

# Pancon Provides Exploration Update for Its Advanced Stage McBride Nickel-Cobalt-Copper Project in Southern Ontario

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✖ July 31, 2018 ([Source](#)) – Pancontinental Resources Corporation (TSXV: PUC) (“Pancon” or the “Company”) provides an update on exploration activities at the Company’s advanced stage nickel-cobalt-copper McBride Project (the “Project”), located in Limerick Township, 25 kilometres south of Bancroft, Ontario. The Project contains Historical Resources of an estimated 5.1 million tons of near-surface nickel-cobalt-copper mineralization that includes the North Zone deposit, the South Zone deposit, and the South Extension prospect [Reno Pressacco, Micon International Limited (“Micon”), 2004, NI 43-101 Technical Report].

The foregoing Historical Resource estimates presented above were completed prior to the implementation of the NI 43-101 requirements; however, given the high quality of the historic work completed and the respective mining companies’ reputations and production history of the previous Project owners, Pancon believes the Historical Resource estimates to be both relevant and reliable. In addition, a Qualified Person has not completed sufficient work to classify these historic mineral resources as current mineral resources; and the Company is not treating the Historic Resources as current.

## Highlights:

- Retained P&E Mining Consultants Inc. to produce an

updated, independent NI 43-101 Resource Estimate.

- Produced a comprehensive digital database of all historic drill core, sample reject and downhole survey data from more than 80 historic diamond drill holes.
- Re-boxed and re-logged more than 20,000 metres of historic diamond drill core housed at the government core storage facility in Tweed, Ontario.
- Cut 70 kilometres of lines, and restored the Project grid from historic work conducted in the 1960s, 1970s and 2004 by Macassa Mines, Long Lac Minerals, and Limerick Mines.
- Commenced in-depth geological mapping of entire core block covered by the Project grid, 30% of which has been completed to date.
- Commenced soil sampling and geochemistry analysis to build on previous soil geochemistry work conducted at the North Zone, South Zone and Southern Extension.
- Commenced interpretation of historic airborne geophysical surveys conducted by Long Lac Minerals.
- Commenced environmental and social impact baseline studies.
- Commenced local community and Alderville First Nations consultations.

“We are encouraged by the work that has been conducted at our advanced-stage McBride Project thus far,” said Layton Croft, Pancon’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our Phase 1 objectives are to produce a comprehensive modern exploration database, deliver a NI 43-101- Resource Estimate, and begin drilling in order to expand the resource and prepare for a Preliminary Economic Assessment. Market demand for battery metals, including cobalt and nickel, remains strong. The McBride Project is well positioned to be a source of high quality, low cost battery metal supply to meet that growing demand in the medium term and over time.”

## About the McBride Project

The McBride Project, covering 880 hectares of patented mining land, is led by Dr. Derek McBride, P.Eng., who has assembled an experienced professional team with combined 35 years' experience at and knowledge of the Project.

The McBride Project contains Historical Resources of an estimated 5.1 million tons of near-surface nickel-cobalt-copper mineralization. It includes: the North Zone deposit, the South Zone deposit, and the South Extension prospect [Reno Pressacco, Micon International Limited ("Micon"), 2004, NI 43-101 Technical Report]. The Project was discovered in the 1960s and diamond drill tested with more than 90 holes by Macassa Gold Mines Limited ("Macassa") and Long Lac Minerals Limited ("Long Lac"), which later acquired control of Macassa. In 1971, Long Lac produced the following Historical Resource estimate [Pressacco/Micon, 2004; and Robert Chataway, 2015, NI 43-101 Technical Report]:

- North Zone: 3.9 million tons grading 0.82% nickel, 0.054% cobalt and 0.25% copper;
- South Zone: 1.2 million tons, grading 0.30% nickel, 0.03% cobalt and 0.14% copper.

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Pancon entered into an option agreement effective April 25, 2018

with Hastings Highlands Resources Limited (“Hastings”) to earn up to 76% of the McBride Project. If Hastings, a private company, chooses not to fund its share of the joint venture after 76% is earned, Pancon can fully fund the joint venture and increase its ownership to 90%. The first option, for an initial 26% interest, requires the Company to pay \$142,500 in cash plus applicable 2017 property taxes (paid); to issue 500,000 Common Shares of the Company to Hastings (issued); and to spend a minimum of \$1.5 million on the Project within the first year of the option period.

Pancon is actively pursuing its initial 26% interest. To that end, the McBride Project Management Committee has approved Phase 1 of the Project Work Plan, which commenced in early May 2018. This update highlights progress made to date as per the Project Work Plan.

For more information about the McBride Project, please see Pancon’s detailed news release from April 26, 2018: [“Pancontinental Acquires Advanced Nickel-Cobalt-Copper Project in Southern Ontario with Two Defined Deposits.”](#)

### **Qualified Person**

The technical information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements as set out in NI 43-101 and reviewed and approved by Dr. Derek McBride, P.Eng., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 and a technical advisor for Pancon.

### **About Pancontinental Resources Corporation**

Pancontinental Resources Corporation (TSXV: PUC) is a Canadian-based mining company focused on exploring and developing its advanced stage McBride Nickel-Cobalt-Copper Project and its early stage Montcalm West Nickel-Cobalt-Copper Project, both in Ontario, Canada. Pancon’s strategy is to acquire and create

value from prospective assets in low-risk areas with existing resources and/or in proximity to producing or former mines. The Company also holds 100% interest in the Jefferson Gold Project in South Carolina, USA. In 2015, Pancon sold its interest in its Australian rare earth element (REE) and uranium properties, formerly held through a joint venture, and retains a 1% gross overriding royalty on 100% of future REE production.

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