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West Hawk to Acquire Historic Groundhog Coal Fields for \$9.025 Million

West Hawk Development Corp. (TSX--V: WHD), "West Hawk" the "Company" is pleased to announce that it has completed a definitive agreement for the acquisition of a 100% interest in a package of ten anthracite coal properties. Together the properties constitute the majority of the Historic Groundhog Coal Field district, located within the Bowser Basin, Northwest British Columbia.

The 10 properties covered by the transaction consist of approximately 57.5 square km's of coal license applications approximately 140 km's northeast of the deep sea port town of Stewart, B.C. and 240 km's by air or 1235 km's by rail northeast of Prince Rupert's Ridley Island coal terminal.

The properties are either adjacent to or in close proximity to the completed British Columbia Railway, "BCR", subgrade between Prince George and Dease Lake constructed during the 1970's. Rail has been installed to within 30 km's of the property's southern boundary. The railway subgrade is currently being used as a road to provide access to the property. A recently announced Government initiative for a resource road connecting MacKenzie and the Kemess mine with the port at Stewart B.C. passes nearby the holdings. The Canadian National Railway, "CNR", recently purchased BCR and is providing a proposal to extend the track through the Groundhog project to access Fortune Mineral's "Mt. Klappan" coal project, located approx. 50 km north and presently in the project feasibility and environmental permitting stage.

The occurrence of Coal was originally reported in 1900. In the years following numerous companies and individuals acquired coal licenses, mapped, trenched and excavated adits at over a dozen creeks in the area. However, the development of this coal field remained dependent on the construction of a railway.

The next record of any work is in 1948 by the Geological Survey of Canada with a report in 1950 (Buckham and Latour). In 1969 and 1970 a J/V of Placer Development Ltd., Quintana Minerals and National Coal Corp mapped and prospected the southern part of the Groundhog coalfields. Six diamond drill holes identified coal seams with an aggregate thickness of more the 25 feet (8 meters).

In 1976 -77 with efforts to develop the railway from Prince George to Dease Lake underway, BC Hydro undertook a program to identify a 50 million ton reserve in order to support a 500 MW thermal power generating station plant, for a period of at least 35 yrs. BC Hydro summarized that in the Lower Discovery Creek area an inferred open pit resource of 46 million tons (Mt) exists to 100 feet in depth. Additionally a 290 Mt inferred underground reserve was calculated underlying the Discovery Creek -- Evans Creek area. (Tompson 1977).

In the 1980's interest in the area was re-established by Gulf Resources and Suncor Inc with major programs being conducted up to 1988 when a inferred resource was estimated at 1.538 billion tons. (Bustin & Moffat 1983)

An additional 6 diamond drill holes were drilled in 1981. Sample testing from trenches and drill core gave the following results for washed samples using a specific gravity of 1.75 with a float yield of 38.8%:

		Washed Coal	
Fixed carbon		82.4	%
Ash content		9.8	%
Volatile matter		7.2	%
Sulphur content	.6		%
Thermal value		13,336	BTU/lb

In the Discovery Creek area the oldest and thickest seams are found in the dominantly shale and sandstone beds of the Currier Formation and are generally of anthracite to meta-anthracite grade. Twenty five individual seams have been documented with averages reported on the Lower Discovery Seams as follows:

Seam thickness (m)		2.0		1.5
Float yield @ 1.75 SG		23.7		38.9
Fixed carbon		75.3		80.7
Ash content		17.1		13.1
Volatile matter		7.6		6.2
Sulphur content	1.0		0.8	
Thermal Value BTU/lb	11,966		12,636	

On the Panorama North property where the coal seams are relatively flat lying. Coal quality tests from trench samples gave the following averaged results:

Float yield @ 1.8 SG		---		82.5
Fixed carbon		55.9		65.9
Ash content		22.6		14.0
Volatile matter		17.8		18.2
Sulphur content	0.5		0.6	
Thermal Value		9,362		10,492

At the Telfer Creek occurrence one diamond drill hole indicated 8 different seams ranging from .4 to 2.0m thick. Drill core analysis indicated the following range of results:

Moisture content		0.52	-	0.90%
Ash content		4.50	-	11.38%
Volatile content		4.50	-	5.28%
Fixed carbon		82.82	-	90.42%
Sulphur content	0.31	-	0.74%	
Thermal content (BTU/lb)		13,448	-	14,596

The multiple seam Mt. Jackson occurrence documented seams from .5-3m thick where results of quality analyses testing from 45 samples taken in 1982 & 1983 varied widely.

Management believes that the Groundhog Coal Fields project provides the company with an attractive coal asset. The historically identified inferred resources are also the subject of Coal Assessment Reports # 104A -- 078, - 083,085, -086, -087, -089 filed with the B.C. Government.

Readers must be cautioned that these inferred resources are historical estimates which have not been confirmed by the company. The company is in receipt of numerous historic reports and data bases produced from extensive field campaigns of past operators including major oil companies, which project large inferred resource estimates. The company is commissioning an independent review of all the historical data in order to ascertain an inferred mineral resource estimate compliant with the national instrument 43-101 guidelines. This news release contains definitions ascribed by the Geological Survey of Canada Paper 88-21 "A standardized Coal Resource Reserve Reporting System for Canada" All resources described in this news release are in the inferred category.

The information, being the subject of this news release, has been reviewed, approved and deemed reliable by Michael Sandidge P Geo., the qualified person.

The details of the \$9.025 million property purchase agreement, all expressed in Canadian Dollars, are as follows; West Hawk has advanced Clive Brookes, an arms length Vendor, \$10,000.00CDN. The Company agrees to pay \$115,000.00 within 30 days and issue 500,000 common shares of the issuer. A further \$125,000.00 is due 6 months from signing with annual payments of \$125,000.00 due commencing Nov. 01, 2006. The payment increases to \$200,000.00 for both Nov.01, 2009 and Nov.01, 2010, at such time entitling West Hawk to have earned a 75% ownership position fully carrying the Vendor's 25% share. The Company can elect to purchase the remaining 25% from the Vendor for \$5,000,000.00. An underlying, mine gate, royalty payment of \$1.50/tonne is due annually and may be reduced to \$1.00/tonne upon receipt by the Vendor of a \$3,000,000.00 advanced royalty payment. The agreement is not subject to any work commitments, there is no finder's fee payable, and is subject to Exchange approval.

In addition, the Company announces that it has granted incentive stock options to certain directors, under its Stock Option Plan, for the purchase of up to 400,000 common shares of the Company for a period of 2 years at a price of \$0.15 per share.

About the Company - West Hawk is a mineral exploration and development company committed to building shareholder value through the acquisition of 100% interest's in highly perspective mineral properties.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
"Michael Townsend"
President and CEO

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