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Estimate Potential For Cariboo-Bell

Cariboo-Bell Copper Mines advises that the expanding ore potential has reached 27,898,625 tons averaging 0.50% copper and 0.015 oz. gold per ton at the company's property 50 miles northeast of Williams Lake, B.C.

Diamond drilling on a grid pattern of approximately 200 ft. by 400 ft. has been in progress for several months and is continuing to expand the ore potential, with 49 BX diamond drill holes aggregating 25,995 ft. and 38 percussion holes totalling 6,585 ft. having been driven this year to date. With the exception of two diamond drill holes, all drilling has been vertical.

Of the 27,898,625 tons of copper-bearing material referred to, 15,702,000 tons averaging 0.477% copper are contained in the No. 2 zone, with 2,080,625 tons assaying 0.58% copper having been outlined in the No. 4 zone, 1,800 ft. north of the No. 2 zone. Drilling on the No. 3 zone to date has indicated 10,116,000 tons averaging 0.52% copper, with the zone open at one end and on both sides. Four holes, the company states, have been drilled in the No. 1 zone with inconclusive results.

Preliminary investigation indicates a 1:1 ratio of ore to waste in preparing pits for mining in the Nos. 2 and 4 zones. A similar ratio is anticipated for the No. 3 zone.

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During the summer of 1966, soil sampling of the entire 160-claim group has been done. The work has revealed geochemical anomalies of substantial size within a general area measuring approximately 18,000 ft. long and 2,500 ft. wide. Also, 6,585 ft. of tractor-trenching was done in addition to some 20,000 lineal ft. of trenching in 1965. Diamond drilling is planned as the next exploration step in these newly-trenched areas.

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