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**ABUNDANT PYROPE GARNETS FOUND ON  
SOMERSET DIAMOND PROPERTIES**

VANCOUVER, BC -- Willis W. Osborne, President of Alpine Exploration Corporation and Chief Executive Officer of Westpine Metals Ltd., would like to announce preliminary results on sampling from the Somerset Island Properties, Northwest Territories as reported by Cyclone Capital Corp. Cyclone reports exceptional quantities of indicator minerals, especially pyrope garnets from concentrates of surface soil samples from the Nord and the Ham properties. The laboratory, which has conducted the testing, recommends the microprobing of the probable G9 and G10 portion of the pyropes as well as picro-ilmenite and chromites to determine the probability of occurrence and potential abundance of diamonds in the respective kimberlite bodies.

Alpine and Westpine each hold an option on a 25% interest in the Elwin Bay, the Ham and the Nord properties. Cyclone Capital Corp. owns the remaining 50%. During the summer program the three known kimberlites on Alpine-Westpine ground were diamond drilled, and seven additional kimberlites or clusters of kimberlites were discovered, including the unique Nikos and J.P. kimberlites on the Elwin Bay property. The Nikos and J.P. kimberlites are unique in that they are distinguished by abundant mantle xenoliths.

Alpine and Westpine also hold a 10% interest in the Paco kimberlite where pyrope garnets also have been identified.

Results of the analysis of drill core samples as well as rock samples from the Elwin Bay, the Nikos and J.P. kimberlites are expected this winter. Five rock samples from the Nikos kimberlite have been forwarded to Lakefield Research in Ontario for further testing including caustic dissolution to ensure recovery of all possible diamonds.

  
Willis W. Osborne



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**INVESTOR RELATIONS CONTRACT  
&  
SOMERSET ISLAND RESULTS**

VANCOUVER, BC -- Willis W. Osborne, Chief Executive Officer, would like to announce additional results from the Somerset Island program and the signing of an investor relations contract.

Cyclone Capital Corp., the operator of the Somerset Island Project, has received results on seven rock samples from the Nikos kimberlites and seventeen soil samples from the Nord 2. Westpine holds an option on a 25% interest on both areas.

Results from the newly discovered Nikos zone are extremely encouraging with all samples returning abundant mineral grains of pyrope garnets, eclogitic garnets, ilmenite and chrome diopside. Due to the abundance of indicator minerals only a small portion of each sample concentrate was picked. For example, sample Nikos R-04 returned 400 pyrope garnets from just 2.5 grams out of a total of 144.7 grams of concentrate. Abundant grains of pyrope garnets and ilmenite were also found in all of the Nord 2 soil samples.

Indicator minerals from samples taken from two of the Nikos kimberlites are being forwarded to Dr. J. Gurney's Scientific Services (Pty) Ltd. laboratory in South Africa for micro-probing. These results will determine the portion of the kimberlites within the diamond stability field and the potential for hosting economic diamond concentrations. The results for five samples from the Nikos pipe sent to Lakefield Research in Ontario for diamond analysis are still pending.

Today, Westpine entered into an investor relations contract with A-Q Marketing Corporation of Vancouver, British Columbia. Westpine will pay a monthly fee of \$3,000.00 plus expenses. The Company will also set employee options on 115,000 shares at \$0.20 for two years.

Willis W. Osborne  
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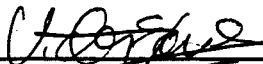
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## CORPORATE FINANCING

VANCOUVER, BC -- Victor Jones, President, announces a private placement of 200,000 units at a price of \$0.15 per unit for total proceeds of \$30,000. Each unit consists of one share and one two-year share purchase warrant exercisable at a price of \$0.15 per share in the first year and \$0.175 per share in the second year. This transaction is subject to regulatory approval. A private placement of \$250,000, announced December 23, 1993, has been cancelled.

The Company has appointed IBK Capital Corp. as its agent in seeking funding of \$750,000 for on-going work on the Somerset Island diamond exploration joint venture, its Taseko copper-gold project and the Shadow Mountain gold project. IBK Capital Corp., based in Toronto, is a Canadian investment banking firm serving the mining sector.

  
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Victor J.E. Jones  
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## PRIVATE PLACEMENT

VANCOUVER, BC -- Willis W. Osborne, Chief Executive Officer, announces financing arrangements for the Company in order for it to maintain its participating 25% interest in three Somerset Island diamond exploration projects. The Company has offered a private placement of 640,000 units at \$0.25 per unit for total proceeds of \$160,000. Each unit consists of one common share and one two-year share purchase warrant exercisable at a price of \$0.38.

Westpine is also negotiating a loan of \$50,000, repayable with interest and a bonus in the amount of 40,000 shares in accordance with VSE policies. The private placement and loan agreement are subject to regulatory approval.

Westpine has a 25% participating interest in three properties, each of which is covered by a separate agreement with Cyclone Capital Corp., operator of the joint venture. A large number of pyrope and eclogitic garnets have been identified in soil, rock and drill core samples taken from the properties and announced earlier. Cyclone Capital has advised the Company that laboratory analysis results are not yet available from drill core and rock samples. These funds will be used to satisfy the outstanding obligations of Westpine for the 1993 program, and for analytical work now in progress and advances for the 1994 program. The Company intends to elect to participate on the Elwin Bay property which contain the JP and Nikos diatremes. The decision to participate in the Ham and Nord projects will be postponed until May 1, 1994 when further results will be known.

  
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## SOMERSET ISLAND PROJECT UPDATE

VANCOUVER, BC -- Willis W. Osborne, Chief Executive Officer, announces that Westpine Metals Ltd. and Alpine Exploration Corporation have met their collective obligations on the Elwin Bay, the Ham and the Nord Properties on Somerset Island, Northwest Territories, by completing the payment on expenditures that were incurred during the 1993 program. In addition, Westpine and Alpine have committed to the 1994 program on the Elwin Bay Property. This property covers the Elwin Bay kimberlite as well as the recently discovered Nikos cluster of kimberlites.

A sum of \$62,500 has been placed in trust to allow samples, taken from the Ham and the Nord properties during the 1993 program, to be tested. The balance of the trust funds is to be returned to Westpine if the Company decides not to proceed on the Ham or the Nord.

Processing of the Elwin Bay, the Ham and the Nord samples will commence immediately. Concentrates from five of the Nikos samples have been sent to Lakefield Research for determination of diamonds, and concentrates from two samples have been forwarded to Dr. J. Gurney's Scientific Services (Pty) Laboratory in South Africa. Results are expected soon.

Westpine has received the proceeds of a loan in the amount of \$62,500, and will issue 50,000 bonus shares in respect of the loan on receipt of regulatory approval.

Willis W. Osborne  
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**SOMERSET ISLAND PROGRESS REPORT ON SAMPLE ANALYSIS**

VANCOUVER, BC -- Willis W. Osborne, President of Alpine Exploration Corporation and Chief Executive Officer of Westpine Metals Ltd., announces that work is progressing on the processing of samples from the Elwin Bay, the Ham and the Nord diamond properties on Somerset Island, Northwest Territories. Fifty rock and drill samples from the original three kimberlites and twenty-eight rock and soil samples from the newly discovered Ham 2, Nord 2 and Nord 4 will be analyzed. This is also true of the samples from the Paco kimberlite. In addition, abundant indicator minerals from all seven samples from the Nikos kimberlite have been sent to Dr. J. Gurney's Scientific Pty. Ltd. Laboratory in South Africa to determine their position in the diamond stability field and the potential for hosting economic diamond concentrations. Results are expected from sample analysis over the next few months.

Diamonds were not identified in the five small surface samples sent to Lakefield Labs from the Nikos kimberlite. However, due to the small size of the samples (6.3 to 8.9 kg) and the inhomogenous nature of the Nikos kimberlite, Company management does not consider this to be a definitive test.

Alpine and Westpine each have an option on a 25% interest in the Elwin Bay, the Ham and the Nord Properties and own 10% of the Paco Property.



Willis W. Osborne