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Successful First-Phase Exploration Follows "Major" Tungsten Discovery

Northair Mines Ltd. and Andaurex Resources Inc. have announced that first-phase exploration on a new tungsten discovery near Revelstoke, B.C., has been completed. Initial work on the "Thanksgiving" showings, which were discovered last year in bedrock and graded over 3% tungsten, has produced very encouraging results.

W.T. Irvine, P.Eng., a consulting geologist retained by Northair Mines to examine the "Thanksgiving" property and report on development to date, concluded in his report, dated July 31, 1981: "Given the strength of the scheelite mineralization already encountered, and the absences of any close igneous body that could be responsible for the skarny alteration and the ore, it is unlikely that this is a small isolated occurrence. Therefore, a determined effort should

be made to find extensions of the mineralized horizons."

The property, held under option by Andaurex Resources Inc., has been the subject of extensive geophysical surveys, trenching and diamond drilling since early June, when an exploration agreement was finalized between Northair and Andaurex. Cat trenching of the "Creek" showing has exposed a mineralized bed over a length of 30 metres which is seen to strike to the north of east and dip at a low angle to the north. However, 200 metres south are apparently the same beds, but dipping south. Mr. Irvine states this indicates an intervening anticline, which has been verified by I.P. surveys.

Thus, exploration to date has outlined an east-plunging anticline the central portion of which has been eroded to the

west, but should be present as it plunges under cover to the east. The 2,521 feet of drilling completed in 13 holes has also produced several good-grade tungsten intersections. With first-phase drilling complete, a more thorough study of the geology has been conducted through prospecting, float sampling and spectrometer surveys as well as magnetometer and E.M. work.

The "Thanksgiving" showings have been termed "a major discovery" by E.W. Grove Consultants Ltd. of Victoria. The property, discovered by a group of Revelstoke prospectors in October 1980, lies within the Omineca Tectonic Belt, a zone in which most of the major tungsten deposits in British Columbia are known to occur, and in which massive sulphide deposits of major importance are also known.

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