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POSITIVE METALLURGY RESULTS ADVANCE TAURUS PROJECT

Cyprus Canada moves on to next phase of exploration program

Mr. David Hjerpe, president of International Taurus Resources Inc. is pleased to announce that the Company has received an interim metallurgy report showing positive results from the samples tested by Cyprus Canada Inc. during the past two months. The samples were from drill holes on the Taurus Project near Cassiar, B.C. The project is being explored by Cyprus Canada under agreements with International Taurus Resources Inc., (ITU.V) and Cusac Gold Mines Ltd., [CQC.T and CUSIF (NASDAQ)].

Cyprus Canada has reported most of the results of a metallurgical study performed on the mineralization from drill holes on the Taurus Project. The results are positive and will lead to a continued 1996 exploration program by Cyprus Canada.

Bottle roll cyanide leach tests were performed on the two different types of mineralization within the Taurus Project. The 88 Hill quartz vein type of mineralization represents the bulk of the deposit as it is known so far. Samples tested from the 88 Hill Zone were found to have an average recovery rate of 75%. The other style of mineralization is massive disseminated pyritic mineralization which is found only in a small geographically distinct area within the North-West corner of the deposit. This pyritic style of mineralization had a low recovery rate of less than 30%. The results clearly indicate that a simple traditional cyanide recovery technique will result in a very good gold recovery from most of the Taurus Project mineralization.

In addition, the hardest rock on the property was found to have a lower than expected crushing index. This means that grinding the rock will require less energy, resulting in lower operating costs.

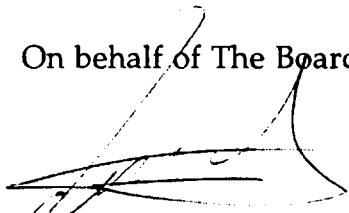
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Cyprus is currently planning the 1996 exploration program. It is expected that this program will include stripping of a large outcrop area on the 88 Hill followed by fill-in diamond drilling, to determine geometry and continuity of better grade zones. This program will likely start this spring once the snowpack has melted. Cyprus anticipates that by completing a strip program first, it will allow for a more cost effective exploration program. Future drill patterns will be based on the results of this stripping.

An exploration drill program to fill in some of the large drilling gaps within the main area of mineralization (between the 88 Hill, The Taurus Mine and the Western areas of the deposit) and to test the promising Wings Canyon area and its extensions will start at the same time.

Cyprus Canada also reported that it has completed a detailed property survey of the Taurus Project. The attached property map shows the new boundaries as reflected by this survey.

On behalf of The Board of Directors,



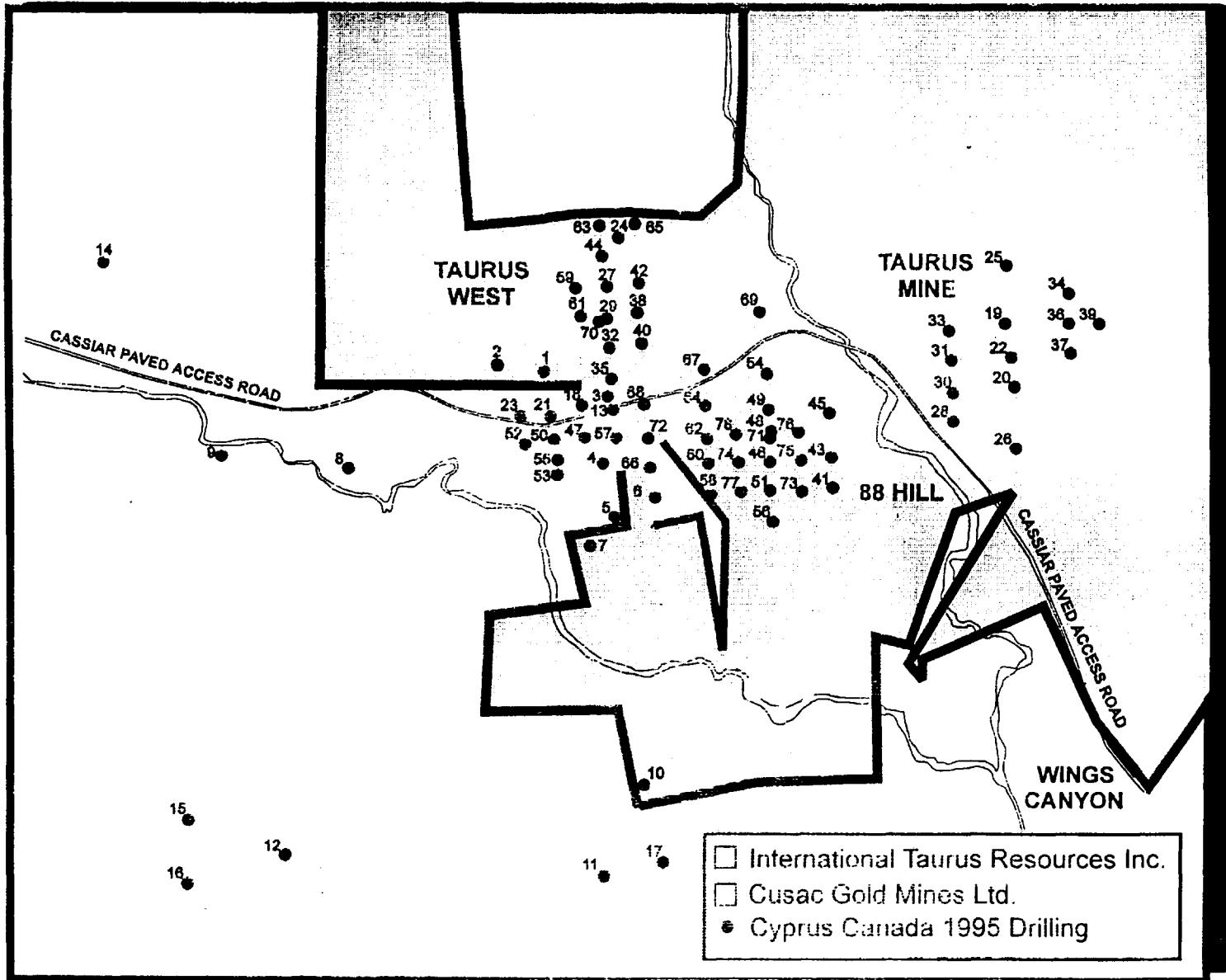
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