

# Nickel 28 Releases Ramu Q3 2022 Operating Performance

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October 25, 2022 ([Source](#)) – Nickel 28 Capital Corp. (“**Nickel 28**” or the “**Company**”) (TSXV: **NKL**) (FSE: **3JC0**) is pleased to provide operational results for the production quarter ending September 30, 2022 for the Company’s largest asset, being the Ramu Nickel-Cobalt (“**Ramu**”) integrated operation in Papua New Guinea. Nickel 28 currently holds an 8.56% joint-venture interest in Ramu which is operated by the Metallurgical Corporation of China (“**MCC**”).

## **Q3 2022 Ramu Highlights:**

- Ramu Q3 2022 production of 8,939 tonnes of contained nickel in MHP, compared to 8,649 tonnes in Q3 2021.
- Ramu Q3 2022 production of 759 tonnes of contained cobalt in MHP, compared to 841 tonnes in Q3 2021.
- Ramu Q3 2022 nickel sales of 13,676 tonnes of contained nickel, compared to 8,085 tonnes in Q3 2021.
- LME average nickel price of US\$10.01/lb. in Q3 2022, a 16% increase from the same period last year. 2022 YTD LME nickel price is \$11.64/lb. compared to nickel price of \$8.18/lb. for same period 2021.
- Fast Markets average cobalt price of US\$26.26/lb. in Q3 2022, an 7% increase from the same period last year. 2022 YTD Fast Markets cobalt price of \$33.27/lb. compared to cobalt price of \$22.53/lb. for same period 2021.
- Actual Q3 2022 cash cost, net of by-product credits, of \$4.34/lb. of nickel produced as MHP, compared to \$1.55/lb. in Q3 2021. 2022 YTD cash costs, net of by-product credits are \$2.96/lb. of nickel produced as MHP.

“Ramu realized significant sales in the third quarter 2022 of

over 13,000 tonnes of contained nickel, bringing it back in line with production and improving cash flow to the operation,” stated Nickel 28’s Chairman, Anthony Milewski. “Production and sales remain on target to meet guidance for the full year, despite a deliberate curtailment in operations due to the earthquake that took place in September. Production is still well above nameplate capacity in the quarter and year to date periods. Our cash costs were impacted by high input commodity pricing, which has started to ease in the current month, coupled with lower by-product credits. We expect our costs to stabilize in the fourth quarter as we are seeing sulphur and cobalt prices return to historical levels down from significant highs in the first half of 2022,” continued Mr. Milewski.

Ramu’s operating performance for the period are presented below along with comparison to prior years, noting that these figures are unaudited.

	2021		2022	
	Q3	YTD	Q3	YTD
Ore Processed (dry kt)	924	2,705	886	2,649
MHP Produced (dry tonne)	22,224	65,290	21,974	64,605
Contained Nickel (tonne)	8,649	25,227	8,939	25,823
Contained Cobalt (tonne)	841	2,374	759	2,284
Nickel Capacity Utilization (% of design <sup>1</sup> )	106%	103%	110%	106%
MHP Shipped (dry tonne)	20,423	71,113	34,523	60,343
Contained Nickel (tonne)	8,085	27,806	13,676	23,651
Contained Cobalt (tonne)	766	2,556	1,198	2,130
<b>Cash Cost Actual<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1.55</b>	<b>\$1.99</b>	<b>\$4.34</b>	<b>\$2.96</b>

Note 1.) Ramu design capacity of 32,600 tonnes/year of nickel

*contained in MHP*

*Note 2.) actual cost per pound of nickel contained in MHP net of by-product credits*

A. These figures have not been audited and are subject to change. The information presented above has not been audited by the company's independent accountants, should not be considered a substitute for audited financial statements, and should not be regarded as a representation by the company as to the actual financial results.

### **About Nickel 28**

Nickel 28 Capital Corp. is a nickel-cobalt producer through its 8.56% joint-venture interest in the producing, long-life and world-class Ramu Nickel-Cobalt Operation located in Papua New Guinea. Ramu provides Nickel 28 with significant attributable nickel and cobalt production thereby offering our shareholders direct exposure to two metals which are critical to the adoption of electric vehicles. In addition, Nickel 28 manages a portfolio of 13 nickel and cobalt royalties on development and exploration projects in Canada, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

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