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**Hard Creek Nickel Corporation
STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED**

(VANCOUVER) – Hard Creek Nickel Corporation (the “Company”) today announces that pursuant to its Stock Option Plan, approved by the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Company will be granting 1,940,000 stock options to certain Consultants, Directors, Officers and Employees, exercisable at \$0.30 per share, expiring February 17, 2014.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hard Creek Nickel Corporation,

"Mark Jarvis"

**Mark Jarvis, President
HARD CREEK NICKEL CORPORATION**

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