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Assays Results From Spire Discovery

Vancouver (December 4, 2000) - Imperial Metals Corporation "Imperial" (IPM-T) is pleased to report grab sample and drill assay results from the "Spire" massive sulphide showing discovered in September (See news release of October 17, 2000). Grab sample assay results were:

**TABLE OF RESULTS - SPIRE PROJECT
GRAB SAMPLES**

SAMPLE NUMBER	SILVER (grams/tonne)	COPPER (%)	ZINC (%)
SPIRE 1	51.0	8.03	7.89
SPIRE 2	3.5	0.17	6.27
SPIRE 3	9.2	1.35	0.15
SPIRE 4	26.1	4.25	6.11

Massive and disseminated sulphides were intersected in four of seven holes drilled from surface near the discovery showing. The four holes that intersected the sulphide horizon were collared approximately 40 meters south of the showing. Assay results were:

**TABLE OF RESULTS - SPIRE PROJECT
SURFACE DIAMOND DRILL PROGRAM**

HOLE NO.	FROM – TO (m)	INTERVAL (m)	COPPER (%)	ZINC (%)
SD-00-01	25.83 – 28.95	3.12	0.51	1.08
Including	26.53 – 27.18	0.65	1.00	4.86
SD-00-02	29.36 – 31.00	1.64	0.23	1.29
Including	30.22 – 30.56	0.34	0.54	6.09
SD-00-03	33.44 – 35.30	1.86	0.24	1.47
Including	33.44 – 33.96	0.52	0.27	5.06
SD-00-04	30.07 – 33.77	3.70	0.24	1.49
Including	31.36 – 31.82	0.46	0.20	11.12

Hole 5 was collared on an existing road approximately 300 metres to the southwest and did not intersect the prospective horizon. Holes 6 and 7 were collared approximately 400 metres to the east and northeast respectively and did not penetrate through the hangingwall stratigraphy to reach the prospective horizon.

The Spire discovery is located approximately 7.5 km from Imperial's 100% owned Goldstream 1200 tonne per day mill, presently on care and maintenance. Grab sample mineralization at the Spire discovery is similar in grade and texture to the original Goldstream orebody.

The field program was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Steve Robertson, P.Geo. Assaying was carried out by Bondar Clegg Canada Limited of North Vancouver.

An exploration program on the Spire project is currently being planned for the spring of 2001. The Spire property is 100% owned by Imperial through a subsidiary, with no underlying agreements or royalties.

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Ministry of Energy and Mines
Kamloops, B.C.
Rec'd SEP - 5 2000

September 1st, 2000

Al Ludwig
District Manager
Ministry of Energy and Mines
200 - 2985 Airport Drive
Kamloops, British Columbia.
V2B 7W8

Ph: (250) 828-4566
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→ New Discovery?
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Re: Notice of Surface Work for the Goldstream Property.

Dear Al:

Imperial Metals Corporation hereby submits a Notice of Work relating to a proposed program of surface exploration at the Goldstream property, in Southeastern British Columbia. This work will include diamond drilling from existing roads or trails in the area known as Devils Garden. A detailed description of the work including a plan map is attached.

The work will be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Mineral Tenure Act and the Mines Act. The existing camp facilities at the Goldstream Mine will be used to accommodate crews.

The anticipated date for commencement of the drilling is September 25, 2000. Due to the timing of the work with the approaching winter season, please advise this office of any requests for additional information that you will need to approve this work program.

Imperial Metals Corporation, as owner and operator of the property, hereby submits this notice of work and respectfully requests permission to carry out this surface exploration program.

If you require any further information, or would like to discuss the enclosed submission please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,
IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION



Stephen Robertson, P. Geo.
Project Manager

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Energy and Minerals Division
Mines Branch

Ministry of Energy and Mines
Kamloops, B.C.
SEP 05 2000
Mineral & Coal Notice
of Work and Reclamation
Mine #:

The information on this form and any supporting documents are subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information requested on this form is collected and used for the purpose of administering the Exploration and Reclamation Permit. The *Mines Act* of British Columbia also authorizes the collection of the requested information on this form. The completed form is routinely available to the public. Questions about how the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* applies to the information collected on this form can be directed to the Mines Branch, phone (250) 952-0462, fax (250) 952-0491 or write to: P.O. Box 9320, Sm Prov Govt, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9N3.

- Owner** (title holder)
- Agent/Operator** (person or company authorized to make application on behalf of the title holder—attach letter of authorization where required)
- Manager** (person appointed in writing by the owner or agent as manager pursuant to Section 21 of the Mines Act) (Attach letter of appointment)

Name _____ Company Imperial Metals Corporation
 Address 420 - 355 Burrard Street
 City Vancouver Province BC Postal Code V6C 2G8
 Bus. Phone (604) 669-8959 Fax (604) 687-4030
 Name of Field Supervisor Steve Robertson
 Site/Contact Phone/Fax (if available) (604) 837-9312

Name of Property Goldstream Project name _____
 Describe Site Access 90 km north of Revelstoke on Highway # 23, turn right on th Goldstream FSR, approximately 1 km from turn off turn right on to Devil's Garden Road

Mineral/Coal Titles where exploration activities will take place
 Claim or Lease Name(s) Spire 1 - 4 Tenure number(s) 379590, 379 591, 379 592, 379 593

Crown Granted Mineral Claims _____ Lot Number(s) _____

B. C. Geographic System Map Sheet Number(s) eg TRIM 092L 006) 082M09W and 082M10E
 Northing _____ Easting _____ UTM Zone _____

or if UTM not available
 NTS Map Sheer #(s) 082M Latitude 51 °/36 ' N Longitude 118 °/ 26 ' W
 Are proposed activities on private land? N; if yes, attach written copy of notice served to land owner.

Proposed start date (y/m/d): 00 / 09 / 25 Proposed completion date (y/m/d): 00 / 10 / 15
Every permittee shall give written or verbal notice to the district inspector prior to commencement of approved exploration activities in each calendar year that the proposed program of approved activities is underway.

Water Supply: Describe source: nearby streams

Estimated quantity of water to be used (cubic feet/second or cubic metres/second): _____

Cultural Heritage Resources: Are you are aware of any cultural heritage resource(s) or protected heritage property defined under the Mineral Tenure Act, within the bounds of the tenure(s) where exploration work is proposed?
 Yes (Note locations on maps under Schedule A) No
Should cultural heritage resources or protected heritage property be encountered while undertaking exploration activities you are required to report them to: The Planning and Assessment Unit, Archaeology Branch, Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, PO Box 9816, Sm Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9W3

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Occupational First Aid: - Minimum first aid requirements on an exploration site are established in the Workers' Compensation Board of B.C. Occupational First Aid regulations. All members of an exploration drill crew must have a valid Workers' Compensation Board or "Standard" first aid equivalent unless the drill site is accessible in all weather conditions within five minutes of the main camp or other facility where there is a qualified first aid attendant.

Describe the means of communication on the exploration site:

2 way radio (loggers channel)
Telephone at camp

Location of nearest hospital: Revelstoke
Travel time to hospital by ground 1 hr by air 20 min Number of persons on site (include contractors) 7
Types of transportation available: Pick-up truck
First Aid Equipment on Site: #2 first aid kit, basket stretcher, anakit
First Aid Certificate held by attendant (if required): Standard first aid held by all drillers

Description of Exploration Program (give a brief overview of location, nature and extent of proposed activities)
Five diamond drill holes to be drilled from existing roads or trails. Holes will average 300m depth for a total of 1500m.

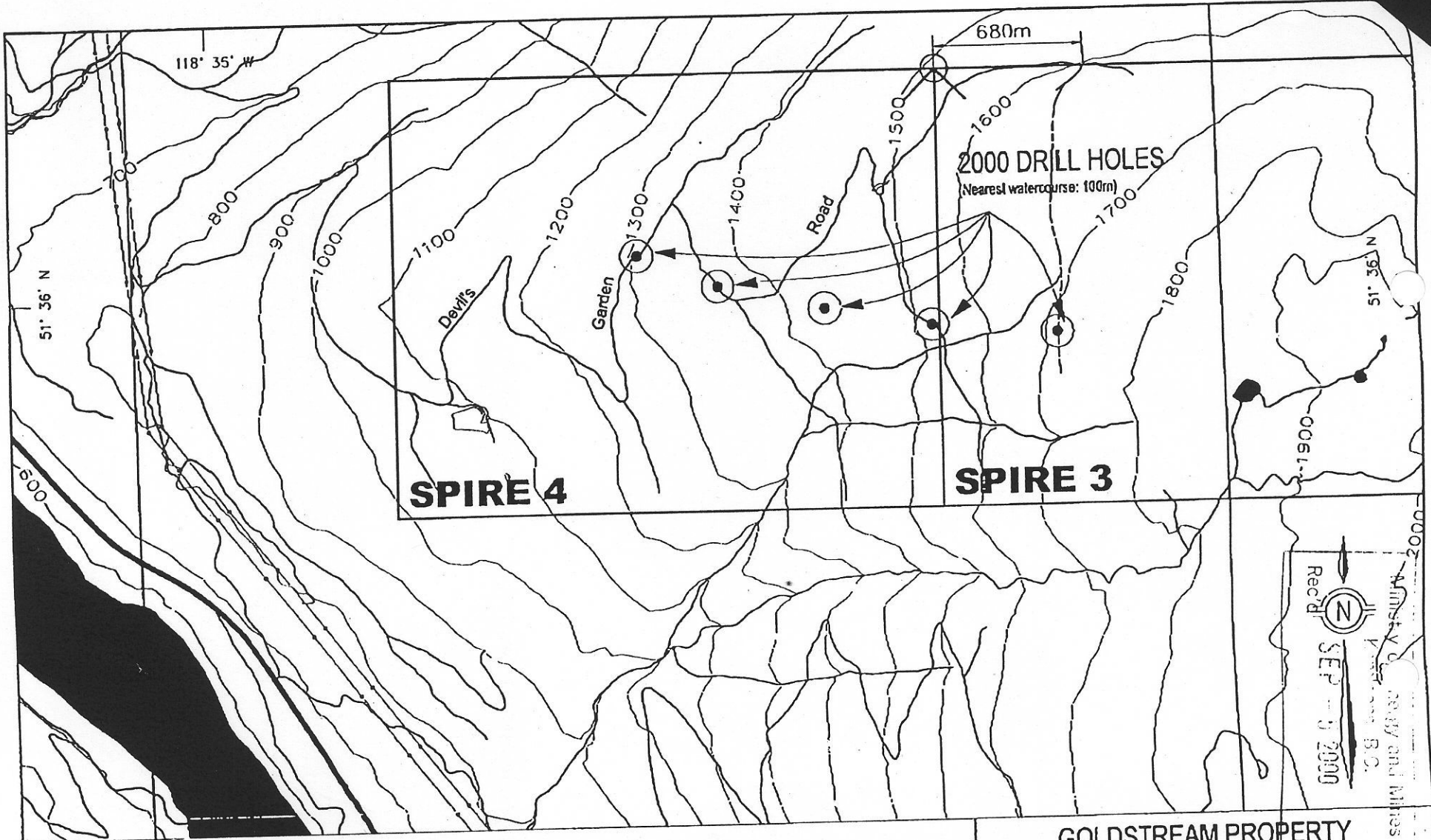
Mineral Exploration Activities to be Undertaken (Indicate schedules submitted with this application)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schedule A - Maps & Sections (Compulsory) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schedule F - Surface Drilling/Settling Ponds/Sump |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schedule B - Reclamation Security (Compulsory) | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule G - Exploration Access Construction/Modification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule C - Exploration Grids, Camp Location, Helicopter Pads | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schedule H - Application for Timber Cutting Authorization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D - Mechanical Trenching/Test Pits | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule I - Bulk Sample |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule E - Blasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule J - Underground Exploration |

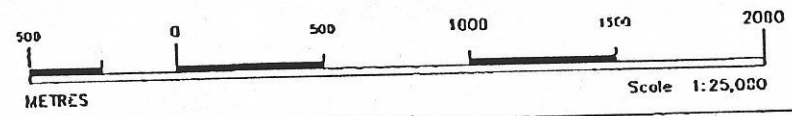
I, Stephen Robertson, hereby make application to undertake the exploration activities described in this notice, and in accordance with the Mines Act and the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia.

Stephen Robert
Applicant Signature

Sept 01, 2000
Date



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GOLDSTREAM PROPERTY

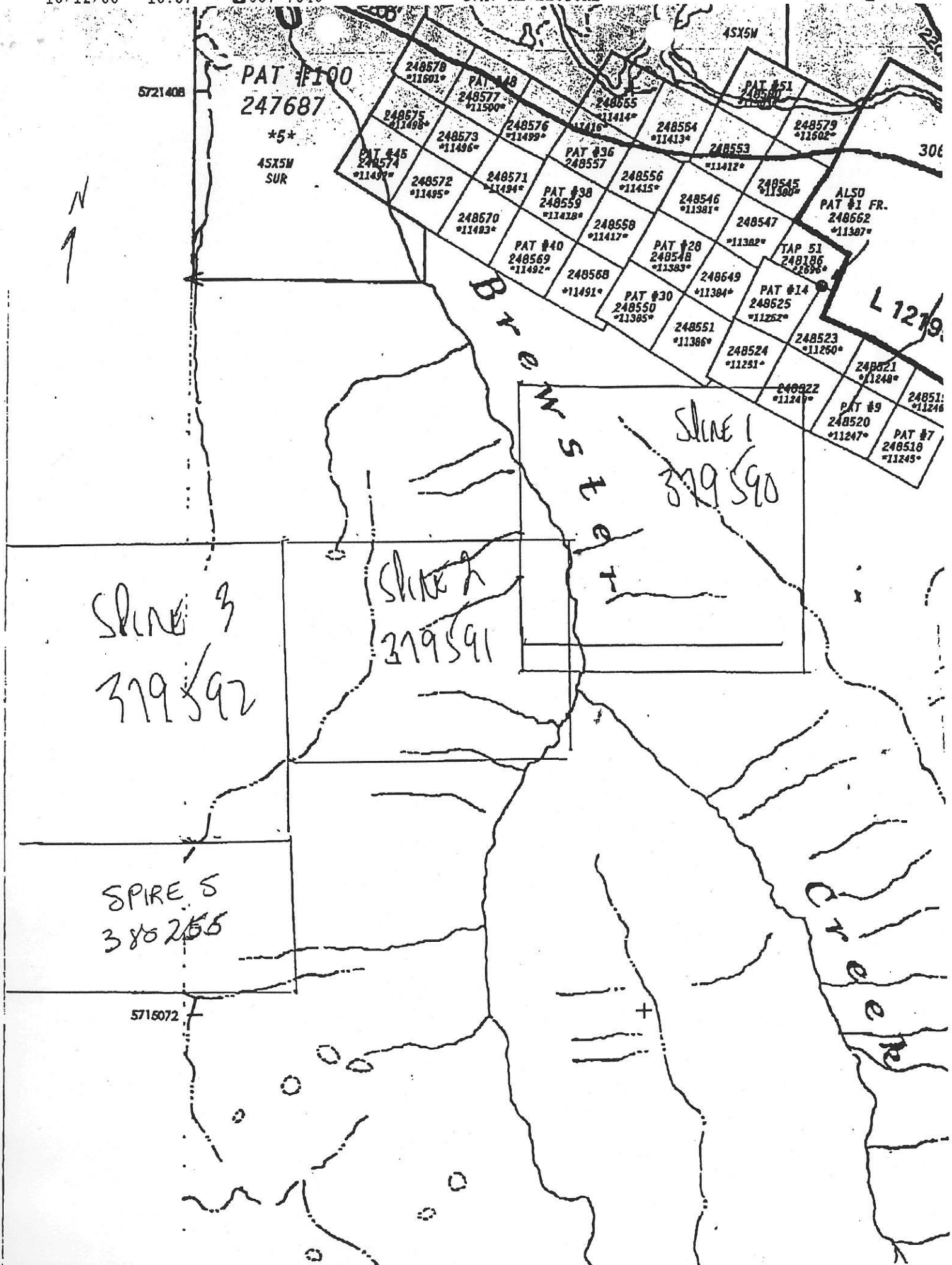
2000 DRILL HOLE PLAN



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To accompany Notice of Work dated September, 2000

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OCTOBER 17, 2000 - 12:52 EDT

Imperial Metals Corporation: Massive Sulphide Discovery
Near Goldstream Mine

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--Imperial Metals Corporation (IPM-T) has discovered massive sulphide mineralization in outcrop approximately 7.5km from its 100% owned Goldstream milling facilities. The mineralized zone has a true thickness of 3 meters. Channel sample results are as follows:

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Channel Sample Length (m)	Cu%	Zn%
1.00	0.94	1.93
0.34	0.05	0.03
0.66	0.39	2.26
1.00	0.32	0.40
1.00	0.41	2.25
1.00	0.45	1.11
1.00	0.36	1.33
0.80	0.28	0.43
0.35	2.31	1.78

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All channel sampling was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Steve Robertson, P.Geol. Assaying was carried out by Bondar Clegg Canada Limited.

Drilling will commence this week to begin testing the extent of the mineralization, which is located on claims owned 100% by Imperial.

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