Fort St. James Nickel Updates Plans for Diamond Drilling at Porcupine Base Metal – Precious Metal – REE Property Central New Brunswick

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Vancouver, British Columbia (FSCwire) - Fort St. James Nickel Corp. (TSXV.FTJ.H) ("FTJ" or "The Company") is pleased to announce updated plans for diamond drilling at its Porcupine Base Metal - Precious Metal - Rare Earth Element (REE) Property, located in central New Brunswick. A drilling permit has been received allowing up to 10 holes (News Release of January 19, 2018). FTJ is planning to begin diamond drilling on the property in June 2018. The drilling program is planned for an area of zinc, lead, copper and silver mineralization in the central region of the property. Drilling will include testing under and adjacent to a mineralized zone exposed in a 2012 trench. A one meter channel sample collected across this zone in 2012 returned 5.48% zinc and 1.08% lead. A boulder sample collected in 2012 in an adjacent trench returned 20.7% lead, 6.89% zinc, 2.04% copper and 122 grams / tonne (g/t) silver.

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The Porcupine Property occurs within the Miramichi terrane which trends northeast-southwest through New Brunswick. The Miramichi terrane hosts numerous volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits in northeast New Brunswick in the famous Bathurst Camp. Many of these deposits were mined, including the historic Heath Steele mine, located approximately 40km northeast of the Porcupine Property. Volcanic rocks are reported locally within the Porcupine Property.

2012 Line 4W Trench (channel sample of 5.48% zinc & 1.08% lead / 1m)

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Planned diamond drilling in 2018 will focus on the central region of the property, testing under and adjacent to the Line 4W Trench and testing the area in the reported up-ice direction from this trench and the Line 3W trench.

The Porcupine Property is located in central New Brunswick approximately 50 kilometres west of the city of Miramichi. Access is excellent with logging roads transecting the property. The property currently covers an area of approximately 2,830 hectares.

Lead and zinc sulfide mineralization in Line 4W Trench

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The Company also wishes to update that it is continuing to carry out its previously announced non-brokered private placement (the " Private Placement ") on February 12, 2018 of up to 1,000,000 units (the " Units ") at a price of \$0.35 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$350,000. Each Unit will consist of one common share of the Company (a " Share ") and one transferrable common share purchase warrant (a " Warrant "). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional Share (a " Warrant Share ") at a price of \$0.50 per Warrant Share for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. The term of the warrants may be accelerated in the event that the issuer's shares trade at or above a price of \$1.00 per share for a period of 10 consecutive days. In such case of accelerated warrants, the issuer may give notice, in writing or by way

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of news release, to the subscribers that the warrants will expire 30 days from the date of providing such notice.

The Company may also pay finders' fees in connection with the Private Placement in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. All of the securities to be issued under the Private Placement will be subject to a four-month resale restriction. The Private Placement remains subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The proceeds from the Private Placement will be used for general working capital purposes and exploration work on the Company's Porcupine property located in New Brunswick.

The Company also announces it has granted 650,000 options at an exercise price of \$0.50. The options are exercisable for five years and will be cancelled 30 days after cessation of acting as director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company.

David Martin, P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, is responsible for the technical information contained in this News Release. Mr. Martin is the consultant for <u>Fort St. James Nickel Corp.</u> and VP Exploration for <u>Great Atlantic Resources Corp.</u>

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