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1998 was one of continuing engineering and metallurgical assessments to bring the Getty North Deposit towards the full feasibility stage. Site preparation for bulk sample testing, and environmental baseline studies were conducted, with additional studies being planned prior to making the application for the necessary production permits as required by the Province of British Columbia Environmental Review Process. In addition, Getty Copper successfully applied under the Province of British Columbia Power for Jobs program for a reduced-cost electrical power rate for the proposed Getty North Mine and SX-EW cathode copper plant.

Throughout 1998 and 1999, Company management has been actively seeking financing opportunities to support the full feasibility study for the projected Getty North Deposit, and to complete the necessary baseline environmental studies for this project.

As previously outlined, the Getty North deposit is currently estimated to contain 72,093,000 drill indicated and drill inferred tonnes averaging 0.31% Cu, including 10,030,000 drill indicated and drill inferred tonnes of oxidized material having an average copper content of 0.40%, and 44,405,000 drill indicated and drill inferred tonnes of sulphide copper resource having an average copper content of 0.37%.

Bateman Engineering Inc., of Denver, Colorado, was retained, to perform a pre-feasibility study for the oxidized part of the Getty North Deposit and proposed solvent extraction electrowinning (SX-EW) cathode copper plant. Bateman produced a Project Assessment Report and a Feasibility Outlook on the Getty North Deposit, which, after refinement of the original pit design, resulted in an upgraded estimate of a mineable reserve of 8.56 million tonnes, comprising of 7.2 million tonnes of oxide grading 0.47% copper and 1.36 million tonnes of sulphide grading 0.50% copper at a stripping ratio of 0.8 to 1 and a mine life of 7 years. Bateman also recommended further leach and assay comparison tests, that may further increase leach ore reserves, be conducted prior to or during a full feasibility study. In preparation for this work the Company logged and cleared approximately 8.8 hectares (23 acres) at the site of the projected oxide pit.

On May 11, 1999 the Vancouver Stock Exchange approved the release of 9,216,984 escrow shares issued for the Getty North claims, thereby permanently vesting the Getty North Deposit and claims to Getty Copper Corp.

Preliminary metallurgical studies conducted by Dr. Morris Beattie P.Eng. and Process Research Laboratories have shown that leaching yields approximately 65% recovery of copper from the sulphide resource, thereby making the treatment of the Getty North deposit sulphide copper resource by leaching SX-EW technology potentially more attractive than processing the sulphides by conventional flotation-concentration methods.

Subject to a positive feasibility study, financing, approval by the Board of Directors and the issuance of the relevant permits, Getty is considering processing both the oxidized and the sulphide copper resources by heap leaching SX-EW technology in order to produce premium-priced cathode copper on-site.

When an appropriate financing can be arranged, Getty plans to complete the feasibility study for the proposed Getty North mine and SX-EW plant and continue exploration on the Getty North and Getty South Deposits, as well as on the many other geological, geophysical and geochemical targets on our Highland Valley property from which it is reasonable to anticipate additional copper mineralization. These events should prove positive for the company and move the development of the project forward.

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