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Imperial Metals Corp. has filed an application for a 10,000 tonne

tonne bulk sample from the Giant Copper deposit, to be hauled to the Mount Polley mill for testing in 1998. The company is conducting feasibility studies for a 6-year, 1,800 tpd open pit and underground Cu/Au/Ag operation with milling at Similco Mine, with possible start-up in late 1999 or early 2000.

\* An application by Copper Beach Estates to relocate 50,000 cubic metres of treated soils to Britannia mine site as a pilot project has been referred to the LMMDRG for review; target for agency comments is January 16th.

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