

PRESS RELEASE

Corporation Falconbridge Copper and Rea Gold Corporation announced today the signing of an agreement under which Falconbridge Copper has the option to acquire from Rea Gold a 51% interest in a precious and base metal property located at Adams Lake near Kamloops, British Columbia.

Under the agreement CFC's 51% interest will have been earned after it has incurred ~~optional~~ expenditures of at least \$2,000,000 and completed a feasibility study. Rea Gold will then have the right to participate in a joint venture with a 49% interest.

Under the agreement Falconbridge Copper will also have the option to acquire up to approximately a 50.6% share interest in Rea Gold for prices which escalate over 30 months from \$3.00 per share to \$10.00 per share.

Falconbridge Copper will begin an exploration program on the property immediately which will continue through the winter.

Samples taken by Falconbridge Copper on the minerals showing averaged 1.32 ounces of gold per ton, 7.3 ounces of silver per ton, 2.6% copper, 3.2% zinc and 7.8% lead over an estimated ~~through~~ width of 3.2 meters.

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