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SECOND DIAMOND DRILL MOVED ONTO THE AKIE PROPERTY

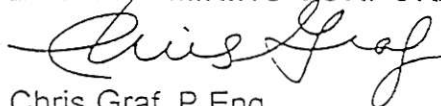
Ecstall is pleased to report that a second diamond drill has been moved onto the 40% owned Akie property in northeastern B.C.

The first hole (A-96-20) currently being drilled by the second diamond drill will explore the favorable massive sulfide stratigraphy underlying a significant 3km long multi element rock and soil geochemical anomaly which adjoins and extends south from the area already being drilled, to the Akie river.

With regard to the deep drill testing of the Akie deposit itself, the large diamond drill presently on site has completed drilling hole A-95-19, at a depth of 1192m. This hole is the first of three new deep holes along the 1.5km long zone of massive sulfide mineralization that underwent drilling in 1994 and 1995. Hole A-95-19 intersected 8m of laminar bedded pyrite mineralization between 1073m and 1081m, at a point approximately 600m along strike of the high grade intersection made last year in hole A-95-18 which assayed 10.72% zinc+lead over a 6.3m true width including 16.46% zinc+lead over 2.2m. The mineralization intersected in A-95-19 appeared visually to contain sub-economic zinc/lead contents however assays are pending.

The large diamond drill is now being moved to the footwall side of the massive sulfide horizon where hole A-96-21 will be collared on section 30+00 south at 285 east. This hole is designed to intersect the Akie massive sulfide deposit approximately 400m directly down dip of previous hole A-95-18.

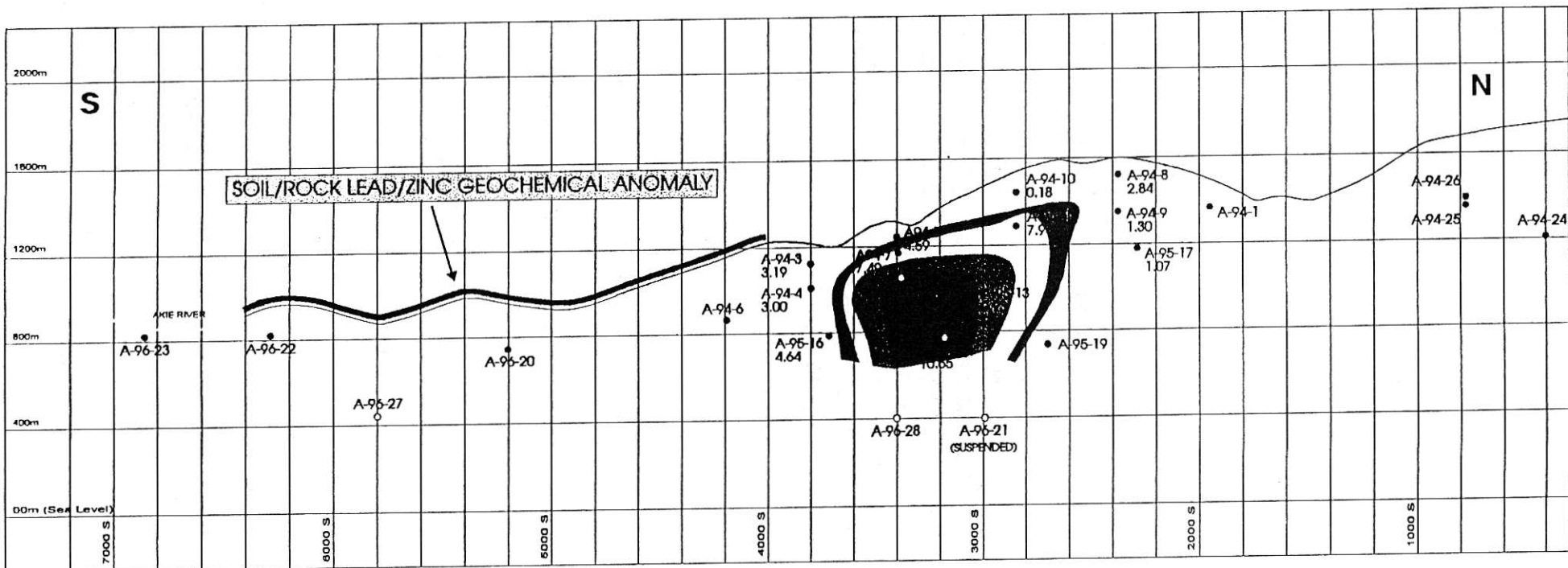
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| DRILL HOLE | 04-1 | 04-3 | 04-4 | Incl. | also | 04-5 | 04-6 | 04-7 | Incl. | 04-8 | 04-9 | 04-10 | 04-11 | Incl. | also | 04-12 | Incl. | 05-13 | Incl. | also | 05-14 | Incl. | Incl. | also | 05-17 | 05-18 | Incl. | Incl. | 05-19 | 05-20 | 05-2 | 05-22 | 05-23 | 05-24 | 05-25 | 05-26 | 05-27 | 05-28 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|-----------------------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| % Zn | No significant values | 2.7 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.6 | No significant values | 4.8 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 8.4 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 4.2 | No significant values | 7.7 | 9.2 | 14.7 | 1.34 | 3.6 | DRILLING SUSPENDED | 1.38 | | | | | | |
| % Pb | No significant values | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | No significant values | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.02 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.36 | 0.68 | 1.0 | 0.85 | No significant values | 1.34 | 1.52 | 1.76 | 0.31 | 1.6 | DRILLING SUSPENDED | 0.05 | | | | | | |
| 04-10 | No significant values | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 5.0 | No significant values | 8.4 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 7.2 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 9.7 | 14.3 | 10.5 | 12.0 | 14.6 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 12.0 | 9.0 | No significant values | 12.0 | 12.0 | 16.5 | 7.2 | 9.4 | DRILLING SUSPENDED | 3.2 | | | | | | |
| TRUE (matrix) THICKNESS (feet) | No significant values | 6.8 | 19.7 | 15.7 | 3.1 | 10.6 | No significant values | 24.9 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 16.8 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 30.5 | 7.0 | 25.0 | 12.5 | 5.0 | 38.3 | 10.2 | 3.1 | 4.6 | No significant values | 9.5 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 1.5 | DRILLING SUSPENDED | 1.7 | | | | | | |
| | No significant values | 22.4 | 85.0 | 51.8 | 10.2 | 35.0 | No significant values | 81.2 | 20.1 | 17.5 | 10.2 | 11.2 | 54.8 | 27.1 | 18.2 | 100.6 | 23.1 | 82.5 | 41.3 | 16.5 | 126.4 | 33.7 | 10.2 | 16.8 | No significant values | 31.4 | 21.8 | 7.3 | 9.6 | 5.0 | DRILLING SUSPENDED | 6.8 | | | | | | |



Pb % + Zn %



AKIE DEPOSIT

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 VERTICAL SECTION

TRUE THICKNESS > 5m