

## **Brazilian Nickel PLC (“BRN”) completes its capital raising of US\$27.57 million equity to advance the Piauí Nickel Project in Brazil**

- **In addition to US\$25 million from TechMet Limited, BRN received further investments totalling US\$2.57 million, including US\$2 million from Anglo Pacific Group PLC**
- **The total investment amount of US\$27.57 million allows BRN to accelerate the development of the Piauí Nickel Project (“Project”)**
- **The investment will fund BRN’s bankable feasibility study for the Project and help fund construction of BRN’s PNP 1000 project, a project for initial small-scale production, thereby creating jobs in one of the country’s most underdeveloped regions, while ensuring high environmental and social standards**
- **Following completion of investments and conversion of convertible debt, two Non-Executive Directors appointed to the Board**

BRN is pleased to report the completion of an equity investment funding totalling US\$27.57 million on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. This included additional funding of US\$2.57 million which, together with the previously reported (6<sup>th</sup> October 2020) US\$25 million investment from BRN’s funding partner, TechMet Limited, takes BRN to a total amount of US\$27.57 million which will be used to advance the Project in Brazil.

US\$2 million of the US\$2.57 million investment comes from a share subscription into BRN from Anglo Pacific Group PLC (“Anglo Pacific”). BRN and Anglo Pacific signed a royalty agreement in 2017 which will see up to US\$70 million available as part of a financing package for construction of BRN’s full scale Project. A further US\$570,000 investment was also received from two additional parties.

BRN will use the funds to accelerate the Project’s development through the completion of a bankable feasibility study for the full scale Project as well as expanding its existing demonstration plant to provide early, small scale production from the PNP 1000 project.

On completion of the investments, and the conversion of convertible debt by Magenta Fundo De Investimento Mulimercado Investimento No Exterior Crédito Privado (“Magenta”), BRN has made two new appointments to the Board. Brian Menell, the CEO and Chairman of TechMet Limited, along with Flávio Guimarães, from Magenta, will be joining the Board as Non-Executive Directors. In addition, Robert Jenkins will be stepping down as a Non-Executive Director, but will remain as an alternate Director for John Croft.

### **Mike Oxley, Chief Executive Officer of BRN, said:**

*“These investments round off an extremely successful few months for Brazilian Nickel where we have secured a total of US\$27.57 million of investment to develop what we believe to be a globally significant project. The investment from Anglo Pacific, together with the support received from TechMet and the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, is not only a massive boost for BRN financially, but it continues to validate the Project and its technology. Anglo Pacific’s values and ethos, particularly when making an investment decision, clearly align with those of Brazilian Nickel and TechMet. We look forward to continuing to work alongside them as we work towards providing the critical materials needed to provide a sustainable future.*”

*“We are also pleased that Magenta converted its debt into equity, and that Brian and Flávio will be joining the BRN team. I welcome them to the Board and look forward to working with them as we continue to advance the PNP Project. I would also like to thank Robert for his valuable service to BRN over the past couple of years.”*

### **Further Investment Details**

The investments from Anglo Pacific and the additional parties are part of a wider US\$27.57 million funding led by TechMet Limited, which was in turn funded by a significant equity investment from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (“DFC”), as part of an acceleration of the development of Brazilian Nickel’s Piauí Project. The DFC is America’s development bank; a financial institution of the United States Federal Government. The DFC’s investments are required to adhere to high standards with respect to the environment and human and worker rights while generating returns for the American taxpayer.

Anglo Pacific has an existing 1.25 per cent gross revenue royalty (“GRR”) in the Project, which it purchased in 2017 for US\$2 million, with the option to acquire an incremental 3.0 per cent GRR for US\$70 million (total royalty entitlement of 4.25 per cent) at the time of the full scale Project construction decision.

The investment from Anglo Pacific is part of its strategy to invest in commodities which form part of new technologies and contribute to reducing the world’s carbon footprint, supporting a more sustainable world.

Simultaneous with the completion of the investments, a convertible debt held by Magenta was converted into ordinary shares of the Company. The Magenta funds had previously been applied by BRN to complete the refurbishment and operation of the PNP Demonstration Plant.

### **Board Appointments**

On completion of the TechMet Limited investment, Brian Menell has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director. Brian has extensive experience in the natural resources and energy sector, and he is the Chairman and CEO of TechMet Limited which is focused on projects that produce, process or recycle “Technology Metals”.

Brian is also the principal of the Kemet Group, a private group which invests in and manages a range of natural resource projects in East, Central and West Africa. He is also CEO of Tinco Investments Ltd, an integrated Tin and Tungsten producer in Rwanda. Previously, Brian was the former Principal and Executive Director of Anglovaal Mining (AVMIN), and a former Director of Anglovaal Ltd, a diversified industrial and mining holding company. Prior to Anglovaal, Brian spent eight years with the De Beers Group.

In addition to Brian, Flávio Ognibene Guimarães, from Magenta, a fund of a family office based in São Paulo, Brazil, joins the BRN Board as a Non-Executive Director.

Flávio is an engineer and economics graduate from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, with an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He worked for many years in the financial sector, including at several stockbrokers and the French bank Socimer. Flávio has also worked as an

entrepreneur in several segments of the economy, with a special focus on mobile telephone towers. Since 2011, he dedicates himself to diversified investments throughout several jurisdictions.

### **About Brazilian Nickel PLC**

BRN is a private UK company established in May 2013 to develop nickel laterite heap leach projects worldwide, beginning with its flagship Project in Brazil. The BRN team are all highly experienced mining industry professionals with extensive experience in Latin America and worldwide. The team has been developing and commercialising the heap leaching of nickel laterites for over 20 years with a view to building a world class nickel and cobalt producing company.

### **About the Piauí Nickel Project**

The Project is an advanced-staged Battery Metals project with a JORC resource of 72 million tonnes at 1.0% Ni and 0.05% Co, with 73% of the resource in the JORC Measured category. All metallurgical test work in support of a bankable feasibility study is complete and the key environmental permits (*Licenças Previas*) have been awarded. The project envisages near-term production of separate intermediate nickel and cobalt hydroxide products to supply the surge in demand for these metals in, among other things, electric vehicle batteries. The PNP 1000 project will quick-start operations by expanding the existing demonstration plant at the site, and will allow BRN to benefit from today's increasingly strong nickel prices.

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### **About Anglo Pacific Group PLC**

[Anglo Pacific Group](#) PLC is a London and Toronto listed global natural resources royalty and streaming company. The company's strategy is to become a leading natural resources company through investing in high quality projects in preferred jurisdictions with trusted counterparties, underpinned by strong ESG principles. It is a continuing policy of the company to pay a substantial portion of these royalties and streams to shareholders as dividends.

### **About TechMet Limited**

[TechMet](#) Limited is a private company building world class projects that produce, process and re-cycle "technology metals" critical to EVs, renewable energy systems and energy storage. TechMet's target metals include: lithium, cobalt, nickel, rare earth metals, tin, tungsten, and vanadium. TechMet has been operational for three years and its core investments include:

- BRN – nickel and cobalt production in Brazil
- Li-Cycle – lithium-ion battery recycling with a producing plant in Canada and a plant under construction in Rochester, NY
- US Vanadium – vanadium specialty chemicals production in Arkansas (USA)
- Tinco – the largest tin and tungsten mines in Rwanda

TechMet Limited also has an interest in a producing Rare Earths metals project and is developing TechMet Ventures to invest in new opportunities across the supply-chain.

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