# transition.inc Announces Updated Mineral Resource Estimate for the Aurora Nickel Project

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### 10.5M tonnes at an Average 0.44% Ni grade- Near-Surface Mineralization, in Timmins, Ontario

TORONTO, March 3, 2025 - <u>Clean Energy Transition Inc.</u> (TSX-V:TRAN) ("transition.inc" or the "Company") is pleased to announce an updated Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") at its its wholly-owned Aurora Nickel Project, 25 kilometres southeast of Timmins, ON.

The MRE contains an Indicated Mineral Resource of 10.5M million tonnes ("Mt") at an average 0.44% Ni grade. The Aurora Nickel Project, incorporates the Aurora North and Aurora South Deposits. The Aurora North contains an Indicated Mineral Resource of 8.5 Mt at an average 0.4% Ni grade, likely mined by open-pit and the the Aurora South contains an Indicated Mineral Resource of 2.0 million tonnes ("Mt") at an average 0.65% Ni grade, likely mined with an underground method.

"We are very pleased with this MRE and continue to believe that the Aurora Nickel Project has the potential to become an excellent low-carbon production opportunity," said Sean Samson. "Recent political noise has led some to rethink the future market for critical metals like nickel but we believe that good grade, near surface nickel mineralization, located just outside Timmins will continue to be the type of opportunity the market will need. This week we will be reviewing these results in meetings with CarCos and investors, in Toronto for PDAC- the Prospectors and Developers conference".

#### Aurora Nickel Project

In 2024 transition.inc acquired a mining lease in Ontario (see news releases dated July 7 and November 12, 2024) which hosts the Aurora Nickel Project, incorporating the Aurora North and Aurora South Deposits. The Aurora Nickel Project's mining lease incorporates ~905 hectares.

Aurora Nickel Project Mineral Resource Estimate

Micon International Limited ("Micon") has completed an updated MRE for the Aurora Nickel Project.

## Table 1- Aurora Nickel Project Mineral Resource Statement

- The effective date of this Mineral Resource Estimate is March 3, 2025.
- The MRE presented above uses economic assumptions for both, surface mining and underground mining.
- The MRE has been classified in the Indicated category following spatial grade continuity analysis and geological confidence.
- The economic parameters were in CAD and used metal prices of \$12.67/lb Ni, with metallurgical recovery of 77%, an open pit mining cost of \$3/t and underground mining cost of \$60/t, Processing cost of \$20/t and a General & Administration cost of \$5/t.
- 5. For open pit mining, a slope angle of 53° has been considered.
- 6. The Aurora North and South deposit block models use a block size of 10 m x 20 m x 20 m.
- Charley Murahwi, M.Sc., P.Geo., FAusIMM and Chitrali Sarkar, M.Sc., P.Geo. from Micon International Limited are the Qualified Persons (QPs) for the current Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE).

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- 8. Mineral resources unlike mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues.
- The mineral resources have been estimated in accordance with the CIM Best Practice Guidelines (2019 and 2023) and the CIM Definition Standards (2014).
- Totals may not add correctly due to rounding.

A Technical Report in support of the MRE will be filed on SEDAR+ (www.sedar.com) within 45 days of the date of this news release.

For context- equivalent number of Electric Vehicles in the MRE's Contained Nickel

It is estimated that the average electric vehicle battery requires ~145 pounds of nickel (Bloomberg New Energy Finance ("BNEF") estimate, for a 100kWh battery\*) and based on this, the Contained Nickel in the Aurora Nickel Project's MRE, this represents the equivalent nickel which would be used in more than 705K electric vehicles. For context, this is more than 5x the total 2023 new Battery EV registrations in Canada\*\*.

- \* Company estimates, based on BNEF calculations https://tinyurl.com/3xswdn8k.
- \*\* Company estimates, based on 139,501 Battery EVs registered in Canada (StatsCan) https://tinyurl.com/3z8penz7.

About Clean Energy Transition Inc.

Transition.inc is focused on opportunities to generate positive cash flow across the energy transition. The Company includes a Quartz division focused on advancing its silica/Quartz business with the Snow White Project in Ontario and the Silicon Ridge Project in Québec. The silica in high-quality Quartz can be used to make silicon metal, a key component in solar energy panels. The Company also has a Critical Minerals division, which includes the Aurora Nickel Project in Ontario, where it is working to advance a potential low-carbon production opportunity to supply the growing North American demand for low-carbon nickel. Alongside the mining assets, transition.inc is also looking for additional opportunities, more broadly, from across the energy transition.

#### **Qualified Persons**

The Qualified Persons (QPs) for this News Release as defined by NI 43-101, are Mr. Charley Murahwi, M.Sc., P.Geo., Pr. Sci. Nat., FAusIMM and Ms. Chitrali Sarkar, MSc. P.Geo., respectively Senior Economic Geologist and Senior Geologist at Micon International Limited. Both QPs have reviewed and approved the technical information in this press release, related to the Aurora Nickel Project updated Resource. There are no known factors that could materially affect the reliability of the information verified by Mr. Murahwi and Ms. Chitrali.

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