

Goldbrook to recommence exploration in Raglan District

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Goldbrook Ventures Inc. [GBK-TSXV] is preparing to start its 2010 exploration program to define the nickel-copper-PGE sulphide potential in the Raglan District of Nunavik, far Northern Québec. The \$17.5 million 2010 exploration program supports a 25,000-metre diamond drill program, plus a regional mapping program, geochemical and ground geophysical surveys. The exploration program follows Goldbrook's successful discovery at the Mystery target, including additional drilling at the Timtu and Bravo occurrences along the Southern trend and extensions to the east.

Potentially more important, Goldbrook will be testing both west and east extensions of the Northern horizon which bookend Xstrata's low-cost, nickel-copper-PGE Raglan Mine which processes about a million tonnes a year. These east and west extensions to the north horizon are highly prospective and should provide interesting results based on the new geology and geophysics for the areas. These areas were of interest to previous owners, including Falconbridge (Xstrata), but due to lack of geoscience data, extensive overburden and earlier successes in the central portion of the horizon, these areas were deemed to be

of lesser priority.

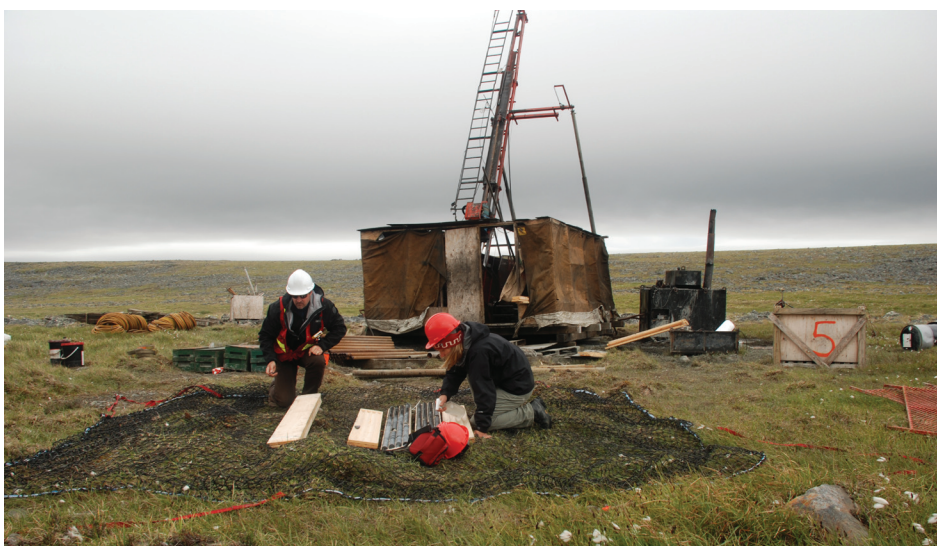
Goldbrook is the largest holder of mineral rights in the Raglan District with a 50-50 option-joint venture in 861,000 acres with provisions for **Jilin Jien Nickel Industry Co., Ltd.** to acquire up to 75% by funding all feasibility studies and construction of a mine. Nickel sulphide deposits, such as those under Goldbrook's control, are generally rare. Nickel sulphide deposits are also more sought after than the more common and larger nickel laterite deposits as they are more economically attractive and are typically of a much higher grade, while the laterites are more expensive to process due to the nickel metal being bound within silicate minerals.

While other older nickel camps are being depleted, the Raglan camp is one of the few remaining large underexplored and underdeveloped nickel sulphide belts.

Goldbrook recently acquired Canadian Royalties Inc. in a joint venture with Jilin Jien Nickel Industry Co. Ltd., a 25-75 joint venture (using their wholly owned subsidiary Jien Canada Mining Ltd.) between Goldbrook and Jien International Investment Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jilin Jien Nickel, the second

largest nickel producer in China. Canadian Royalties' primary asset was the fully permitted and construction ready Nunavik Nickel Project. Under the terms of the JV, Goldbrook is not required to provide capital for either the acquisition or construction of the project. In addition to periodic exploration and drill results, there is potential that the JV may provide news on its schedule to resume construction of the Nunavik Nickel Project.

The Nunavik Nickel Project was placed on care and maintenance during the recent global economic turndown. About 25% of the project budget had already been spent in acquiring materials and equipment, completion of the construction camp and preliminary mill foundations, plus some pit development. Construction of the mine by Jien Canada Mining may recommence in late spring or early summer 2010, with production possible in two or three years. The project was designed to process 3,500 tonnes/day, or about 1 million tonnes/year, with total capital costs of about \$465 million. The project has an NPV of \$850 million assuming metal prices of US \$6/lb. nickel, US \$1.50/lb. copper, US \$900/oz. platinum, and US \$200/oz. palladium. The project has a NI 43-101 compliant indicated resource estimate of 21.3 million tonnes with a feasibility report, based on a previous and much smaller resource estimate that indicated a mine life of at least 8.5 years with the processing of over a million tonnes/year. Information from Canadian Royalties indicates a total known resource within its mineral tenures which may be over 30 million tonnes which, if available for processing, suggests a potential operating life of 30 years.



Geologist Sheila Ulansky examines nickel sulphide mineralization at the Timtu target discovery located in the Raglan District of far Northern Québec. Photo courtesy Goldbrook Ventures Inc.

Xstrata's Raglan Mine contains a resource of about 40 million tonnes and processes about 1 million tonnes of ore annually. Xstrata's resource at Raglan is characterized as a sulphide nickel polymetallic deposit containing copper and cobalt, with some gold, platinum and palladium. Xstrata's Raglan Mine resource is similar to the sulphide mineralization identified by both Canadian Royalties and Goldbrook in the Southern Trend. This suggests there is good potential for a similar successful low cost operation at the Nunavik Nickel Project.

Goldbrook began assembling the Raglan property land position in 2003 through direct claim staking and numerous acquisitions. Because Goldbrook has enjoyed success in its exploration projects and in the Southern Trend early in its development, Jilin Jien Nickel entered a JV on Goldbrook's property. Management should be commended for one of the year's top deals in its acquisition of Canadian Royalties through the Jien Canada Mining Ltd. joint venture. Goldbrook is positioned to enjoy increased market interest through additional exploration results and/or a positive decision by the joint venture to resume construction of the Nanavik Nickel Project. ■