

**TASEKO ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH COMINCO
ENGINEERING SERVICES TO COMPLETE DESIGN FOR COPPER
REFINERY AT GIBRALTAR MINE**

October 10, 2000, Vancouver, B.C. - Ronald W. Thiessen, President and CEO of Taseko Mines Limited (NASDAQ: TKOCF, CDNX: TKO), is pleased to announce that Taseko's wholly-owned subsidiary Gibraltar Mines Ltd. and Cominco Engineering Services Ltd. (CESL), a subsidiary of Cominco Ltd., have concluded a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to jointly complete an evaluation for the potential development of a hydrometallurgical copper refinery at the Gibraltar mine, near the City of Williams Lake, British Columbia. The MOA also outlines the terms for financing, building and operating the refinery on the mine site upon successful completion of the detailed studies.

"This is a partnership between Gibraltar and the engineering arm of Cominco, one of the oldest and most successful mining companies in Canada. It is an opportunity that is exciting for both companies," stated Mr. Thiessen. "Through this joint initiative, CESL will accelerate commercialization of its innovative technology, and by exploiting this new technology the full potential of the substantial resources of the Gibraltar mine can be realized much sooner and more economically."

There are also clear environmental and efficiency benefits to the CESL copper refining process. The process is self-contained, producing no airborne emissions and, therefore, is environmentally friendly. It also eliminates the need to ship copper concentrates to foreign smelters, thereby substantially reducing copper refining costs.

Gibraltar and CESL have already completed a scoping study of the applicability of a CESL copper refinery that would produce copper cathode from copper concentrates from the existing Gibraltar mining and milling operations. This work indicates that elimination of offsite concentrate shipping and treatment costs, combined with additional onsite savings could reduce the long-term mine cash costs by up to US\$0.20/lb of copper produced. Under these operating conditions, production for a minimum of 12 years from the currently known mineral reserves (as reported in the Company's Annual Information Form and Form 20F earlier this year) plus a further 15 years from other identified mineral resources on the property is possible.

Under the terms of the MOA, Gibraltar and CESL will complete a C\$3 million detailed investigation of the feasibility of the refinery, involving production and bulk testing of six tonnes of concentrate in the existing CESL pilot plant. CESL and Gibraltar will each be responsible for funding 50% of the study costs. Completion of the design and engineering phase, followed by construction and commissioning of the refinery, is expected to take a total of about 20 months.

Since purchasing the Gibraltar mine in July 1999, Taseko has retained a workforce of key employees to maintain plant and equipment on standby and complete ongoing environmental reclamation work. As copper prices have steadily improved over the past year, preparations are now underway to resume mining and milling operations at Gibraltar, with plans to produce copper concentrates in the first half of 2001.



More than 280 jobs would be created when operations at Gibraltar resume. The subsequent development of the CESL refinery would add another 100 construction jobs and 50 operating jobs. This will produce substantial economic benefits to the people of the Cariboo-Chilcotin region and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia.

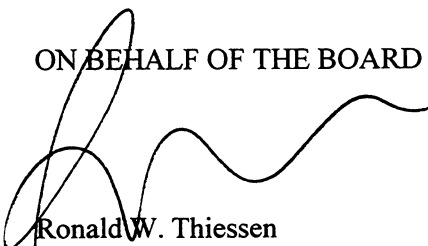
Mr. Thiessen cites recent copper price estimates, reported by Bloomsbury Mineral Economics (BME), as providing further encouragement for the project. Copper prices in 2001 are forecast to be \$1.00 per pound, increasing to \$1.32/lb by 2003. An integral part of this outlook is based on the increased use of copper in high tech products and new e-commerce businesses. Advances in technology have expanded the production and sale of products that use copper and created the need for better quality wiring to power these products. As a result, copper consumption could grow significantly to 17 million tonnes by 2003, an increase of 25% from 1998 levels.

“The development will be a precedent setting industrial initiative in BC’s mining industry, providing the opportunity for exceptional longer term benefits,” added Mr. Thiessen. “Successful implementation of this new technology will induce evaluation and re-evaluation of other copper deposits and mining operations throughout the province. It could also form the foundation for a whole new copper wire and fabrication industrial sector in British Columbia.”

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The U.S. securities laws provide a “safe harbour” for certain forward-looking statements. This news release contains both historical information and forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Examples of the latter include, without limitation, statements regarding potential mineralization, exploration results, and future plans and objectives of the Company, all of which involve risks and uncertainties. In accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company cautions that there can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements, given that resource exploration is inherently a high risk business. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Taseko Mines Limited or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice.

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FIRMING METAL PRICES SET STAGE FOR QUANTUM GROWTH IN 2000

Vancouver, Canada, January 18, 2000 – Rapidly improving copper prices and a stronger outlook for gold are setting the stage for a major boost in the value of Taseko Mines Limited (NASDAQ-TKOCF;VSE:TKO). Taseko is focused on re-starting its 80 million pounds per year Gibraltar copper mine and developing its Prosperity gold-copper project both located near the City of Williams Lake in southern British Columbia, Canada.

Taseko showed excellent timing with its acquisition of Gibraltar six months ago when copper prices were about US\$0.62/lb. Today prices approximate US\$0.84/lb. with the 15-month forward price at US\$0.88/lb. Gibraltar is the most efficient copper mine in Canada and will re-start when copper prices stabilize above US\$0.85/lb. Taseko is also planning a major exploration campaign over the Gibraltar property this year which is expected to delineate significant additional copper resources.

Taseko's ownership of Gibraltar has the bonus of bringing the proven operating expertise of Gibraltar personnel to feasibility studies, due to be completed as the metal markets strengthen for the 675 million tonne Prosperity deposit, containing 9.4 million ounces of gold and 3.5 billion pounds of copper. Meanwhile Taseko's team also remains alert for further acquisitions to which it can add value.

Taseko President and CEO Robert Dickinson said: "The acquisition of Gibraltar has changed Taseko, giving Taseko not only major production capacity but operating expertise and synergies that also add value to our Prosperity project."

There is consensus among market analysts that since copper touched 12-year lows of US\$0.62/lb. in March 1999, prices have strengthened on improving demand. The Asian economies are becoming more active, uncertainty is in retreat, and production curtailments and several merger announcements have given impetus to upward price movement. Over the next two years commodity prices – particularly base metal prices – are expected to continue to regain ground, led by strengthening of demand in Asia and in Europe, and backed by continuing robustness in North America.

With respect to gold, 15 European central banks, including the Bank of England and the Swiss National Bank, announced a five-year moratorium on new official gold sales and a cap on gold leasing activities to current levels. This announcement removes much of the uncertainty surrounding the future of gold and promises a much more positive gold outlook compared with the 20-year lows of 1999.

The Gibraltar Mine is expected to resume copper production this year after operations were interrupted in December 1998 due to unusually low copper prices. The weak copper market and opportunistic circumstances enabled Taseko in 1999 to acquire at modest cost the large-scale, 35,000 tonnes per day open pit copper mine with a successful 27-year mine life. With production capacity of 80 million pounds of copper and 700,000 pounds of molybdenum annually, employing 270 people, Gibraltar has at least 12 years of profitable production ahead of it. Current proven ore reserves contain 1 billion pounds of copper with estimated resources of an additional 3.6 billion pounds. Taseko management is confident that because of Gibraltar's historic focus on production and the availability of sufficient near-term ore reserves, the property remains under-explored, with untested potential over about 70% of the leases.

In 2000 a comprehensive, focused exploration program will begin at the property starting with a property-wide induced polarization (IP) survey, the best technique to identify disseminated copper mineralization. In addition, a major drilling program will commence to upgrade copper resources to the ore reserve category. This exploration and evaluation program is tailor-made for Taseko's proven expertise in porphyry-type mineralization. Taseko intends to unlock the true market value of Gibraltar. Historically, Gibraltar had a market capitalization when it was a public company up to 1996 of between \$60 million and \$200 million, depending on copper prices of the day.

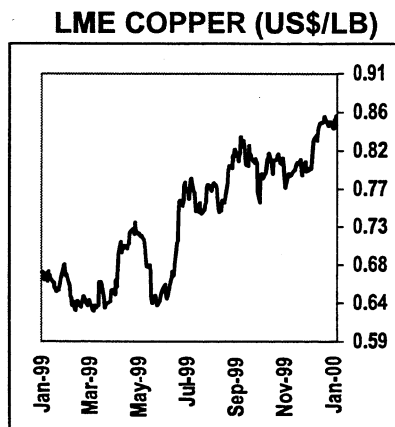
A four-year mine plan has been developed for restarting operations. At a long-term average copper price of US\$1.00/lb., the plan is projected to yield \$10 million a year in cash flow, and at US\$1.10/lb. copper, \$20 million per year. The cash operating break-even cost of production is US\$0.84/lb. Taseko has negotiated downside price protection below this level relating to costs for electrical power, labour, concentrate sales and procurement of supplies.

Turning to Taseko's other major development, Mr. Dickinson said: "For the Prosperity project we are optimizing the final feasibility work with the involvement of the Gibraltar operating team. As operators of the most efficient copper mine in Canada, they bring strong credibility to the study which makes Prosperity more attractive in the market place."


Gibraltar's operating team see opportunities to optimize the size of the Prosperity pit and mill throughput. The use of larger-scale mining equipment is recommended similar to the Gibraltar Mine where 220-tonne trucks and 37-metre shovels have resulted in well-proven economies of scale.

Mr. Dickinson added: "The review team has recommended that a 70,000 tpd milling rate over an operating life of 19 years is the optimum plan for the Prosperity project in the current market. Details of the operating and economic parameters, including estimated production levels and costs, will be fine-tuned as the metal markets strengthen."

Further details on Taseko Mines Limited are available on-line at www.hdgold.com or toll-free 1-800-667-2114.



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TASEKO COMPLETES GIBRALTAR MINE ACQUISITION

July 21, 1999, Vancouver B.C.: Robert G. Hunter, Chairman of Taseko Mines Limited (NASDAQ: TKOCF, VSE: TKO), confirmed today that Taseko has completed its acquisition of the Gibraltar Mine from Boliden Limited and certain affiliates, including all mineral interests, mining and processing equipment and facilities, and responsibility for ongoing reclamation, as announced on April 26, 1999. Located near the City of Williams Lake in south central British Columbia, the large-scale open pit copper mine had been the subject of tripartite negotiations between Taseko, Boliden and the Government of British Columbia, pursuant to which Taseko assumed ownership of Gibraltar on July 21, 1999.

"We view Gibraltar as a fundamentally sound acquisition that is complementary to our existing assets and strategies," Hunter said. "It will create value for Taseko shareholders, create economic opportunities for the people of the Williams Lake region and enhance the development prospects for Taseko's nearby Prosperity Gold-Copper Project."

Pursuant to the terms of the acquisition, Taseko's wholly owned subsidiary, Gibraltar Mines Ltd., acquired mining equipment and parts valued at \$19 million, an existing Government environmental deposit of \$8 million, mineral interests valued at \$4.7 million and will receive cash over 18 months from closing of \$20.1 million of which \$17 million will be included in a 10 year non-interest bearing convertible debenture issued to Boliden. The principal sum advanced under the debenture is initially convertible into Taseko common shares in the first 18 months as to \$5 million at Cdn. \$3.14 per Taseko share and \$12 million at Cdn. \$3.39. The conversion price escalates Cdn. \$0.25 per Taseko share each year over the 10 year term of the debenture. The debenture may be prepaid at any time. After 5 years the debenture can be converted at Taseko's option at then prevailing market prices for Taseko shares. Taseko retains certain rights of first refusal respecting any proposed sale of shares acquired by Boliden under the debenture. Taseko will also issue 400,000 shares and 180,000 one year share purchase warrants exercisable at Cdn. \$3.14 to arms-length persons who assisted in completing the acquisition.

Hunter expressed appreciation for the commitment of the B.C. Government, particularly the Ministry of Energy and Mines, whose assistance was instrumental in completing the Gibraltar transaction. He noted that the Province has agreed to provide a *Power for Jobs* agreement that will ensure competitive power rates for Gibraltar, particularly during periods of low metal prices.

Gibraltar is a large-scale, 35,000 tonne per day open pit copper mine. Mine operations at Gibraltar have been limited to standby care and maintenance since December 1998, due to historically low copper prices. Under normal operations, it produces 80 million pounds of copper and 700,000 pounds of molybdenum annually.

Taseko estimates that current proven reserves at Gibraltar will sustain another 12 years of profitable mine operations, upon a return to historic average copper prices. Taseko also plans to initiate a major exploration program at the Gibraltar property, with a view to delineating significant additional deposits at higher than average grades to extend the life of the mine.

"Taseko will apply its exploration expertise to enhance the value of the asset we have acquired at Gibraltar," Hunter said. "At the same time, the management team that made Gibraltar one of the most efficient large-scale open pit mines in the world is already working to enhance the design and engineering concepts being proposed for Prosperity."



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Hunter noted that Taseko will be tapping the operational expertise of the Gibraltar team to incorporate their experience into the Prosperity Project Feasibility Study. He said the synergies between the two projects – in terms of exploration and development, operations and the marketing of concentrate – represent a tremendous competitive advantage for Taseko.

“Given the recent improvements in global copper prices, we believe that Gibraltar will become a profitable operating mine in the foreseeable future,” he said. “We also believe its acquisition has enhanced the prospects for Prosperity, and that together these projects represent significant investment, job creation and economic development potential for the provincial and local economies.”

Since 1972, annual production at the Gibraltar Mine has averaged 75 million pounds of copper in a 28% concentrate, five million pounds of cathode copper from a solvent extraction electrowinning (SX-EW) plant and 700,000 pounds of molybdenum in concentrate. In total, the mine has processed 290 million tonnes of ore grading 0.35% copper and 0.016% molybdenum. Gibraltar has employed an average of 270 workers, paid an average annual payroll of \$15 million and expended some \$5 million per year on goods and services in the Williams Lake area since mine operations began 28 years ago.

Further details on Taseko Mines Limited may be obtained at our website www.hdgold.com or phone toll free 1-800-667-2114.

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TASEKO TO ACQUIRE THE GIBRALTAR MINE

April 26, 1999, Vancouver B.C.: Robert G. Hunter, Chairman of Taseko Mines Limited (NASDAQ: TKOCF, VSE: TKO), is pleased to announce that Taseko has executed an Asset Purchase Agreement with Boliden Limited and certain affiliates to acquire the Gibraltar Mine near Williams Lake in central British Columbia. The acquisition includes all Gibraltar mineral interests, mining and processing equipment and facilities.

Gibraltar is a large-scale, 35,000 tonne per day open pit copper mine. Under normal operations, it produces 80 million pounds of copper and 700,000 pounds of molybdenum annually, and employs 270 people primarily from the community of Williams Lake.

Due to recent historically low copper prices, Gibraltar mine operations were curtailed in December 1998 and are currently limited to standby care and maintenance. Upon a return to historic average copper prices, Taseko estimates that current proven reserves will sustain another 12 years of profitable mine operations. Taseko also believes the Gibraltar property has excellent exploration potential, and plans to undertake a comprehensive exploration program to further build the reserve base.

Under the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, Taseko will acquire the Gibraltar Mine primarily in consideration of maintaining the mine on a standby care and maintenance basis until copper prices stabilize at a profitable level. Taseko will also assume responsibility for ultimate mine closure following the exhaustion of copper reserves. As part of the agreement, Boliden has agreed to leave in place its current reclamation bonding with provincial government agencies.

Boliden will also provide Taseko with \$17M of staged working capital funding in consideration of the allotment and issuance of an interest-free debenture, convertible into shares of Taseko for a 10-year period commencing at prevailing market prices and escalating by \$0.25 per year. After five years, the debenture is convertible at Taseko's option at prevailing market prices. Completion of the agreement is conditional upon certain events, including the parties entering into satisfactory arrangements with the Government of British Columbia respecting the transfer of operating permits, closure responsibility and limitation of liability for Boliden. Subject to these conditions, the transaction will be completed before the end of June 1999.

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The Gibraltar Mine is one of the most efficient large-scale open pit mining operations in the world. The expertise of Gibraltar personnel is expected to significantly enhance the development potential of Taseko's Prosperity Gold-Copper Project, which is also located in the Williams Lake area. In particular, Gibraltar operating experience is being tapped to test and enhance the design and engineering concepts detailed in the Prosperity Feasibility Study, which is expected to be completed over the next several months.

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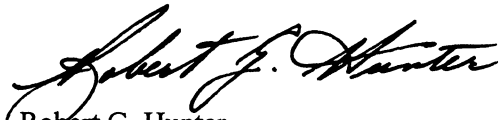


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Tom Milner, Gibraltar Mine Manager for the past four years, has joined Taseko as Director of Mining and will be responsible for optimizing the design and operating synergies between Gibraltar and the proposed Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine. Given an improvement in metal prices, Taseko shareholders and the people of British Columbia will profit from the reopening of Gibraltar and the efficient development of the Prosperity Project.

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