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COMPANIES ACQUIRE EXCITING MASSIVE SULPHIDE PROPERTY IN THE RAFT RIVER AREA, B.C.

REAUGH, PRESIDENT OF DESPERADO RESOURCES INC. ("DESPERADO") AND VERDSTONE GOLD CORPORATION ("VERDSTONE"), IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DESPERADO (50%) AND VERDSTONE (50%) HAVE INTO AN AGREEMENT TO AQUIRE A 305 UNIT (19,500 ACRE) MASSIVE SULPHIDE PROPERTY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 43 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF CLEARWATER, B.C.

THE PROPERTY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY UNDER OPTION TO COMINCO LTD., 1977 TO 1985. EXTENSIVE GEOPHYSICAL (90 Km.) AND FROM GEOCHEMICAL SURVEYS, TRENCHING AND DIAMOND DRILLING (20,000 FT.) WAS CARRIED OUT BY COMINCO FROM 1978 TO 1980. IN EXCESS OF 20 KILOMETERS OF STRIKE LENGTH ON THE MINERALIZED ZONE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH SOME OF THE BETTER ZONES DEFINED BY TRENCHING AND DIAMOND DRILLING AS FOLLOWS:

* NEW SHOWING	GRADE ZN-PB%	AVERAGE WIDTH (M) FEET	STRIKE LENGTH (M) FEET
North	13.0%	(1.5) 4'-11"	(700M) 2,290 FEET
Central	10.1%	(1.7) 5'- 6"	(1000M) 3,270 FEET
South	16.7%	(2.6) 8'- 6"	(500M) 1,635 FEET

^{*} THE BEST DIAMOND DRILL HOLE WAS COLLARED IN THE SOUTH

SECTION AND AVERAGED $16\cdot1\%$ Zn and $2\cdot80\%$ PB over $7\cdot8$ METERS (25'-7'') WIDE FROM $78\cdot4$ TO $86\cdot2$ METERS. SURFACE TRENCHING IN THIS AREA EXPOSED THE ZONE OVER A STRIKE LENGTH OF 100 METERS $(327\ \text{FT}\cdot)$ AND AVERAGED $20\cdot0\%$ Zn and $4\cdot0\%$ PB over an average width of 4 METERS $(13'-1'')\cdot$

	GRADE ZN-PB%	AVERAGE WIDTH (M) FEET	STRIKE LENGTH (M) FEET
AUTUMN SHOWING MAIN BOULDER AREA	13.0%	(2.0M) 6'-6"	(100M) 327 FEET
	27.0%	(2.0M) 6'-6"	(400M) 1,310 FEET

STRATAFORM ZINC/LEAD MINERALIZATION IS PRESENT WITHIN A THICK CALC-SILICATE MEMBER OF A HIGHLY DEFORMED META-SEDIMENTARY SEQUENCE IN THE SHUSWAP METAMORPHIC COMPLEX. THE SULPHIDE MINERALIZATION OCCURS AS A VERY EXTENSIVE STRATAFORM BED, USUALLY DIPPING STEELY TO THE EAST.

THE PROPERTY HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING SEVERAL MILLION TONS OF HIGH GRADE ZINC/LEAD MINERALIZATION. THERE IS NO INDICATION FROM THE EXTENSIVE REPORTS THAT ANY EFFORT WAS MADE TO IDENTIFY PRECIOUS METAL CONTENT WITHIN THE ORE. THE DATA IS CURRENTLY BEING ASSESSED IN ORDER TO FORMULATE THE NEXT STAGE OF EXPLORATION.

ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

LARRY W. REAUGH

PRESIDENT

THE VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR DISAPPROVED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

