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Visit to North American Nickel's exploration activities at Maniitsoq

North American Nickel has ventured into one of the most ambitious mineral projects in this country, exploring mainly for nickel, but also for other minerals. For some field seasons now, the company has carried out exploration activities south-east of Maniitsoq. An extensive exploration programme has been initiated again this year.

The Government of Greenland is therefore following the project with keen interest. This was also the reason why the Premier of Greenland, Mr Kim Kielsen, and the Minister for Mineral Resources, Mr Múte Borup Egede, visited the project on Sunday, 27 August.

North American Nickel initiated this year's activities in June and this year's field season is expected to end in October. The plan for this year's programme includes sampling, mapping and collection of data, which will be carried out by helicopter as well as through an extensive drilling campaign with drill cores of up to 11,000 metres. North American Nickel expects to be allocating more than 60 persons to the project this season.

In connection with their visit, Kim Kielsen and Múte Borup Egede said:

"It is of key importance to the Government of Greenland that we develop a productive mineral resources sector. We are thus very positive about North American Nickel continuing their activities again this year. North American Nickel and other active companies are contributing to the generation of new knowledge, growth and jobs, which will be for the benefit of all of us.

Visiting the field camp, you clearly sense that this is a serious and targeted project. The extensive drilling programme alone is testimony to this project being very much in progress. We look forward to following the project in the years to come."

Collection of geological data [factbox]

North American Nickel also contributes to the generation of new geological knowledge about the Maniitsoq area. For several years, the Ministry of Mineral Resources has worked on a geological mapping project of the Maniitsoq area. This summer, geologists from the Ministry of Mineral Resources have been staying at North American Nickel's camp while working on the mapping project. From this camp, geologists have gone on several helicopter-borne operations while mapping the area around Maniitsoq.

It is an essential prerequisite for the development of the mineral resources sector that new geological knowledge is constantly gathered. The geological mapping of the Maniitsoq area is thus an important contribution to the attainment of this objective. It is the result of a successful partnership and a positive attitude that North American Nickel again this year supports the geologists' work in mapping the areas around Maniitsoq.

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