

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## NEW CANAMIN STUDYING 25,000 TONNE/DAY OPERATION

December 7, 1994, Vancouver, British Columbia - - New Canamin Resources Ltd. today reported it is proceeding with a new study on its wholly owned Huckleberry porphyry copper deposit situated in west central British Columbia. The revised study will consider the effect on project economics of an increased production rate of 25,000 tonnes per day. It is expected that the increase in throughput capacity will reduce both operating costs and the payback period as well as improve the net present value of the deposit. Results of this internal study will be available in January, 1995.

On the other hand, at the currently contemplated mill feed of 13,500 tonne/day, an update of feasibility economics at current metals prices yields a net project value of \$227 million or \$23.38 per share at a 10% discount rate. Payout of capital at current prices is 2.2 years for a 38.31% rate of return.

Meanwhile, open houses have been held in Burns Lake, Houston and Smithers to allow the local communities an opportunity to comment on the proposed mining development. The general response in this area, which has seen dramatic reduction in mining activity over the last few years, was very positive, with 90.8% approval. Governmental review of the Pre-Application Prospectus is expected in December and the final Mine Development Certificate application will be filed in early 1995.

New Canamin Resources Ltd. (NNI-VSE) is developing the Huckleberry porphyry copper deposit, situated 86 km south-south-west of Houston, British Columbia. The deposit has diluted mineable ore reserves of 91 million tonnes at 0.517% copper, 0.064 grams per tonne gold, 0.014% molybdenum, and 2.78 grams per tonne silver. The Company has 9,708,819 shares outstanding (fully diluted 10,626,319 shares).

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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