



ROYAL NICKEL CORPORATION

CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

(Unaudited)



Royal Nickel Corporation

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Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying unaudited condensed interim financial statements for Royal Nickel Corporation are the responsibility of management. The unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared by management, on behalf of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in the notes to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements. Where necessary, management has made informed judgments and estimates in accounting for transactions that were complete at the balance sheet date. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared within acceptable limits of materiality and are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34.

Management has established systems of internal control over the financial reporting process, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. Management has established processes, which are in place to provide them sufficient knowledge to support management representations that they have exercised reasonable diligence that (i) the financial statements do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it is made, as of the date of and for the periods presented by the financial statements and (ii) the financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Corporation, as of the date of and for the periods presented by the unaudited condensed interim financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the unaudited condensed interim financial statements together with other financial information of the Corporation and for ensuring that management fulfills its financial reporting responsibilities. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling this responsibility. The Audit Committee meets with management to review the financial reporting process and the financial statements together with other financial information of the Corporation. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for its consideration in approving the unaudited condensed interim financial statements together with other financial information of the Corporation for issuance to the shareholders.

Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Corporation's affairs in compliance with established financial standards, and applicable laws and regulations, and for maintaining proper standards of conduct for its activities.

/s/ Tyler Mitchelson

Tyler Mitchelson
President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Fraser Sinclair

Fraser Sinclair
Chief Financial Officer

Toronto, Canada

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Interim Balance Sheets

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,162	\$ 19,741
Amounts receivable and prepaids	443	855
Tax credits receivable	7,360	10,450
	24,965	31,046
Non-current assets		
Tax credits receivable	2,206	630
Deposits and prepaids	241	-
Property, plant and equipment	979	1,000
Intangible assets	119	153
Mineral property interests (note 3)	52,805	53,539
Total assets	\$ 81,315	\$ 86,368
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,928	\$ 2,420
Deferred share units (note 4)	671	699
Restricted share units (note 4)	831	808
Current portion of finance lease obligation	24	46
	4,454	3,973
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred share units (note 4)	12	1
Restricted share units (note 4)	-	2
Finance lease obligation	2	20
Deferred income tax liability	7,117	5,631
Total liabilities	11,585	9,627
EQUITY		
Share capital	95,922	95,045
Contributed surplus	22,929	23,266
Deficit	(49,121)	(41,570)
Total equity	69,730	76,741
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 81,315	\$ 86,368

The notes to the interim financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.



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Interim Statements of Comprehensive Loss

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except share and per share numbers)

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	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Expenses				
General and administrative (note 6)	\$ 2,145	\$ 1,486	\$ 6,313	\$ 4,388
Operating loss	(2,145)	(1,486)	(6,313)	(4,388)
Finance income	40	63	172	370
Loss before income tax	(2,105)	(1,423)	(6,141)	(4,018)
Deferred income tax expense (recovery) (note 9)	843	(241)	1,410	1,961
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (2,948)	\$ (1,182)	\$ (7,551)	\$ (5,979)
Loss per share				
Basic and diluted (note 7)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.07)

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Interim Statements of Cash Flows

(Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

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	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Cash flow provided by (used in)				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Loss	\$ (2,948)	\$ (1,182)	\$ (7,551)	\$ (5,979)
Items not involving cash				
Depreciation and amortization	32	35	91	93
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)	843	(241)	1,410	1,961
Share based payments (note 4)	544	(312)	534	(1,024)
	(1,529)	(1,700)	(5,516)	(4,949)
Changes in working capital				
Amounts receivable, prepaids and deposits	301	232	171	(689)
Tax credit receivable	8	-	50	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(214)	(200)	232	(812)
	(1,434)	(1,668)	(5,063)	(6,450)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Expenditures on mineral property interests	(2,931)	(6,974)	(12,012)	(20,420)
Net tax credits and mining duties received (paid)	(103)	(519)	2,513	(186)
Sale of NSR and interest, net of transaction costs (note 3)	11,811	-	11,811	-
Acquisition of intangible assets	-	(27)	-	(40)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-	(77)	(67)	(171)
	8,777	(7,597)	2,245	(20,817)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Issuance of shares, net of issue costs	-	-	-	5,947
Exercise of options and warrants for cash	52	-	279	761
Principal payments on finance leases	(11)	(8)	(40)	(24)
	41	(8)	239	6,684
Change in cash and cash equivalents	7,384	(9,273)	(2,579)	(20,583)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	9,778	36,172	19,741	47,482
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 17,162	\$ 26,899	\$ 17,162	\$ 26,899
Components of cash and cash equivalents				
Cash	\$ 457	\$ 337	\$ 457	\$ 337
Cash equivalents	16,705	26,562	16,705	26,562
	\$ 17,162	\$ 26,899	\$ 17,162	\$ 26,899
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION				
Interest paid	\$ 22	\$ 1	\$ 26	\$ 30
Share based payments/(recovery) in mineral property interests	107	(110)	157	4
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment in mineral property interests	14	13	41	34
Mineral property interest included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,735	2,855	1,735	2,855

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Interim Statements of Changes in Equity

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	Share Capital		Contributed Surplus	Deficit	Total Equity
	Number	Amount			
Balance as at January 1, 2012	88,876,618	\$ 95,045	\$ 23,266	\$ (41,570)	\$ 76,741
Exercise of warrants for cash	800,000	280	-	-	280
Exercise of warrants on a cashless basis (note 5)	127,648	-	-	-	-
Fair value of warrants exercised	-	482	(482)	-	-
Shares issued for redemption of restricted share units	3,000	2	-	-	2
Shares issued for redemption of deferred share units	262,666	113	-	-	113
Share based payments	-	-	221	-	221
Tax effect of warrant expiry	-	-	(76)	-	(76)
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(7,551)	(7,551)
Balance as at September 30, 2012	90,069,932	\$ 95,922	\$ 22,929	\$ (49,121)	\$ 69,730
Balance as at January 1, 2011	84,231,203	\$ 88,600	\$ 22,029	\$ (33,819)	\$ 76,810
Shares issued for exercise of over-allotment option	2,925,000	6,581	-	-	6,581
Share issue costs of over-allotment option, net of deferred income taxes of \$163	-	(391)	(81)	-	(472)
Warrant valuation of over-allotment option	-	(812)	812	-	-
Broker warrant valuation of over-allotment option	-	(121)	121	-	-
Exercise of stock options	600,000	210	-	-	210
Fair value of stock options exercised	-	164	(164)	-	-
Exercise of warrants	1,103,750	552	-	-	552
Fair value of warrants exercised	-	244	(244)	-	-
Shares issued for redemption of restricted share units	16,665	18	-	-	18
Share based payments	-	-	660	-	660
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(5,979)	(5,979)
Balance as at September 30, 2011	88,876,618	\$ 95,045	\$ 23,133	\$ (39,798)	\$ 78,380

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Notes to Condensed Interim Financial Statements

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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY

Royal Nickel Corporation (the "Corporation" or "RNC") was incorporated on December 13, 2006, under the Canada Business Corporations Act. The Corporation's registered office is located at 220 Bay Street, Suite 1200, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The principal business of the Corporation is the acquisition, exploration, evaluation and development of mineral property interests. The business of mining and exploring for minerals involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that planned exploration and development programs will result in profitable mining operations. The recoverability of amounts shown for mineral property interests is dependent upon the development of economically recoverable reserves, confirmation of the Corporation's interest in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Corporation to obtain necessary financing to complete the development and future profitable production or, alternatively, upon disposition of such property at a profit. Changes in future conditions could require material write downs of the carrying values of mineral property interests.

Although the Corporation has taken steps to verify title to the property on which it is conducting exploration and in which it is acquiring an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration and evaluation of such property, these procedures do not guarantee the Corporation's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements, aboriginal claims and noncompliance with regulatory requirements.

As at September 30, 2012, the Corporation had working capital of \$20,511, including cash and cash equivalents of \$17,162, an accumulated deficit of \$49,121 and incurred a loss of \$2,948 for the three months then ended.

Management of the Corporation believes that it has sufficient funds to pay its ongoing general and administrative expenses, to pursue exploration and evaluation activities and to meet its liabilities, obligations and existing commitments for the ensuing twelve months as they fall due. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, management takes into account all available information about the future, which is at least, but not limited to, twelve months from the end of the reporting period. The Corporation's ability to continue future operations beyond September 30, 2013 and fund its exploration and evaluation expenditures is dependent on management's ability to secure additional financing in the future, which may be completed in a number of ways including but not limited to, the issuance of new debt or equity instruments. Management will pursue such additional sources of financing when required, and while management has been successful in securing financing in the past, there can be no assurance it will be able to do so in the future or that these sources of funding or initiatives will be available for the Corporation or that they will be available on terms which are acceptable to the Corporation.

The Corporation's financial year ends on December 31. The unaudited condensed interim financial statements were authorized for publication by the Board of Directors on November 9, 2012.



2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These unaudited condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The unaudited condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation’s audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011.

3. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

On August 1, 2012, the Corporation entered into a \$12 million investment agreement with Ressources Québec. Pursuant to the agreement between the Corporation and Ressources Québec, the Corporation received \$12 million and Ressources Québec is entitled to receive 0.8% of the net smelter return (“NSR”) from the sale of minerals produced from Dumont and received a 2% undivided co-ownership interest in the property. The Corporation has the right to repurchase, at any time after the fifth anniversary, all or any portion of Ressources Québec’s interest for \$10 million for each 0.2% of the NSR, to a maximum consideration of \$40 million for the entire interest (including the 2% interest in the property). The investment was recorded as a reduction to Dumont’s mineral property interest.

Exploration and evaluation expenses	Dumont	Jefmar	Marbridge	Total
Balance as at January 1, 2012	\$ 51,969	\$ 475	\$ 1,095	\$ 53,539
Property acquisition costs	55	-	-	55
Depreciation	41	-	-	41
Drilling	3,642	-	-	3,642
Engineering	2,104	-	-	2,104
Environmental	1,393	-	-	1,393
Geological	1,763	-	-	1,763
Site activities and metallurgical testing	2,980	-	-	2,980
Share based payments	157	-	-	157
Cash option payments	-	(10)	-	(10)
Sale of NSR and interest, net of transaction costs	(11,811)	-	-	(11,811)
Quebec refundable tax credits	(1,048)	-	-	(1,048)
Balance as at September 30, 2012	\$ 51,245	\$ 465	\$ 1,095	\$ 52,805

4. SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Share Purchase Options

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, 210,000 options were granted (2011: 160,000) and the weighted average fair value of share purchase options granted during the period, as estimated at the time of grant, was \$0.42 per share purchase option (2011: \$1.15). This was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, using the following weighted average assumptions:



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	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Share price	\$0.68	\$1.66
Exercise price	\$0.87	\$1.66
Risk free interest rate	1.5%	2.6%
Expected life	6 years	6 years
Expected forfeiture rate	5%	3%
Expected volatility	75%	78%
Expected dividends	0%	0%

The following table reflects the continuity of share purchase options for the nine months ended September 30, 2012:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance as at January 1, 2012	7,241,583	\$ 1.73
Granted	210,000	0.87
Forfeited	(130,000)	2.12
Expired	(108,333)	2.46
Balance as at September 30, 2012	7,213,250	\$ 1.68

As at September 30, 2012, the Corporation had the following share purchase options outstanding:

Options Outstanding				Options Exercisable		
Exercise Price Range	Number of Options	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.35–\$0.99	1,975,000	6.14	\$0.43	1,468,333	5.07	\$0.38
\$1.00–\$1.99	525,000	5.96	\$1.04	475,000	5.67	\$1.03
\$2.00–\$2.50	4,713,250	6.43	\$2.28	4,647,250	6.41	\$2.28
	7,213,250	6.32	\$1.68	6,590,583	6.06	\$1.77

Deferred Share Units

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, 126,487 deferred share units were granted (2011: 78,823) all of which vested immediately. During the same period, 262,666 deferred share units were redeemed (2011: Nil) for 262,666 shares of the Corporation.

The following table reflects the continuity of deferred share units for the nine months ended September 30, 2012:



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	Number of Deferred Share Units
Balance as at January 1, 2012	1,385,554
Granted	126,487
Redeemed	(262,666)
Forfeited	(31,334)
Balance as at September 30, 2012	1,218,041

As at September 30, 2012, 957,704 deferred share units are vested.

Restricted Share Units

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, 3,000 restricted share units were redeemed (2011: 16,665) for 3,000 shares (2011: 16,665) of the corporation.

The following table reflects the continuity of restricted share units for the nine months ended September 30, 2012:

	Number of Restricted Share Units
Balance as at January 1, 2012	1,510,239
Redeemed	(3,000)
Balance as at September 30, 2012	1,507,239

As at September 30, 2012, the weighted average remaining contractual life of the outstanding restricted share units is 1.65 years and 1,307,904 restricted share units are vested.

The expense (recovery) recognized from share-based payment transactions for services received during the period is shown in the following table:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Equity settled share-based payment transactions				
Share purchase options	\$ 64	\$ 124	\$ 142	\$ 476
Total equity settled share-based payment transactions	64	124	142	476
Cash settled share-based payment transactions				
Deferred share units	68	57	142	419
Restricted share units	14	48	38	335
Mark-to-market adjustment for deferred and restricted share units	312	(541)	(70)	(2,254)
Total cash settled share-based payment transactions	394	(436)	110	(1,500)
Accrued share-based payment transactions	86	-	282	-
Total expense (recovery) arising from share-based payment transactions	\$ 544	\$ (312)	\$ 534	\$ (1,024)



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The carrying amounts of the liabilities relating to deferred and restricted share units as at September 30, 2012, are \$683 and \$831 respectively (at December 31, 2011: \$700 and \$810 respectively).

5. WARRANTS AND COMPENSATION WARRANTS

On June 29, 2012, the Corporation amended the terms of 1,300,000 unlisted warrants, exercisable at \$0.35 per share until July 19, 2012 and held by a corporation controlled by a former director of the Corporation, to add a cashless exercise feature. On July 16, 2012, 150,000 of these warrants were exercised for cash proceeds of \$52 and the remaining 1,150,000 warrants were exercised using the cashless exercise feature. A total of 277,648 shares were issued in connection with the exercise of these warrants.

The following table reflects the continuity of warrants and compensation warrants for the nine months ended September 30, 2012:

	Number of Warrants	Number of Compensation Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance as at January 1, 2012	15,282,027	35,555	\$ 2.53/2.25
Exercised for cash	(800,000)	-	0.35/-
Exercised on a cashless basis	(1,150,000)	-	0.35/-
Expired	(2,049,527)	(35,555)	2.02/2.25
Balance as at September 30, 2012	11,282,500	-	\$ 3.00/-

As at September 30, 2012, the Corporation had the following warrants outstanding:

Warrants	Exercise Price	Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Expiry Date
70,000	\$2.50	0.21	December 14, 2012
11,212,500	\$3.00	0.21	December 15, 2012
11,282,500	\$3.00	0.21	

6. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Expense by nature				
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 666	\$ 906	\$ 2,042	\$ 2,218
Share based payments (note 4)	544	(312)	534	(1,024)
Professional fees	65	196	492	699
Consulting fees	286	79	994	279
Public company expenses	20	16	117	107
Office and general	244	269	840	925
Conference and travel	78	16	234	170
Investor relations	146	213	555	781
Business development	64	68	414	140
Depreciation and amortization	32	35	91	93
	\$ 2,145	\$ 1,486	\$ 6,313	\$ 4,388

**7. LOSS PER SHARE**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Loss available to common shareholders	\$ (2,948)	\$ (1,182)	\$ (7,551)	\$ (5,979)
Weighted average number of common shares	90,023,318	88,869,085	89,667,391	88,372,174
Loss per share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.07)

The effect of potential issuances of shares under stock options, warrants, deferred share units and restricted share units would be anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and accordingly, basic and diluted loss per share are the same.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Remuneration of key management (includes the Corporation's directors and management team).

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Management salaries and benefits	\$ 435	\$ 473	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,418
Directors fees	45	139	197	320
Share-based payments – Management	164	200	504	868
Share-based payments – Directors	60	106	119	386
Mark-to-market adjustment for cash settled share-based payments	365	(593)	(74)	(2,333)
	\$ 1,069	\$ 325	\$ 2,051	\$ 659
Administrative and general expenses				
Consulting fees paid to a director and officer	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 11	\$ 120

A director elected to take director fees of \$31 and \$62 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 respectively (\$31 and for \$119 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 respectively) in deferred shared units which was accounted for as share based payments.



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9. INCOME TAX

The Corporation incurred a loss for tax purposes for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, for which no tax benefit was recorded. In addition, the Corporation recorded a refundable tax credit for mining exploration expenses and a Quebec mining duties credit on the eligible exploration expenditures incurred in the nine months ended September 30, 2012. These credits were measured at the amount expected to be recovered from the taxation authorities using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted as at September 30, 2012. Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations, including the determination of which mining exploration expenditures are eligible for the refundable tax credits, and the amount and timing of collection. The amounts recognized in the financial statements are derived from the Corporation's best estimation and judgement and were recorded as a reduction to mineral property interests. The deferred tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, is attributable to additional deferred tax liabilities relating to Quebec mining duties.