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ACQUISITION: ATHELSTAN-JACKPOT MINERAL PROPERTY

The management of RIMACAN RESOURCES is excited to announce that an agreement* has been struck for the Athelstan-Jackpot Mineral Property located just 6 kilometers southeast of the Kettle River Resources "gold discovery" in the Greenwood Mining Division in British Columbia. (See Chart A)

PREVIOUS GOLD MINE. Recent discoveries in the area have shown that volcanic sedimentary rocks and layered serpentine rocks host significant gold values. This has led to great anticipation for new gold producers coming from old gold mines again buying the ancient mining adage: "the best place to look for a new mine is where an old one used to be". The Athelstan-Jackpot Group was one of the most productive gold mines in the area.

The Athelstan-Jackpot Group consists of 9 Crown Grants, 1 mining lease and 1 staked claim. Previous production has been impressive with the work consisting of shallow mining and occurring prior to 1930. During that period 5054 ounces of Gold, 5002 ounces of Silver and 111,984 pounds of Copper were yielded from 18,542 tons of ore. Post 1930 production was done by W.E. McArthur Sr. who reportedly mined 2051 tons grading .582 oz/ton Gold and .72 oz/ton Silver.

ASSAY RESULTS TO .996 OZ/TON GOLD. Gold assay results over a strike length of approximately 2,000 feet have given impressive gold values ranging from .356 oz/ton to .996 oz/ton. These samples were taken from various surface showings and old dumps. (See Chart B) Several untested geochemical Gold anomalies exist on the Group. In addition there is a good chance for additional sulphides at depth, as well as a potential for steeply dipping Gold bearing veins.

DRILLING PROGRAM PLANNED. In an extensive report dated June 3, 1983, Consulting Geological Engineer J.S. Kermeen recommended a total exploration program on the Athelstan-Jackpot property of \$240,000. The program will include geochemical and geophysical work, trenching of the favorable zones, and diamond drilling. Plans are currently under way for this program.

BEST SPECULATIVE PROPERTIES. Because of location, geological potential, assays and established Gold geochemical anomalies, the combination of the Athelstan-Jackpot Property and the Greenwood Property (See Chart A) puts Rimacan Resources in an elite group considered to have among the best speculative properties in the Greenwood Mining Division.

*Subject to the approval of regulatory bodies.

On behalf of the Board

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