# Fathom's Ian Fraser on Rising Market Interest in Albert Lake and Nickel as a Critical Mineral

written by InvestorNews | February 8, 2024 In a recent Investor.Coffee interview conducted by Tracy Weslosky, Ian Fraser, CEO, VP Exploration, and Director of Fathom Nickel Inc. (CSE: FNI | OTCQB: FNICF) discusses the growing interest from the market in both Fathom and nickel as a critical mineral.

Despite minor delays due to unusual weather conditions, Fathom Nickel is optimistic about their winter exploration program and the <u>commencement</u> of their drilling schedule. The company has initiated geophysical studies to refine their drilling targets, focusing on areas near the historic Rottenstone mine and the potential for discovering mineralization zones.

Ian also discussed the global nickel market, noting the challenges faced by junior nickel explorers in the latter part of 2023. However, he remains positive about the shift towards nickel sourced from safe jurisdictions, emphasizing the environmental issues associated with laterite nickel deposits. Ian mentioned the growing interest in Fathom Nickel's exploration activities, bolstered by community engagement and investor inquiries. The company aims to continue spreading their story globally, leveraging the momentum from their drilling program to attract further attention. Lastly, Ian confirmed Fathom Nickel's participation in upcoming industry events, including PDAC, highlighting the team's proactive approach to sharing their progress and engaging with the broader mining

community. To access the complete interview, <a href="click here">click here</a>

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- 1 The Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMID#0950) Tremblay-Olson Ni-Cu Deposit or Showing.
- 2 The Saskatchewan Mineral Deposit Index (SMID#0880) reports drill indicated reserves at the historic Gochager Lake Deposit of 4,262,400 tons grading 0.295% Ni and 0.081% Cu mineable by open pit. Fathom cannot confirm the resource estimate, nor the parameters and methods used to prepare the reserve estimate. The estimate is not considered NI43-101 compliant and further work is required to verify this historical drill indicated reserve.

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# Terry Lynch on Power Nickel's Ambitious 2024 Drilling Program at the Nisk Project in Nemaska

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In a recent interview on Investor.Coffee with host Tracy Weslosky, Terry Lynch, CEO of Power Nickel Inc. (TSXV: PNPN | OTCQB: PNPNF), shared insights into the company's ambitious 2024 drilling program at the Nisk Project in Nemaska, Quebec. Terry highlighted the use of Ambient Noise Tomography (ANT) in generating actionable data for identifying potential resource-rich nickel targets. This innovative method has led to the identification of four distinct areas with ANT signatures similar to the Nisk Main target, bolstering the company's potential to discover additional nickel sulfide deposits.

Nisk, which stands out for its high-grade nickel-copper sulphide deposit, is enriched with multiple critical minerals including Nickel, Copper, Cobalt, Palladium, and Platinum. Power Nickel is making strides to increase its ownership stake in the Nisk project, with a goal to elevate its stake from 50% to 80% through their option plan. This significant move was facilitated by the recent delivery of the NI 43-101 report, marking a pivotal development in the project's advancement.

Terry also discussed Power Nickel's collaboration with CVMR in conducting a feasibility study on the Nisk Project. This partnership aims to achieve significantly higher metal recoveries, potentially up to 90%, surpassing the typical industry benchmark of 70%. CVMR's unique approach also turns iron, usually deemed as waste, into a valuable iron powder product, thereby improving the project's economic viability.

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### About Power Nickel Inc.

Power Nickel is a Canadian junior exploration company focusing on developing the High-Grade Nickel Nisk project into Canada's first Carbon Neutral nickel mine.

On February 1, 2021, Power Nickel (then called Chilean Metals) completed the acquisition of its option to acquire up to 80% of the Nisk project from Critical Elements Lithium Corp. (CRE: TSXV). Subsequently, Power Nickel has exercised its option to acquire 50% of the Nisk Project and delivered notice to Critical Elements that it intends to exercise its second option to bring its ownership to 80%. The last remaining commitment to activate

this exercise is delivering a NI 43-101 Technical Report, which is anticipated to completed in January.

The NISK property comprises a significant land position (20 kilometers of strike length) with numerous high-grade intercepts. Power Nickel is focused on expanding the historical high-grade nickel-copper PGM mineralization with a series of drill programs designed to test the initial Nisk discovery zone and to explore the land package for adjacent potential Nickel deposits.

In addition to the Nisk project, Power Nickel owns significant land packages in British Colombia and Chile. Power Nickel is expected to reorganize these assets in a related public vehicle through a plan of arrangement.

Power Nickel announced on June 8, 2021, that an agreement had been made to complete the 100% acquisition of its Golden Ivan project in the heart of the Golden Triangle. The Golden Triangle has reported mineral resources (past production and current resources) in 130 million ounces of gold, 800 million ounces of silver, and 40 billion pounds of copper (Resource World). This property hosts two known mineral showings (Gold Ore and Magee) and a portion of the past-producing Silverado mine, reportedly exploited between 1921 and 1939. These mineral showings are Polymetallic veins containing quantities of silver, lead, zinc, plus/minus gold, plus/minus copper.

Power Nickel is also 100% owner of five properties comprising over 50,000 acres strategically located in the prolific iron-oxide-copper-gold belt of northern Chile. It also owns a 3-percent NSR royalty interest on any future production from the Copaquire copper-molybdenum deposit sold to a subsidiary of Teck Resources Inc. Under the terms of the sale agreement, Teck has the right to acquire one-third of the 3-per-cent NSR for \$3

million at any time. The Copaquire property borders Teck's producing Quebrada Blanca copper mine in Chile's first region.

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Unveiling Insights from Ecclestone on the Future of Mining and Investment from Riyadh's Future Minerals Forum

### **Event**

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The recent <u>Future Minerals Forum</u> (FMF) event in Riyadh has been a groundbreaking affair, especially through the lens of Christopher Ecclestone from <u>Hallgarten + Company</u>, a seasoned speaker at this event for the past three years. Ecclestone's depiction of the event as "epic" captures both its grand scale and the significant shift in its thematic focus towards more sustainable and strategic practices. This year, the event diverged from its traditional path, emphasizing a nuanced approach that Ecclestone described as a movement from quantity to "quality over quantity."

### The Financial Landscape: Big Moves and Strategic Investments

A pivotal aspect of the event, as highlighted by Ecclestone, was its financial dynamics. He recalled last year's significant investment in Ivanhoe Electric Inc. (NYSE American: IE | TSX: IE) and drew attention to this year's major development involving **Surefire Resources NL** (ASX: SRN), an Australian vanadium developer. This announcement is particularly noteworthy, marking Surefire's plan to ship its Victory Bore vanadium-titanium magnetite concentrate to Saudi Arabia for refining. The arrangement with the Saudi-based Ajlan & Bros Mining and Metals Company not only signifies an investment into Victory Bore but also underlines the strategic collaboration aimed at joint development and downstream processing. This deal is a testament to the robust and dynamic investment landscape within the mining sector, indicating a strategic shift towards partnerships that leverage regional advantages and technological advancements.

### Saudi Arabia's Cautious Foray into Mining

Ecclestone shed light on Saudi Arabia's growing engagement in the mining sector. The country is cautiously yet strategically approaching large-scale mining ventures. This deliberate and calculated approach is evidenced by the activities of Ma'aden, the largest mining company in Saudi Arabia. Founded in 1997, Ma'aden exemplifies the nation's ambition in harnessing its mineral resources. The company's significant ventures, such as the \$10.8 billion aluminum complex agreement with Alcoa, showcase its expansive capabilities and strategic intent in the global mining arena. Ma'aden's focus, which initially centered on gold mining, has diversified into multiple minerals, reflecting the kingdom's broader vision for its mining sector.

### Shifting Focus: Battery Metals and Green Transition

Ecclestone noted a marked shift in the event's focus towards battery metals and the green transition, more pronounced this year than in previous events. However, there was a notable avoidance of geopolitical discussions, suggesting a strategic decision to focus on industry growth and sustainability rather than delve into contentious global politics.

### Skepticism and Realism in Valuation

In his assessment of the Saudi mining sector, Ecclestone expressed skepticism regarding the high valuation of unexplored resources. This cautious stance introduces a realistic perspective to the generally optimistic industry outlook.

#### In Conclusion

The Future Minerals Forum event in Riyadh stands as a harbinger of change in the mining and investment sectors. Christopher Ecclestone's insights paint a picture of an industry at a crossroads, embracing strategic growth and sustainable practices while remaining mindful of the challenges ahead. The event not only reflects the current state of the mining world but also signals the direction of its future development.

## Hallgarten Initiates Coverage of Edison Lithium: Pivoting to Sodium-Ion Battery Technology

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<u>Edison Lithium Corp.</u> (TSXV: EDDY | OTCQB: EDDYF), a forward-looking player in the evolving battery metals market, is pivoting towards Sodium-Ion battery technology, as detailed in a comprehensive <u>report</u> by <u>Hallgarten + Company</u>. This strategic shift comes amidst a surge in demand for Electric Vehicles (EVs) and a heightened focus on sustainable and efficient energy storage solutions.

In 2021, Edison Lithium expanded into the Lithium salares in Argentina, a move aligning with the country's emergence as a major lithium producer, often referred to as the "Saudi Arabia of Lithium." This venture proved lucrative when Edison sold 80% of its Lithium package for triple the purchase price, while retaining key assets. The sale aligns with the company's

strategic pivot towards sodium-ion technology and the broader market trend of seeking alternatives to lithium-ion formulations, driven by concerns over the environmental impact and long-term viability of lithium-based batteries.

The report emphasizes the increasing interest in sodium-ion batteries, partly due to their potential for reducing the carbon footprint compared to lithium-ion batteries. Edison Lithium's recent endeavors include acquiring concessions for sodium sulphate in Saskatchewan, Canada, through a deal with Globex Mining Enterprises Inc. This acquisition positions Edison at the forefront of the sodium-ion battery supply chain.

Sodium-ion batteries, while not new, have gained renewed interest due to the rising costs and environmental concerns associated with lithium-ion batteries. These batteries use sodium ions as charge carriers and offer advantages like lower production costs and abundance of sodium, especially from brines. However, challenges such as lower energy density and limited charge-discharge cycles hinder their mass adoption.

Major industry players like Northvolt AB, Tesla Inc. (NASDAQ: TSLA), China's BYD Co. Ltd. (OTC: BYDDF), and startups like Peak Energy are exploring sodium-ion technologies, primarily for stationary applications. Northvolt, for instance, has developed a sodium-ion cell with energy density comparable to lithium iron phosphate cells, indicating potential for broader applications in the future.

The report highlights the geological and historical context of sodium sulphate mining in Saskatchewan, which dates back to 1918. The region's unique geology, featuring shallow hypersaline lakes and extensive sedimentary rock formations, has facilitated the accumulation of sodium sulphate deposits. These natural resources could play a pivotal role in Edison Lithium's pursuit

of sodium-ion battery technology.

In summary, Edison Lithium's strategic shift towards sodium-ion battery technology represents a significant move in the evolving landscape of battery metals. This pivot not only aligns with global trends towards more sustainable energy solutions but also positions the company to capitalize on the abundant resources and growing market interest in sodium-ion technologies. The Hallgarten + Company report underscores Edison Lithium's proactive approach to adapting to changing market dynamics, ensuring its relevance and competitiveness in the burgeoning field of battery technology.

## BMW Probes Moroccan Supplier for Critical Mineral Compliance

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BMW (Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (OTC: BMWYY)), the prominent
German automaker, is currently investigating a Moroccan cobalt
supplier, Managem, following a report that raised serious
concerns over labor and environmental violations at a cobalt
mine in Morocco. The report, which surfaced in the German daily
newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung, in collaboration with
broadcasters NDR and WDR, alleged that the mining operations at
Bou Azzer, southern Morocco, were releasing excessive arsenic
levels into the environment. This revelation has significant
implications given the critical role of cobalt in manufacturing
electric car batteries, a market in which BMW is a key player.

## Lithium Royalty Corp.: Poised for Success as More Affiliates Reach Production

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Lithium demand continues to surge each year, despite some year on year ("YoY') volatility in demand and prices. In 2021 the IEA forecast lithium demand to increase from 13x to 42x from 2020 to 2040. Trend Investing forecasts lithium demand to increase 35x from 2020 to 2037 as we move to a 100% electric vehicle world. Rio Tinto Group (NYSE: RIO | LSE: RIO) forecasts that the world will need 60 new lithium mines the size of Jadar. BMI forecasts that we will need 78 new lithium mines from 2022 to 2035.

### CBLT is on an M&A Mission for Critical Minerals

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks with <u>CBLT Inc.</u>'s (TSXV: CBLT) CEO, President, and Director Peter Clausi to discuss the critical minerals sector, and Tracy secures an update on how CBLT's ongoing M&A strategy is progressing.

In this interview, Peters starts with <u>an update</u> on the Big Duck Lake property, an area, traditionally explored for gold, is

currently being tested for the presence of zinc. He then offers an update on CBLT's recent acquisition of the formerly producing Falcon Gold Mine in Sudbury, Ontario. The Falcon Gold Mine is located adjacent to two sections of CBLT's Copper Prince property claims, meaning CBLT has reunited title to the Garson Fault.

Other highlights included the recent dividends paid to CBLT shareholders from Ciscom Corp. shares, Peter finishes the conversation offering an update on its Shatford Lake lithium project that it is exploring.

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#### About CBLT Inc.

CBLT Inc. is a Canadian mineral exploration company with a proven leadership team, targeting lithium, cobalt, and gold in reliable mining jurisdictions. CBLT is well-poised to deliver real value to its shareholders.

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### Focused on becoming a battery

## material supplier, Elcora sells first manganese order and prepares vanadium assets

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During an interview between Troy Grant, Founder, CEO and Director of Elcora Advanced Materials Corp. (TSXV: ERA), and Tracy Weslosky from InvestorIntel, several key points were discussed surrounding Elcora's manganese and vanadium milestones towards production. Troy confirmed that Elcora is currently selling manganese and has successfully shipped trial shipments to two customers. Preparing for shipments to four additional customers, Elcora's ultimate goal is to become a fully vertically integrated battery material supplier.

Troy emphasized the importance of their manganese assets in Morocco and their aim to generate cash flow from them. The demand for manganese is strong, and they are focused on meeting that demand as quickly as possible. He explained that the percentage of manganese in the product determines its pricing, with higher percentages commanding higher prices. Elcora's target is to build a production plant capable of producing 20,000 tons of manganese per month. They estimate that it will take 8 to 12 months to reach this level of production.

The discussion also touched upon Elcora's vanadium production. Troy mentioned that they have been working with Dr. Ian Flint to complete a preliminary assessment on their vanadium assets in Morocco. The initial test results for their vanadium concentrate product are positive, and they are currently testing it with smelters in Europe and Asia. If the results are encouraging, they could start generating cash flow from vanadium production within six months.

Troy expressed optimism about the future, stating that they expect encouraging news regarding vanadium production and the commissioning of the manganese production plant in the next quarter. Overall, Troy's update showcased Elcora's progress and their focus on meeting the demand for manganese and exploring the potential of vanadium production for the Company.

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### About Elcora Advanced Materials Corp.

Elcora was founded in 2011 and has been structured to become a vertically integrated battery material company. Elcora can process, refine, and produce battery related minerals and metals. As part of the vertical integration strategy Elcora has developed a cost-effective process to purify high-quality battery metals and minerals that are commercially scalable. This combination means that Elcora has the tools and resources for vertical integration of the battery minerals and metals industry.

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### The promising prospects of

## Fathom Nickel's Saskatchewan critical mineral projects

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In an interview with Tracy Weslosky from InvestorIntel, Ian Fraser, P.Geo, CEO, VP Exploration and Director of Fathom Nickel Inc. (CSE: FNI | OTCQB: FNICF), discussed the promising prospects of their two key nickel projects located in Saskatchewan, Canada. The Albert Lake project and the Gochager

Lake project are seen as equal opportunities in terms of

potential grade.

Fraser detailed ongoing geophysics work at the Gochager Lake project where the recent <u>BHEM surveys</u> yielded positive results. The current activity marks the second round of Borehole Electromagnetic (BHEM) methods, following some "remarkable responses" during their first drilling. Fathom Nickel is now deploying an advanced level of equipment and methodology to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the geometry of the massive and semi-massive sulfide lenses detected in the drill holes.

The CEO also underscored the strategic value of operating in Saskatchewan, a province consistently ranked by the Fraser Institute among the top three jurisdictions globally for exploration. The province is underexplored for nickel, copper, and platinum group elements (PGEs), opening up exciting opportunities for Fathom Nickel.

Lastly, Fraser emphasized that Fathom Nickel is actively looking to capitalize on the benefits of investing in the critical minerals sector. The company's vision is to demonstrate the potential of their projects to develop into significant nickel camps akin to those like Thompson in Manitoba and the Ragland

Belt in northern Quebec.

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## Elcora order is just the beginning of its journey in

### the manganese market

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Manganese is becoming a key part of the lithium-ion battery
market, traditionally used in nickel, manganese, cobalt ("NCM")
batteries; but now it is also used in lithium manganese iron
phosphate ("LMFP") batteries. This new battery type offers
greater energy density (and hence EV range) than the standard
LFP battery. Manganese is still largely used in steel, but the
battery demand looks set to grow much faster. Overall the global
manganese market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 5.5% from 2023
to 2027.