5,000 cubic metre pre-treatment pond. This pond is sized using information from the site's water balance study, and the design can handle climate-normal precipitation, including a 100-year 24-hour rainfall event. All water collected in this pond will be treated by a permitted mobile water treatment plant, with treated water discharged into Escape Lake.

#### Power

Power is assumed to be supplied via the recently constructed 230 kV E-W tie line, which runs to the south-east of the project site, through the project claims. The project will construct approximately 6 km of new power lines and associated electrical infrastructure to connect to this line.

#### Access Road

Access to the mine site can be achieved in cooperation with a major forestry company through a combination of upgrades to existing logging roads and the construction of new roads, totalling 10.5 km, which connect to paved Provincial Highway 527 to the West.

#### **Technical Information and Qualified Persons**

In addition to the persons listed earlier in this release as "Qualified Persons" for the PEA, the technical information in this release has been reviewed and verified by Dr. Lionnel Djon Ph.D, P.Geo, VP of Exploration for Clean Air Metals and Mr. Mike Garbutt, Peng, President and CEO of Clean Air Metals who are a "Qualified Persons" for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101.



#### **About Clean Air Metals**

Clean Air Metals is a development and exploration company advancing its flagship, 100% owned Thunder Bay North Critical Minerals ("TBN") project, 40 km northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The TBN project, accessible by road and next to established infrastructure, hosts two (2) deposits - the Current and Escape deposits, only 2.5 km apart.

One of the rare primary platinum resources outside of South Africa, the TBN project is in a stable and mining-friendly jurisdiction and benefits from longstanding relationships with local First Nations. With its proven technical team, Clean Air Metals is committed to growing the resources at the TBN project and creating long-term value for shareholders.

#### **Social Engagement**

Clean Air Metals Inc. acknowledges that the Thunder Bay North Critical Minerals Project is located within the area encompassed by the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850 and includes the territories of the Fort William First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band, Biinjitiwabik Zaaging Anishinabek and Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek. Clean Air Metals also acknowledges the contributions of the Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2 and the Red Sky Métis Independent Nation to the rich history of our area.

The Company appreciates the opportunity to work in these territories and remains committed to the recognition and respect of those who have lived, travelled, and gathered on the lands since time immemorial. Clean Air Metals is committed to stewarding Indigenous heritage and remains committed to building, fostering and encouraging a respectful relationship with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples based upon principles of mutual trust, respect, reciprocity and collaboration in the spirit of reconciliation.

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