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Thursday, February 14, 2002 9:27 AM

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Subject: Acquisition Of Taken Property in BC

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Re: News Release - Thursday, February 14, 2002

Acquisition Of Taken Property in BC

NR 02-01

From:

Sent:

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("Southern Rio") is pleased to announce that it has signed a letter agreement with Phelps Dodge Corporation of Canada, Limited ("Phelps Dodge") whereby Southern Rio may acquire a 100% interest in the Taken property in the Nechako Plateau region of central British Colum bia. The property is situated 120 km southwest of Vanderhoof and is accessible via a network of forest service roads.

The 500 hectare Taken property is immediately east of Southern Rio's 100% owned Tam property, and more than doubles Southern Rio's land holdings in the area. Surface exploration by Phelps Dodge in 1996 demonstrated that the geology of the property is similar to that on the Tam property, where several northtrending gold and silver-bearing epithermal veins outcrop. Drilling on one of these veins returned an intersection of 22 metres (estim ated true width 6.5 metres) grading 8.9 g/t gold and 394 g/t silver.

Surface sampling by Phelps Dodge on the Taken property has identified four areas of m ineralized quartz vein float with values returning up to 19.2 g/t gold and greater than 100 g/t silver. One, the Triple Junction Zone, covers an area of 250 x 100 metres within which ten samples of quartz float material returned average values of 4.1 g/t gold and 33.0 g/t silver. These areas will be the focus of Southern Rio's initial exploration program during the upcoming summ er, aimed at defining targets for a late summer or fall drilling program.

Under the terms of the letter agreement, which is subject to regulatory acceptance, Southern Rio may acquire a 100% interest from Phelps Dodge, subject to a sliding scale NSR royalty which at current gold prices is 2%, by issuing 200,000 shares at a deemed price of \$0.10 per share and completing work expenditures totaling \$250,000 within four years, including 500 metres of diamond core drilling within two years.

The Nechako region has demonstrated potential for bonanza-style epithermal gold and silver mineralization typical of the Circum-Pacific "Rim of Fire". The region is under explored, having only been discovered in the mid 1990s, and the excellent location and infrastructure will allow very cost-effective exploration and development.

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Subject: Field Work Commences in Central B.C.

From: Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (SNZ)

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Re: News Release - Monday, July 08, 2002 Field Work Commences in Central B.C.

NR: 02-09

The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of the content of this news release. Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("Southern Rio") is pleased to announce the commencement of the summer field program on its 3Ts Project in Central BC. This work, which will be under the supervision of Mr. Robert Weicker P.Geo., will focus on the emerging Nechako epithermal gold-silver camp, and will include work on the contiguous Tam, Tsacha and Taken properties. The Tam is 100% owned by Southern Rio, while the Tsacha and Taken are under option from Teck Cominco Limited and Phelps Dodge Corporation of Canada Limited respectively.

The initial field work will consist of ground geophysics, geological mapping and geochemistry to better define and extend the nine currently known vein systems, and identify further targets for drilling later in the year.

The primary target is volcanic-hosted low sulphidation epithermal vein and stockwork gold-silver mineralization. This style is typical of many precious metal mines around the Circum-Pacific "Rim of Fire", including high grade producers such as the El Penon Mine of Meridian Minerals in Chile, the Midas Mine of Newmont (formerly Franco Nevada) in Nevada, and the Hishikari Mine of Sumitomo Mining in Japan.

Southern Rio is an exploration company focused on advancing early stage gold and silver projects in Canada.

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Subject:

Exploration Update and Property Acquisition

Re: News Release - Tuesday, August 20, 2002

Exploration Update and Property Acquisition

NR: 02-11

The management of Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on its Canadian projects.

At the Minnitaki gold project near Sioux Lookout in northwestern Ontario, diamond drilling on the Porphyry Zone is scheduled to resume on August 20th. To date, six holes totaling 1,015 metres have been completed. Assays will be released on receipt of full results. The additional drilling will focus on the vicinity of Hole 6, which intersected strongly silicified, variably pyritized porphyry hosting several occurrences of visible gold. This hole, drilled on a resistivity feature approximately 250 metres along strike from mineralization intersected in earlier drilling and surface trenching, potentially doubles the strike length of the mineralized porphyry. The Minnitaki drill program is being funded by Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. under the terms of an option agreement.

The Company has completed a 33 line-kilometre grid and ground geophysical surveying over parts of the3 Ts epithermal gold-silver project southwest of Vanderhoof in central British Columbia. The work consisted of magnetics, VLF-EM and resistivity surveys. These results are currently being assessed, and will be used to refine targets for a diamond drill program scheduled for September.

The Company also wishes to announce that it has signed a letter agreement whereby it may earn a 100% interest, subject to a 2.5% NSR, in the Dani Property located near Kitimat, British Columbia. The property covers a newly discovered polymetallic massive sulphide occurrence located at the south end of the Ecstall Volcanic Belt. Two samples of massive sulphide boulders collected by the undersigned assayed 10.2% zinc, 5.7% lead, 203 g/t silver and 1.26 g/t gold, and 6.1% zinc, 1.9% lead, 71 g/t silver and 1.26g/t gold respectively. All assays were performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd. of Vancouver. The massive sulphides occur as bands within a 50-100 metre wide zone of pyrite-bearing felsic schists, samples of which returned variably anomalous copper, gold and silver values. The property is a newdiscovery and at this early stage of exploration the extent and controls on mineralization are unclear, however the excellent grades and polymetallic nature of the massive sulphide mineralization are very encouraging and the Company is initiating a more detailed field evaluation of the property.

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Subject: 3T's Project Update And New West Zone Results

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3T's Project Update And New West Zone Results

NR: 03-02

From:

Sent:

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("the Company") is pleased to provide an update on the 3T's gold-silver project located 120 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof in central British Columbia.

In late 2002 the Company completed a 13 hole diamond drill program which targeted the Tommy and Ted epithermal vein systems. The drilling on the Ted Vein returned excellent gold-silver values from three holes spaced at 50 metre intervals along strike from previous work (refer November 20, 2002 news release and table below). In addition to these results, the Company is pleased to release new assay results from the West Zone which is adjacent to but separate from the Ted Vein.

WEST ZON	1E -	New Ass	say Data						
Hole No.				Width	Width Au Ag		Au Eqv	Au Eqv Imperial Data	
		From	То	(m)	g/t	g/t	g/t	Width (ft)	Au Eqv oz/t
Hole: TT	r-10	123.50	127.50	4.00	2.05	28.0	2.45	13.1	0.071
		127.00	127.50	0.50	12.59	150.1	14.73	1.6	0.430
Hole: TT	r-11	62.36	62.88	0.52	3.36	42.8	3.97	1.7	0.116
		77.58	78.37	0.79	4.52	43.3	5.14	2.6	0.150
Hole: TT	r-13	106.00	108.30	2.30	3.85	31.2	4.30	7.5	0.125
		104.00	108.30	4.30	2.99	23.4	3.32	14.1	0.097

These results demonstrate the potential for additional zones of mineralization on the property, with high grade potential. The West Zone, which was intersected in all three holes, will be further tested, along with the Ted Vein, during a winter drilling program planned to commence in the first quarter of 2003. This program will also test other targets, including the Mint Vein, where a strong resistivity geophysical anomaly was outlined during the summer along strike from a known auriferous epithermal quartz vein occurrence.

The Tommy and Ted mineralization is typical of low sulphidation epithermal systems such as the El Penon Mine of Meridian Gold in Chile, the Midas Mine of Newmont Gold in Nevada, and the Hishikari Mine of Sumitomo Mining in Japan. The three holes on the Ted Vein indicated strong gold and silver mineralization over significant widths, with the potential for bonanza

des. The three main intersections have a weighted average of 20.25 etres in width averaging 1.63 g/t Au and 182.1 g/t Ag, (gold equivalent grade of 4.72 g/t at Ag:Au of 70:1). True widths are estimated to be approximately 60% of the drill indicated widths. Previously reported results from the Ted Vein include:

TED VEIN INTERSECTIONS							
From	то					Imperi Width (ft)	al Data Au Eqv oz/t
Hole TT-10							
88.30	115.20	26.90	1.29	237.2	4.68	88.3	0.136
95.00	108.20	13.20	1.94	357.9	7.05	43.3	0.206
112.00	115.20	3.20	2.12	426.3	8.21	10.5	0.239
Hole TT-11							
40.65	52.00	11.35	1.35	341.3	6.23	37.2	0.182
40.65	43.65	3.00	3.28	1117.6	19.25	9.8	0.561
Hole TT-13							
85.80	108.30	22.50	2.17	35.9	2.68	73.8	0.078
85.80	98.00	12.20	2.81	55.1	3.60	9.2	0.105
93.10	98.00	4.90	4.87	65.8	5.81	16.0	1.947
104.00	108.30	4.30	2.99	22.5	3.31	14.1	0.097

Drilling on the Tommy Vein, located approximately 1 kilometre west of the Ted Vein, extended the known strike length of the vein from 600 metres to over one kilometre, substantially increasing the potential for the occurrence of a second zone of mineralization. As part of the fall program, the Company commissioned an independent resource estimate and technical report on the Tommy Vein (refer November 11, 2002 news release). This report was prepared in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 guidelines, and using a 4 gram/tonne gold cut-off grade, indicates that the Tommy Vein, as currently defined, contains an Inferred Resource of 470,700 tonnes at a grade of 7.40 grams/tonne gold and 65.22 grams/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 8.33 g/t at Ag:Au of 70:1). This equates to 112,000 contained ounces of gold and 987,000 contained ounces of silver.

The Company will be displaying core from the Hole TT-10 intersection on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at the Cordilleran Exploration Roundup at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, and invites attendees to drop by and speak with company representatives.

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Re:

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Tsacha Resource Estimate and Drilling Update

Schroeter, Tom EM:EX

NR: 02-18

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("the Company") is pleased to report the results of recent work on the Tsacha property, which forms part of the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project, located approximately 125 km southwest of Vanderhoof in central BC. The Company has an option to acquire a 100% interest in the property from Teck Cominco Limited by completing expenditures totaling \$1.2 million by March 31, 2005. Teck Cominco Limited retains a back-in right to earn back 65% of the Tsacha property.

Using data from historic drilling and trenching completed by Teck Cominco Limited, Stewart Wallis, P.Geo and Eric Fier, CPG have completed a resource estimate and independent technical report on behalf of the Company for the Tommy Vein within the Tsacha property. This report conforms to the requirements of National Instrument 43-101. Using a 4 g/t gold grade cut-off, this resource estimate indicates that the Tommy Vein as currently defined contains an Inferred Resource of 470,700 tonnes at a grade of 7.40 grams per tonne gold and 65.22 grams per tonne silver. The contained ounces are 112,000 ounces of gold and 987,000 ounces of silver. The estimation of the resources stated above has been prepared according to accepted industry standards and using accepted practices. The classification as Inferred Mineral Resources meets the definitions of Inferred Mineral Resources as stated by NI 43-101 and defined by the CIMM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves Definitions and Guidelines.

The report also states, that "There is potential to expand the resources beneath the sill with additional drilling, particularly at the north end where the sill outcrops. Other veins on the property have not been sufficiently drilled to estimate a resource but the Larry and Johnny veins also warrant additional drilling." As part of the recent diamond drilling program carried out by the Company on the 3Ts Project, seven holes totaling 952 metres were completed on the Tsacha property. Full results have been received for the first five holes and are reported below. Results from the final two holes and from the four holes on the adjoining Tam property will be reported shortly, when all assays have been received. The five holes reported here are comprised of two drilled on the central portion of the Tommy Vein, two testing the projected northern extension of the Tommy Vein, and one hole testing the southern projection of the Larry Vein.

In the central portion of the Tommy Vein, one hole (TS-85) was drilled within the resource area and intersected 7.9 metres of vein material grading 4.5 g/t Au and 28.5 g/t Ag. The second hole (TS-84) drilled outside of the currently defined resource area, intersected 4.1 metres of vein material within which was a 3 metre interval grading 0.61 g/t Au and 7.3 g/t Ag. Estimated true widths are approximately 70% of the intercept width.

The two holes drilled to test the northern projection of the Tommy Vein were sited 200 and 400 metres north of the last known vein intercept. Both holes intersected strong quartz intervals at the projected target position. The character of the quartz vein material is similar to that seen in mineralized intercepts of the Tommy Vein further south. The 200 metre

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Tommy Vein -North End 0.02 ml Au 0.21 mt

step-out hole (TS-83) intersected 4.55 metres of vein material which graded 0.68 g/t Au and 7.2 g/t Ag. The 400 metre step-out hole (TS-82) intersected two intervals of quartz veining totaling 8.25 metres which returned anomalous gold and silver values. These two holes have expanded the known strike length of the Tommy Vein from approximately 600 metres to over one kilometre. The vein system remains open and strongly developed at the north end, and further drilling is planned to test for further mineralized zones along strike.

One hole (TS-86) was sited to test the southern extension of the Larry Vein, located east of and parallel to the Tommy Vein. This hole intersected minor quartz veining and silicification, but no significant gold values.

The results of this drilling have demonstrated that the Tommy Vein system is much larger than previously known, which adds to the potential for further discoveries both along strike and at depth. Further testing of the Tommy Vein to the north of the current work is planned as part of the next round of drilling on the 3Ts Project.

The Company's field program was supervised by Mr Robert Weicker, P.Geo, who is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101. All assays were performed by Eco-Tech Laboratory Ltd. of Kamloops, BC.

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Subject: Drill Program and Property Acquisitions

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Re: News Release - Thursday, March 06, 2003 Drill Program and Property Acquisitions

NR: 03-04

Southern Rio Resources (the "Company") is pleased to announce that further diamond drilling of the Tam Property, part of the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project in central BC, will commence next week.

The program will focus on the Ted Vein system on the Tam Property, where initial drilling by the Company in late 2002 returned excellent gold-silver values over potentially mineable widths. These included 26.9 metres grading 1.29 grams/tonne gold and 237.2 grams/tonne silver in Hole TT-10, and 11.35 metres grading 1.35 grams/tonne gold and 341.3 grams/tonne silver in Hole TT-11. The planned drilling will explore for extensions of the Ted Vein along strike to both the north and south, and at depth. In addition, several holes are planned to test the Mint Vein system on the same property, where ground geophysical surveys by the Company have located a strong resistivity anomaly along strike from a second mineralized epithermal vein system.

The Company is also pleased to announce that it has entered into an option agreement to acquire a 100% interest in the Trout Property located in the Nechako Plateau region of central BC. The Trout Property, located 60 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, covers a gold and silver-bearing epithermal zone which has returned a number of significant drill intersections including 20.0 metres grading 3.82 grams/tonne gold, 20.7 metres grading 3.42 grams/tonne gold, and 22.0 metres grading 2.49 grams/tonne gold. The Company will acquire its interest in the property by issuing a total of 175,000 shares, making cash payments totaling \$25,000 and incurring \$200,000 in exploration expenditures within three years of regulatory acceptance. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR royalty, half of which may be purchased at any time by the Company for \$750,000. This transaction is subject to regulatory acceptance.

Further, the Company has acquired by staking a 100% interest in the Sam Property, also located in the Nechako Plateau region of central BC. The Sam Property, consisting of 52 claim units located 70 kilometres south of Burns Lake, covers a large epithermal alteration system that is locally mineralized with gold and silver. Limited previous drilling has yielded results of 7.12 grams/tonne gold and 27.5 grams/tonne silver over 1.5 metres, and 0.03 grams/tonne gold and 156.7 grams/tonne silver over 1.5 metres. Recent logging activity has improved access and increased the amount of rock exposure, and the Company plans a program of surface geological mapping, prospecting and geophysics during the summer.

The Company is well-positioned to focus on the emerging Nechako gold-silver camp in central BC through its 3Ts Project, which is at the advanced drilling stage, and the above properties which, while at an earlier stage of exploration, demonstrate characteristics typical of high grade mineralized epithermal systems elsewhere around the Pacific Rim of Fire, such as El Penon, Midas and Hishikari.

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Subject: New Gold Zone Discovered On 3Ts Property

e: News Release - Monday, April 28, 2003

New Gold Zone Discovered On 3Ts Property

NR: 03-06

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to report the remaining results from the recently completed diamond drill program on the 100% owned Tam property in central BC. The Tam property forms part of the 34 square kilometre 3Ts gold-silver project, consisting of the contiguous Tsacha, Tam and Taken properties. Detailed assays, an updated drill plan and cross sections will be posted on the Company's website at www.southernrio.com.

The recent program tested the Ted Vein, where the Company has previously reported (April 2, 2003) very encouraging results (e.g. hole TT-16 - 28.0 metres grading 3.78 grams/tonne gold and 137.5 grams/tonne silver, gold equivalent grade 6.07 grams/tonne using a 60:1 silver to gold ratio) and the Mint Zone, located approximately 500 metres to the northeast. Multiple mineralized vein intercepts were encountered in the Mint Zone area, which was previously untested by the Company. Both of these targets are low sulphidation, epithermal-style systems similar to those that host some of the most productive precious metal mines around the Pacific "Rim of Fire".

On the Mint Zone, six shallow holes were drilled in two fences in an area where numerous mineralized boulders occur on surface. Drilling encountered wide zones of quartz-veins in altered rhyolite host rocks, with the best values occurring along the western side of a strong resistivity geophysical anomaly. At a depth of 59.0 metres, hole TT-27 returned 2.0 metres grading 8.08 grams/tonne gold and 80.4 grams/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 9.42 grams/tonne). Hole TT-25, located 100 metres to the south of TT-27, returned 2.0 metres grading 5.48 grams/tonne gold and 127.3 grams/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 7.60 grams/tonne) from 28.0 -- 30.0 metres, and 1.5 metres grading 3.89 grams/tonne gold and 42.6 grams/tonne silver, (gold equivalent grade of 4.60 grams/tonne) from 55.2 to 56.7 metres. These high-grade intervals occur within more extensive lower grade material in a wide zone of altered, quartz-veined rock. The zone is open along strike and at depth, and could represent a potential bulk mining situation given the shallow overburden and 150 metre wide alteration zone.

On the Ted Vein system, hole TT-17 returned a 17.7 metres grading 0.89 grams/tonne gold and 170.7 grams/tonne silver, (gold equivalent grade of 3.73 grams/tonne). The estimated true width of this intersection is approximately 10 metres. Step-out drilling to the south (holes TT-18 to 20) showed that the zone is disrupted by faults, and further work is needed to determine the continuation of the main vein. Hole TT-18 returned 2.9 metres grading 1.44 grams/tonne gold and 151.0 grams/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 3.96 grams/tonne) in strongly faulted vein material.

In an initial attempt to confirm the northern continuation of the Ted Vein, hole TT-21 encountered deep overburden before coring a 40cm interval of vein material prior to passing into intrusive rock. This vein interval appears to represent the northern continuation of the Ted Vein, and this interpretation will be tested with additional drilling during the next program.

The Ted Vein has now been traced for over 300 metres along strike, with

true widths between 8 and 14 metres. Mineralization is potentially economic for either open pit or underground mining scenarios, providing additional tonnages of similar material can be defined. The best potential for gold-dominant mineralization is interpreted to be at depth -- gold values in surface exposures of the Ted Vein are anomalous, but rarely exceed 1 gram/tonne, while several of the deeper drill intersections have significantly higher gold grades. For example, hole TT-16 in the current program returned 16.0 metres of 5.96 grams/tonne and 136.6 grams/tonne silver (gold equivalent grade of 8.24 grams/tonne) at a vertical depth of approximately 100 metres.

The Company will use these drill results to focus the summer work program, which is now being planned. The success of this drill program on the Tam property adds to the potential of the 3Ts Project to host a mineable precious metal deposit, and augment the currently defined inferred resource of 470,700 tonnes grading 7.40 grams/tonne gold and 65.2 grams/tonne silver on the adjoining Tsacha property. All assays for the current program have been carried out at Eco Tech Laboratories in Kamloops. Check assays will be sent to a second independent laboratory. The field program was carried out under the supervision of Robert Weicker, P.Geo. and Duncan McIvor, P.Geo., both of whom are Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101.

The Company also wishes to announce that it has retained Jeffrey Wilson to provide investor relations service to the Company for an initial period of two months at a salary of \$4,000 per month. Mr. Wilson is based in Vancouver, BC.

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Additional High Grade Boulders At 3Ts

Re:

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Additional High Grade Boulders At 3Ts

NR: 03-14

Southern Rio Resources (the "Company") is pleased to provide further assay results from samples collected during the recent prospecting program on the 3Ts Project southwest of Vanderhoof, BC, as well as an update on current work.

A total of 233 rock samples were collected during the program. Thirty eight of these contained gold values greater than 1 gram per tonne, while 26 contained silver values of greater than 50 grams per tonne. Further to the Company's news release of September 24, 2003, which reported high grade gold assays from the newly discovered Ringer Zone, additional assay results have now been received from work on the eastern part of the project area, mainly in the Triple Junction and Adrian Creek areas. Eight of 55 boulders from the Adrian Creek area contain gold values of greater than 1 gram per tonne, with peak values of 84.3 grams per tonne gold and 592 grams per tonne silver. Eight of 38 boulders from the Triple Junction area returned values of greater than 1 gram per tonne gold, with peak values of 49.9 grams per tonne gold and 372 grams per tonne silver.

The Company is very pleased with the results of the prospecting program, which has now identified strong gold and silver values in five separate clusters on the eastern half of the 3Ts Project. From east to west, the zones are designated Triple Junction, Adrian Creek, Ringer, Adrian West and Corner. The recent prospecting has returned some of the highest grade surface gold values found to date. These include:

Target
Adrian Creek
Ringer
Triple Junction
Ringer
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Adrian West

Follow-up programs of backhoe trenching, glacial mapping, and seismic and ground penetrating radar geophysical surveys are currently being implemented to help define the source or sources of the mineralized boulders. The results of this work will be used to optimize drillhole locations for a planned 2000 metre drill program to commence shortly.

The prospecting program was carried out under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo. All assays were performed by Eco Tech Laboratory in Kamloops, BC.

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Subject:

Lane Weekly Report for NE-Central BC to November 7, 2003

Mineral Exploration News for NE-Central BC to November 7, 2003:

Mount Polley. Imperial Metals has released more impressive assays on its completed 3221 m, 16-hole phase 1 drill program on the Northeast zone. Hole WB03-15, the furthest hole to the SE, intersected 135 m averaging 1.16% Cu & 0.35 gpt Au. The zone has a minimum strike length of 275 m in a NW direction, but its width is unknown. Plans for phase 2 are being developed.

The first hole completed on the Springer zone, drilled to test beneath the current pit design, intersected 466.3 m grading 0.49% Cu and 0.36 gpt Au. The bottom 267.5 m of the interval is below the pit design and averaged 0.61% Cu and 0.49 gpt Au. Imperial has recently raised \$10 million for exploration, the bulk of which will go toward further work at Mount Polley. With early success at both the Northeast and Springer zones, the company will likely have two drills turning on the property in the near future.

Gibraltar. Taseko Mines has begun a third phase of drilling on the mine site east of the Pollyanna pit. The focus of the exploration program is the 98 Oxide zone, where the company is intent on developing sufficient tonnage to support the resumption of its SX-EW plant.

Cariboo (Most Likely), Cantin Creek and QR. Cross Lake Minerals and JV partner Gold Giant Minerals have initiated a 6-hole diamond drilling program on the Cariboo epithermal gold property located immediately east of the QR mine. Two holes are planned for the Cantin Creek epithermal gold prospect and a series of holes will be drilled at QR to further evaluate near surface skarn/propyllite mineralization.

Nina. Dave Haywood and Gary Lee have mobbed into their Nina VMS property north of Germansen Landing to investigate (drill and blast) a coincident VLF-mag-Cu anomaly.

Star. Minterra Resource Corp. has optioned the Star property, centred 13 km NE of Aiken Lake in the Lay Range, from Ursala Mowat. The company is proceeding with an 8 line-km IP survey asap that will assist in the identification of drill targets. Mineralization consists PGE-bearing cpy and po within olivine clinopyroxenites and pyroxenites of the Polaris Ultramafic Complex.

3Ts. Southern Rio Resources is energized to initiate an approx. 20 hole diamond drilling program focused on establishing a resource for the Ted vein.

Laidman and Holy Cross. Pard Ventures is proceeding with small 3D Inversion IP surveys on the Laidman and Holy Cross epithermal gold prospects, located in the Nechako Plateau.

Bonanza Ledge. International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. was forced to temporarily abandon development of its decline (by DFO order) and focus entirely on sediment & erosion control issues with respect to its upgrading of the Scouts Gulch road, the proposed haul route for the Bonanza Ledge bulk sample. Shut down resulted in the loss of 4-5 days of underground development.

Nuggett/Cunningham Creek. Consolidated Pacific Bay Minerals completed a trenching and sampling program on its Cunningham Creek area property in search for high grade gold veins and replacement zones.

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News Release - Monday, November 17, 2003

Resource Definition Drilling Commences At 3Ts Project

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of a resource definition drilling program on the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project located 125 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, British Columbia. The program will target the Ted Vein, where previous drilling has returned a number of significant gold-silver intersections (refer to April 28, 2003 news release). Drilling will continue until mid-December, and resume in January.

The Ted Vein is currently defined along a strike length of approximately 350 metres from surface to a depth of 120 metres, with estimated true widths ranging up to 14 metres. The resource drilling program will better define the geometry and grade of the Ted Vein, and provide data for a resource calculation under NI 43-101 quidelines. In addition, the drilling will test for extensions of the Ted Vein to the north and south, and a parallel vein system ("East Ted Zone") indicated through soil geochemistry and boulder sampling (values up to 3.60 q/t gold and 871 g/t silver).

Any resources defined by the current drill program will augment those already defined on the nearby Tommy Vein (inferred resource of 470,700 tonnes grading 7.4 g/t gold and 65.2 g/t silver).

Several new zones of high-grade mineralized boulders were identified during the summer and fall field programs (refer to September 12 and October 14 news releases). The Company is awaiting final results from these programs, which included backhoe trenching and ground geophysics (seismic and ground penetrating radar), to help define additional drill targets at the newly discovered Ringer Zone (grab samples up to 78.50 g/t gold and 282.5 g/t silver) and at the Mint Zone, where limited previous drilling returned 2 metres grading 8.00 g/t gold and 80.4 g/t silver. Further follow-up, including drilling, on these targets is planned for early 2004.

The drilling program is being carried out under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo and Robert Weicker, P.Geo.

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Ringer Zone Target Definition at 3Ts

News Release - Monday, November 24, 2003 Ringer Zone Target Definition at 3Ts

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce initial results from recent programs of trenching, sampling and mapping of the glacial sediments, which enclose the high grade Ringer Zone boulders (Press Releases October 23, 2003 and September 24, 2003). This work was done to better define possible drilling targets in the area of this newly discovered zone.

During the Ringer Zone trenching program, numerous samples of mineralized quartz boulders from Trench 1 returned excellent gold values. Eleven (11) samples of quartz vein material from Trench 1 averaged 14.01 g/t gold (0.41 oz/t) and 114.7 g/t silver (3.35 oz/t) with individual sample results ranging from 0.14 g/t to 53.7 g/t gold and 4.0 g/t to 332.0 g/t silver. Sample number 20420, located 14 metres west of the main Ringer Discovery at 1.5 metres depth, assayed 53.7 grams per tonne (g/t) gold (1.57 oz/t) and 332.0 g/t silver (9.68 oz/t).

In addition to the boulder samples in Trench 1, strongly anomalous values were received from several samples of glacial till including 0.99 g/t gold in sample 20402 and 0.89 g/t gold in sample 20424. Two smaller trenches were also completed in the same area, with anomalous values of gold in both boulders and till samples.

Based on the recent program, a classic glacial dispersion train has been identified with the possible bedrock source of the Ringer Zone boulders interpreted to be within 100 to 200 metres "up-ice" from (i.e. west of) the discovery location. The Company is now awaiting the assessment of recently completed seismic and ground-penetrating radar geophysical surveys. Following receipt of this data, and integration with the trench and mapping results, initial drill targets will be proposed to test for an in-situ source of the Ringer Zone boulders. Drilling of this and other targets is planned for January 2004.

With a resource already established on the Tommy Vein, and additional resource definition drilling currently underway on the Ted Vein, the discovery and advancement of the Ringer Zone adds value and enhances the potential of the 3Ts Project.

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Northeast-Central BC Exploration 'Weekly' to December 19, 2003

METALS

Mount Polley. Imperial Metals has suspended exploration at Mount Polley until the new year. The company completed 4 deep holes on the Springer zone and an additional 5 holes, plus trenching, on the Wishbone zone. Assay results from holes 2 and 3 on Springer will be released later today or on Monday. Exploration is scheduled to resume on January 12 with two drills testing Wishbone and 1 testing Springer.

QR. Cross Lake Minerals has completed a 2nd phase of diamond drilling at the QR mine property focusing. Both the near surface potential & deeper projections of the Midwest zone were targeted with the intent of identifying additional reserves. In addition, the company completed 6 holes on the adjacent Cariboo (Most Likely) epithermal gold prospect and 2 holes on the Cantin Creek epithermal gold prospect. No results have been released to date.

3Ts.) Southern Rio Resources has completed an 8-hole infill drilling program on the <u>Ted vein at its 3Ts epithermal gold</u> prospect south of Vanderhoof. Drilling is expected to resume early in the new year. All new data will contribute to the calculation of a resource estimate for the Ted vein.

Bonanza Ledge. The 150-metre decline being developed to access a high-grade portion of the Bonanza Ledge zone has reached a highly deformed & sheared argillite that locally forms the structural footwall of the zone. The zone requires heavy use of timbering. Mining of the bulk sample is expected to begin after Christmas or early in the new year.

Lustdust. Alpha Gold's attempt to drill a series of targets near the former Bralorne-Takla mercury mine was terminated after encountering technical difficulties.

Sustut Copper. Doublestar is reassessing its feasibility study completed earlier this year which included the development of two tunnels and a long ore pass to access the flat-lying copper ore body. Use of an aerial tramway is being evaluated.

COAL PATCH

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Perry Creek. Western Canadian Coal drilled 3 RC holes at Perry Creek metallurgical coal property between Bullmoose and Quintette. The company will initiate a 6-10 hole coal seam coring program asap on seams E through J (Gates Fm). Core will be submitted to a facility in Calgary for a coke test. An expanded coring program is anticipated for early in the new year. Company representatives and consultants met earlier this week in PG with provincial and federal agencies to review the status of the project, the revised mine plan and to discuss water management strategy, issues and information requirements. Company is undertaking a \$6 million program of extensive environmental and baseline studies. Estimated capital cost of the 1.6 Mtonne per year mining project is \$115 million.

Of note is that Koch Energy is presently developing a <u>CBM drill site</u> smack in the middle of the proposed Perry Creek open pit development in order to test the potential of deeper Gething Fm coal seams (well beneath floor of the proposed pit).

Trend. WEMI Northern Energy and Mining Inc. completed a 37-hole, 3500-metre RC and coring program on its Trend metallurgical coal property southeast of Quintette. Coal quality testing is proceeding and pre-feasibility studies are moving forward.

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Tommy Vein Drilling Returns Best Intersection To Date

Re: News Release - Tuesday, March 02, 2004

Tommy Vein Drilling Returns Best Intersection To Date

NR: 04-05

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce initial assay results from its ongoing exploration drill program on the 3Ts Project in central BC.

The latter stages of the program focused on several targets on the Tsacha Property, where two rigs have been drilling since early February. The highlight of this work to date is an intersection of 11.31 metres (estimated true width 9.0 metres) grading 9.87 grams/tonne gold equivalent in hole TS-04-90 on the Tommy Vein (refer to the Longitudinal Section on the Company's website www.southernrio.com):

http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/Tommy-Long-Sec-Feb-2004.gif

Width (metres)	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Gold Equiv. @ 60:1			
11.31	8.83	62.6	9.87			

This intersection is the deepest and one of the widest on the Tommy Vein, at a vertical depth of approximately 280 metres and 100 metres along strike from any previous drilling. It is also the southernmost hole drilled beneath a flat-lying microdiorite sill unit. This intersection greatly expands the resource potential of the Tommy Vein, and strongly supports further drilling of the Tommy Vein and other similar veins on both the Tsacha and Tam Properties.

Internal assay checks have been completed on the core samples, and the sample pulps have been sent to a second independent laboratory for confirmatory re-assaying.

The Company has also completed an initial seven diamond drillholes totaling 713.5 metres in the vicinity of the high grade Ringer boulder occurrence located on the eastern portion of the Tam Property. This drilling intersected a new epithermal vein system with highly anomalous gold and silver values including 1.94 metres grading 2.07 grams/tonne gold and 17.2 grams/tonne silver in hole TK-04-03, and 1.0 metres grading 0.40 grams/tonne gold and 54.1 grams/tonne silver in hole TK-04-07. This new discovery, which is covered by 25 metres of glacial overburden, appears to represent a different style of mineralization to the Ringer boulders in that the bedrock mineralization is associated with base metal sulphides, and in the view of the geological team, likely does not represent the source of the Ringer boulders. Additional drilling in the area will seek to further delineate the new vein system, as well as continuing exploration for the source of the high-grade Ringer boulder material.

The recent drilling at the 3Ts Project has greatly expanded the tonnage potential of the Tommy Vein, further tested the Johnny and Larry Vein systems, and identified a new vein system near the Ringer boulder occurrence. Drilling will continue into March and additional results will be issued as they become available.

Other significant activities on the 3T's Project includes a recent site visit and due diligence information review by Stewart Wallis, P.Geo. the independent Qualified Person who will be carrying out a resource calculation on the Ted Vein using information generated from the pre-Christmas resource drilling program. The resources defined on the Ted Vein will augment the current inferred resource of 552,500 tonnes of 6.82 g/t gold and 60.9 g/t silver (at a 3 g/t gold cutoff) on the Tommy Vein above the microdiorite sill.

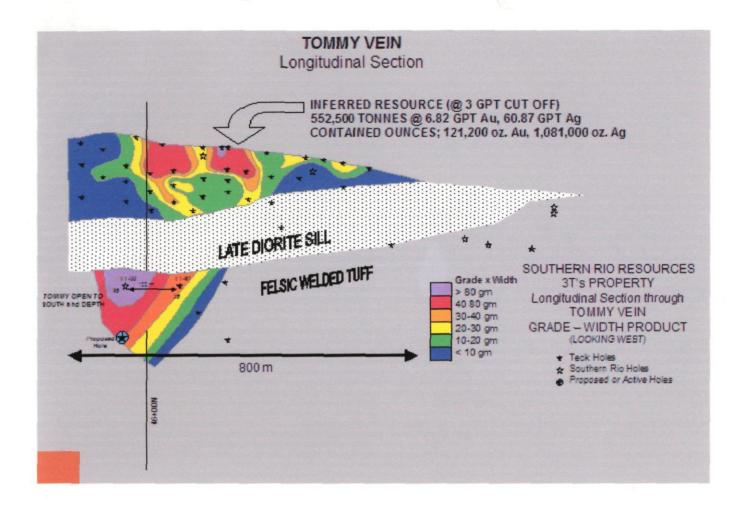
The 3Ts field program is being supervised by David Pawliuk, P.Geo. and Robert Weicker, P.Geo., both of whom are Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101. The primary assay laboratory being used is Eco Tech Laboratory Ltd. in Kamloops, with check assays being performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver.

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Second Drill Rig Working on 3Ts Project

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Second Drill Rig Working on 31s Project

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") announces that a second drill rig has commenced work on the 3Ts Project in central BC. This will allow the Company to achieve operational synergies and maximize the amount of drilling during the current winter season.

This second rig will focus on targets on the Tsacha Property, including the Johnny and Tommy Veins, and several other targets defined during last summer's surface mapping and prospecting program. The drilling on the Tommy Vein will seek to add to the existing inferred resource of 470,000 tonnes grading 7.40 grams/tonne gold and 65.2 grams/tonne silver both at depth and along strike. On the Johnny Vein, limited previous work has returned values including 4.87 grams/tonne gold and 63.4 grams/tonne silver over 3.7 metres from trench T 96-28, and 3.32 grams/tonne gold and 22.9 grams/tonne silver over 11.9 metres from drillhole 96-37.

Continued updates and results from the drilling will be issued as work progresses. Full assay results from the initial drilling on the Ringer Zone are expected shortly.

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Ringer Zone Drilling Discovers New Zone

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Ringer Zone Drilling Discovers New Zone

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on progress with the current diamond drilling program in the Ringer Zone area of the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project. The 3Ts Project is located 120 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof in central British Columbia.

While drilling is continuing, two of the four holes completed to date have intersected a new zone of epithermal-style quartz veining beneath 20 to 25 metres of glacial cover. A third hole was abandoned in overburden, while the fourth hole, drilled to the north of the two mineralized holes, encountered a zone of heavy faulting, possibly representing the extension of a major ENE-trending fault.

The two mineralized holes (TK-04-2 and 3) are located on the same drill section. Hole TK-04-2 encountered one metre of quartz veining almost at the bedrock interface, and may not represent the complete width of the vein zone. Hole TK-04-3, drilled deeper on the same section, intersected two zones of quartz veining. The first zone, from 55.8 to 57.7 metres, is badly broken up, with overall core recovery of approximately 20%. This is followed by a zone of brecciated rhyolite to approximately 63.1 metres, from where a 6.7 metre quartz vein interval was cored, with close to 100% core recovery. The orientation of the vein zone is currently unknown, but if it has the typical north-south strike and steep dips of other veins on the property, the true width of the intersection would be between 4.0 and 4.5 metres.

This is the first new zone of mineralization discovered on the 3Ts Project since 1995, and represents the first "blind" discovery in bedrock beneath the glacial cover. The Company believes there is excellent potential for more such discoveries. Prospecting in late 2003 identified at least four clusters of gold-silver mineralized boulders with no obvious bedrock source. The Ringer Zone, from which eight surface samples returned an average of 19.01 grams/tonne gold and 140.1 grams/tonne silver, is the first of these to be drill tested.

Assay results will be released when the full results from both holes have been received. The analyses are being carried out by Eco Tech Laboratory of Kamloops. The field program is under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo. , who is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101.

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Lane Weekly Report to February 20, 2004

Mineral Exploration News for NE-Central BC to February 20, 2004:

2004 Exploration Spending in the region is expected to be in the range of \$30 million. There will be at least nine projects with expenditures greater than \$1 million.

Mount Polley. Visited Feb.12/04. Bell pit: 12 holes have been drilled to test the eastern margin of the deposit at depth. No assays reported, but some encouraging numbers are expected that may lead to modest pit redesign. Unmineralized, post-mineral diorite cuts off mineralization to the west. North of Bell is still basically untested, but will likely get a closer look later in the year. Springer zone: one 670m hole completed on section and 50m west of hole SD03-02 (487.5m @ 0.31% Cu & 0.26 g/t Au). A 2nd hole has been collared and many more holes are planned. Wishbone zone: two drills operating with 14 holes completed so far in 2004-all within previously defined dimensions of the zone. A 30 line-km IP survey has been completed over the zone and a major trenching program is about to begin. Misc. notes: Approx. 3 million tonnes of low grade stockpile remain from 2001: 2.7 million tonnes grading 0.22% Cu & 0.31 g/t Au and 0.29 million tonnes @ 0.29% Cu & 0.42 g/t Au; three haul trucks that were on loan to Huckleberry have returned to Mount Polley.

Bonanza Ledge. Visited Feb.13/04. Underground development proceeding, but well behind schedule; poor ground conditions have caused revision of original mine plan; development of three 20-ft wide stopes is progressing; sampling of three cross-cuts indicate that the mineralization is typically higher grade toward the hanging wall-because of a higher percentage of PY (and/or higher percentage of fine-gr PY versus porphyroblastic PY); isoclinally folded, sheared and faulted graphitic pelite forms the immediate footwall of the Bonanza Ledge zone; shear/fault zones occur at FW and HW contact with the ore zone and can include a high percentage of mineralized clasts that result in multi-ounce gold grades, particularly in the HW (i.e. 6.3 feet grading 112 g/t Au in hole 9); 14 inclined holes have been drilled across the zone from the underground workings-the best intersection came in hole UG-BL04-04 that intersected 11.9 metres averaging 31.9 g/t Au; approx 1100 tonnes of ore is stockpiled at surface; hauling of ore to Mount Polley is expected to begin asap.

Myrtle. A total of 11 holes drilled since late 2003 with two more planned for a total of 13. No results have been released.

3Ts. Two drills are currently turning on the 3Ts property. Deep bore holes have tested the Larry and Tommy veins beneath the sill, 4-5 holes have evaluated the Johnny vein, and 6-7 holes have been drilled in the vicinity of the Ringer zone. A resource calculation for a 350 metre strike length of the Ted vein will be released later in the spring along with drill assays.

Trend. NEMI has raised \$3.3 million to advance its Trend metallurgical coal property south of the closed Quintette mine. Funds will be used to complete a full feasibility study by early 2005. The company envisages a 1.5 million tonne per year operation that may be expanded to 3 million tonnes per year. Field work this year is expected to include infill drilling, coring of seams, environmental baseline studies and impact assessment programs.

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Southern Rio Resources Ltd.: 3Ts Project Drilling Summary

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(CCNMatthews - Mar 31, 2004) - Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to give a summary of its recently completed diamond drilling program at the 3Ts Project in central British Columbia. Drilling commenced November 2003 and continued through to March 2004. Twenty-six (26) holes totaling 4,075 metres were drilled on six separate target areas of the Project (http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/3Ts-Geology.gif). By integrating resource definition drilling and exploration drilling, this program has been successful in meeting the Company's objective of both expanding several of the known mineralized vein systems and discovering new mineralized veins. Details are as follows:

TED VEIN

- Nine additional drill holes totaling 1,856.8 metres were completed on the Ted Vein. The results from these holes, together with data from earlier Ted Vein drilling provide the basis for a resource calculation to NI 43-101 standards currently being completed by an independent consultant.
- The Ted Vein is a strongly developed, robust, quartz-carbonate vein with a high silver to gold ratio (+70:1). Within the central portion of the vein, the higher grade mineralization shows excellent continuity.
- Notable intersections from the recent program include: hole TT 03-31 which returned 8.28 metres of 6.32 g/t gold and 145.1 g/t silver for a gold equivalent grade (60:1 ratio) of 8.74 g/t gold, and TT 03-29 which returned 17.05 metres of 3.84 g/t gold and 364.6 g/t silver for a gold equivalent grade of 9.92 g/t.
- Based on the recent drill program it is interpreted that the Ted Vein remains open to the south and at depth. Further drilling is planned to test these areas.
- Drilling has been completed from surface to a vertical depth of 135 metres at which point the vein is cut by a microdiorite sill. This sill is a younger rock unit about 90 metres thick. Because metal zoning within the Ted Vein shows increasing gold grades at depth, and other vein structures on the 3T's Project (Tommy, Larry) are well mineralized beneath the sill, the extension of the Ted Vein below the sill is viewed as an excellent target to expand resources.

(http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/TED-Mar29-04.JPG).

TOMMY VEIN

- Two deep holes were drilled on the Tommy Vein to test the continuity of the mineralized structure below the microdiorite sill. The highlight was Hole TS-04-90 which returned an intersection of 11.31 metres (estimated true width 9 metres) grading $8.83~\rm g/t$ gold and $62.6~\rm cm$

See: Map

- g/t silver for a gold equivalent grade of 9.87 g/t. A second nole, TS-04-97 intersected a 35 metre wide zone of quartz-carbonate stockwork veining approximately 110 metres below, and 30 metres south of hole TS-04-90, which may represent a feeder system to the Tommy Vein. The best interval in TS-04-97 returned 1.86 g/t gold over 1.0 metre.
- The results of the deep drill holes on the Tommy Vein indicate that the vein structure strengthens and widens at depth, with a possible shallow plunge to the south. Additional drilling is required to determine the plunge and trend of the mineralization at depth.
- The Tommy Vein currently hosts a shallow inferred resource of 552,500 tonnes of 6.82 grams per tonne gold and 60.9 grams per tonne silver (at a 3 g/t cutoff) located above the microdiorite sill. The recent drill program indicates excellent potential to expand and define additional resources below the sill.

(http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/TOMMY-Mar29-04.JPG)

RINGER TARGET

- Seven holes totaling 713.5 metres were completed in the vicinity of the high-grade Ringer Boulders in an attempt to locate the bedrock source of the boulders. Eight samples from the boulder cluster assayed an average of 19.01 g/t gold and 140.1 g/t silver.
- The drilling discovered two new vein systems, the "Hidden" and "H-East" Veins located 50 to 55 metres west of the Ringer boulders. The best of six drill intercepts through the Hidden Vein and the parallel H-East Vein assayed 2.07 g/t gold and 17.2 g/t silver (2.36 g/t gold equivalent) across a true width of 1.2 metres.
- The Hidden and H-East veins are the first new in-situ vein discoveries on the 3T's property since 1995, and indicate that there is excellent potential to discover additional vein and stockwork zones on the property. The Hidden and H-East veins are covered by 20 to 30 metres of glacial cover, with the microdiorite sill intersected at a vertical depth of 100 metres. These veins likely extend below the cross-cutting microdiorite sill.
- While new veins have been discovered with significant, anomalous gold and silver values in the Ringer area, it is the view of the geological team that these veins are not the source of the Ringer Boulders. Additional drilling is required to further delineate the new Hidden Vein system and to continue exploring for the source of the high-grade Ringer boulders.
- One hole (TK-04-08) was drilled on the Adrian Creek target intersecting weak quartz-carbonate veining. A recently completed geophysical survey (magnetics and VLF-EM) indicates the presence of a northerly trending anomaly west of (behind) the collar of hole TK-04-08 and additional drilling is proposed to test this anomaly.

LARRY VEIN

- Two holes (513.9 metres) were completed on the Larry Vein (located 170 metres east of the Tommy Vein). Hole TS-04-91 returned 5.00 g/t gold and 35.8 g/t silver, for a gold equivalent grade of 5.60 g/t over an average true width of 1.2 metres, below the microdiorite sill.
- To date, 14 holes have been completed on the Larry Vein. Additional drilling is proposed to provide sufficient data for a resource calculation.

JOHNNY VEIN

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Five holes comprising 944.6 metres were completed at the Jonnny Vein (located 560 metres west of the Tommy Vein). Results were mixed with the best intersection returning 1.83 g/t gold and 31.6 g/t silver, for a gold equivalent grade of 2.36 g/t, over a true width of 3.1 metres.

In summary, the drilling program on the 3Ts Project provided data to initiate a resource calculation for the Ted Vein, expanded the known strike length and depth of the Tommy Vein, discovered two new veins in the vicinity of the Ringer boulder occurrence, expanded the depth of the Larry Vein, and provided increased confidence for additional drilling at depth beneath the microdiorite sill throughout the project area.

Management is very encouraged by the results of this program and optimistic about the potential for continued advancement and expansion. As the Company continues its systematic advancement of this emerging epithermal gold-silver camp, ongoing evaluation and interpretation of this latest data will provide the basis for identifying and prioritizing targets for the next round of drilling at the 3Ts Project.

The 3Ts field program is being supervised by David Pawliuk, P.Geo., and Robert Weicker, P.Geo., both of whom are qualified persons as defined by NI 43-101. The primary assay laboratory being used is Eco Tech Laboratory Ltd. in Kamloops, B.C., with check assays being performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver. B.C.

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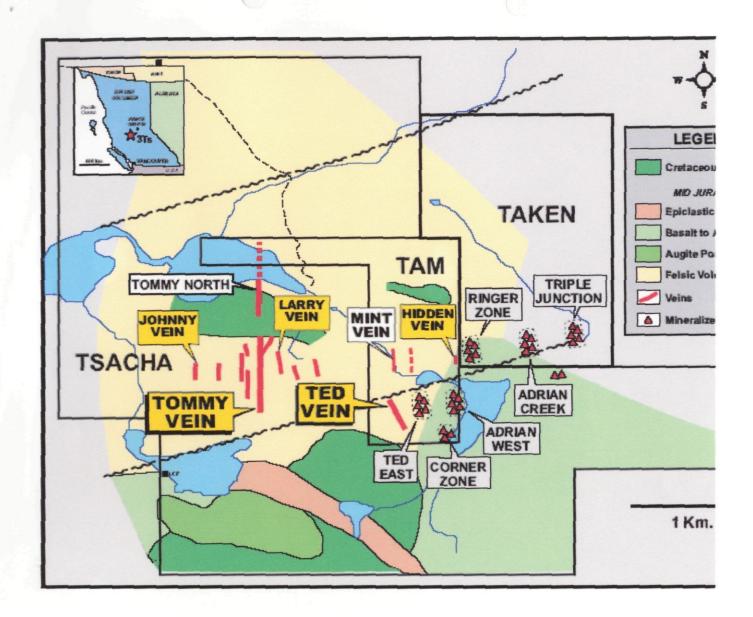
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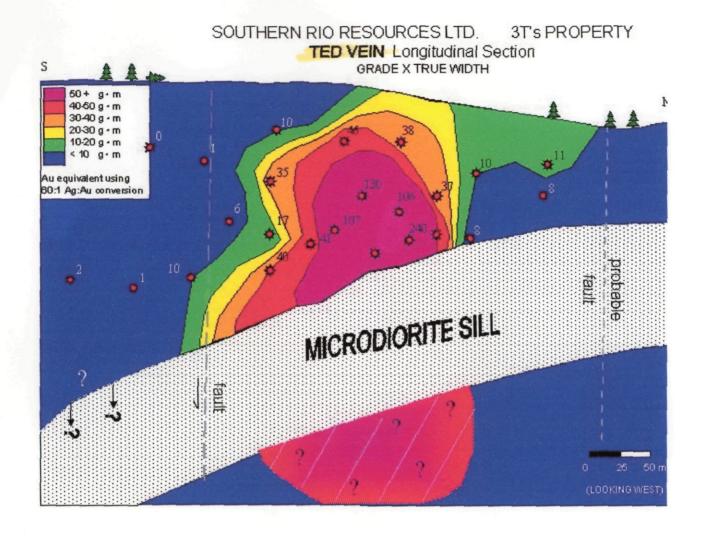
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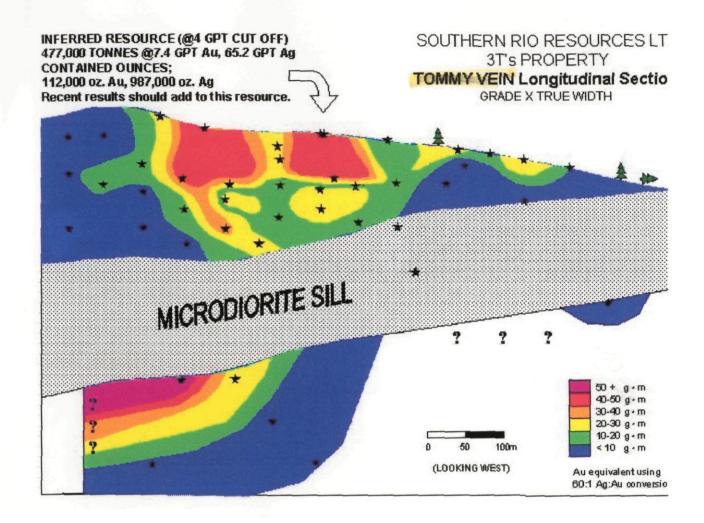
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To: Subject: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX Corporate Update

News Release - Thursday, June 03, 2004

Corporate Update

NR: 04-08

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to provide an update of its corporate activities and plans for the upcoming field

The Company's Annual and Extraordinary General Meeting was held on June 1st, 2004. The Board of Directors consisting of Lindsay Bottomer (President and CEO), Randy Turner (CFO), John McDonald, Wayne Beach and Robert Watts was re-elected. All motions presented were passed, including the deletion in its entirety of the Company's current Incentive Stock Option Plan and adoption of a new Incentive Stock Option Plan, such that, among other things, the maximum number of shares that may be the subject of options at any given time be equal in number to 10% of the issued and outstanding capital of the Company at the time of grant of the stock option.

During the previous twelve months, the Company's main focus continued to be the exploration for gold, silver and copper deposits in the Cordillera of BC and the Yukon. The continuing improvement of the economic climate in BC, combined with adverse events in some competitor jurisdictions, has reinforced the Company's decision several years ago to focus on the western Canadian Cordillera. Field programs were carried out on five of the Company's properties, with exploration expenditures in the financial year ending February 29th 2004 totaling approximately \$967,000.

The main focus continued to be on the 3Ts Project in Central BC, where two drilling programs totaling 6,800 metres tested a number of targets on the contiguous Tsacha, Tam and Taken properties for epithermal gold-silver mineralization. The highlight of this work was the intersection of 11.3 metres grading 8.83 g/t gold and 62.6 g/t silver in hole TS-04-90 on the Tommy Vein within the Tsacha property. This intersection is in an area which has received little previous drilling, and occurs immediately below a shallow intrusive diorite sill. On the adjoining Tam property one kilometre to the east, resource definition drilling on the Ted Vein encountered silver-rich mineralization immediately above the same intrusive sill. On several sections, combined gold-silver grades increase with depth towards the upper sill contact. The area below the sill on the Ted Vein has not been drilled. Further drilling is planned on both these targets.

A surface prospecting program carried out on the eastern portion of the 3Ts Project in the fall of 2003 identified numerous gold and/or silver mineralized boulders in glacial till. Of particular interest was the Ringer Zone discovery, consisting of a cluster of gold-rich boulders grading up to 78.5 g/t gold. Subsequent drilling in this area located two new mineralized veins (the Hidden and Hidden East Veins) in the bedrock. The silver and base metal-rich character of the Hidden and Hidden East mineralization suggests the Ringer boulders are not derived from this source, with the likely source area further up-ice to the west. This is a high priority target for further exploration drilling

planned later in 2004.

Epithermal mineralization of the type found at 3Ts supports some of the highest grade and most profitable precious metal mines in the world (e.g. El Penon Mine in Chile of Meridian Minerals, Midas Mine in Nevada of Newmont Gold). They are also characterized by strong zonation of metal values over short intervals, particularly in the vertical dimension. The Ted Vein exhibits strong metal zonation, providing encouragement for further drilling at depth below the current intersections.

The discovery of the Hidden Vein mineralization under 25 metres of overburden was another highlight of the 2003-04 exploration program. This is the first new discovery in the area since 1995, and encouragingly, the Hidden Zone drillcore and assays show many features similar to those of "fringe" intersections on the Ted Vein above or along strike from higher grade intersections. Follow-up drilling planned for the area of the Hidden Vein will seek to vector towards higher grade material using conceptual models developed from detailed studies of similar mineralized epithermal systems around the circum-Pacific "Rim of Fire".

Outside of the 3Ts project, the Company carried out ground geophysical surveys over a portion of the Sam property, and completed a short diamond drilling program on the Trout property. Both properties are located in the Nechako region of Central BC, and are prospective for epithermal gold and silver mineralization. Four holes totaling 301.5 metres were completed on the Trout property. Two of the holes failed to reach bedrock, while the remaining two returned anomalous gold values to a maximum of 0.63 g/t gold. The geophysical work on the Sam property consisted of ground magnetometer and VLF-EM surveying, and defined a number of anomalous zones which may correlate with areas of alteration and/or mineralization. A summer program of geological mapping and sampling is planned as follow-up.

The summer field program on the 3Ts project is planned to commence late in June. The Company wishes to thank all its shareholders for their support and interest over the past year and looks forward to another active and successful year.

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"Lindsay Bottomer"

Lindsay Bottomer President

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Summer Program Commences at 3Ts

Re: News Release - Tuesday, July 06, 2004

Summer Program Commences at 3Ts

NR: 04-10

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of a summer program of prospecting and geological mapping at the 3Ts Project in central British Columbia. A crew has been mobilized to the project to begin an initial three week program designed to expand upon the successful 2003 program.

The program will examine several underexplored portions of the project area, including the ground surrounding the eastern and northern shores of Tommy Lake (covering the projected northern extensions of the Tommy Vein), the central and northern portions of the Tam property (up-ice from the Ringer Zone discovery), and the Adrian Creek area on the Taken property in the eastern part of the project.

The prospecting campaign carried out in the fall 2003 by the same crew was highly successful, resulting in the discovery of multiple high-grade boulder occurrences, including the Ringer Zone (eight samples averaging 19.01 g/t gold and 140.1 g/t silver). The discovery of the Ringer Zone, and other boulder clusters, added significantly to the underlying value of the project and increases the potential for additional resource identification. Follow up drilling in early 2004 in the Ringer area identified two new mineralized veins, the Hidden and Hidden-East. Though significant new discoveries, management believes they are not the source of the Ringer boulder material. The presumed source area is thought to be located up-ice to the west, and remains a priority target for future drilling.

The 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project remains the Company's flagship project. While sometimes highly variable in structure and grade, low sulphidation epithermal veins host some of the most prolific and profitable mines in the Americas, including Meridian Gold's El Penon Mine in Chile, and Newmont Mining's Midas Mine in Nevada. The recent blind discovery of the Dorada Vein approximately one kilometre from El Penon (Meridian Gold news release June 29, 2004) supports the systematic exploration approach being followed by Southern Rio.

Follow-up drilling to test for extensions of the Tommy and Ted Vein mineralization as well as to identify the source of the Ringer boulder material is planned to commence in the fall. Given the current forest fire situation in much of central British Columbia, management believes it is prudent to begin the drilling in the fall when this work can be initiated with greater confidence and safety.

The Company is encouraged by the development of the 3Ts Project to date and, through focused exploration and follow-up programs of drilling, anticipates further new discoveries in this emerging gold-silver camp.

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Sent:

Monday, August 09, 2004 10:23 AM

To:

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Subject:

3Ts Summer Program Results

Re: News Release - Monday, August 09, 2004

3Ts Summer Program Results

NR: 04-12

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce assay results from its summer program of prospecting, sampling, and geological mapping at the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project in Central British Columbia.

The recent program commenced in early July and examined several previously under-explored portions of the project area. The same crew that identified multiple high-grade boulder clusters last fall, including the Ringer Zone, has now discovered additional anomalous boulders in seven new areas of the Project (refer to the Company's website for map 1 -

http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/2004-08-09_NRmap1.gif). All of these clusters may be sourced from undiscovered veins or extensions of existing veins on the 3T's Project.

The table below lists the seven new discovery areas, the number of anomalous boulders in each cluster, the average gold and silver assays for each cluster, and an initial interpretation of a possible source (refer to the Company's website for map 2 - http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/2004-08-09 NRmap2.gif):

Location (# of boulders)		of cluster Ag(g/t)	Possible Source(s)
Tommy Lk (3) N Adrian Lk (2) Taken Ridge (2) W of Mint (4) NW of Mint (3) S Ted Vein (3) E Adrian Lake (3)	26.1 20.8 4.9 2.8 2.8 1.6 0.9	259.9 299.4 14.8 207.6 43.5 202.7 47.7	NEW VEIN NEW/S Ringer NEW VEIN NEW/N Tommy NEW/N Tommy NEW/S Ted NEW VEIN

Significant individual assay highlights include:

Au g/t	Ag g/t	Location
55.4 g/t Au 39.8 g/t Au 8.2 g/t Au	532.0 g/t Ag 554.0 g/t Ag 10.6 g/t Ag	Tommy Lk N Adrian Lk Taken Ridge
2.08 g/t Au	502.0 g/t Ag	W of Mint

In total, 106 samples were collected and analyzed for gold, silver and 27 other elements (chart 1 -

http://www.southernrio.com/i/misc/2004-08-09_NRpie.gif). Of these, two samples assayed >39.0 g/t and five additional samples assayed >7.0 g/t GOLD, while three samples assayed >500 g/t, and an additional three samples assayed >200 g/t SILVER. The Company is very encouraged by the

proportion of high-grade sample results returned. Nearly 7% of the samples returned high-grade assay values (>7.0 g/t Au), and 35% of the samples returned anomalous gold values (>0.5 g/t Au).

This discovery of these new high-grade boulder clusters adds to the potential to expand several of the known veins, and/or identify undiscovered mineralization on the property. Successfully tracing these mineralized boulders to a bedrock source will increase the overall scale and underlying value of this emerging project.

Follow up programs of prospecting, geological mapping and soil geochemistry will commence later this summer in an effort to better delineate the source of the boulder samples and to determine the depth of overburden. This information will assist in identifying and prioritizing future drilling targets. Additional information will be released as work progresses.

The 3Ts field program is under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo., who is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. All analyses were carried out by Eco Tech Laboratory of Kamloops, British Columbia.

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3Ts Property Update - Discovery of New Target Zone & Proposed Drill Program

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Re:

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3Ts Property Update - Discovery of New Target Zone & Proposed

Drill Program

NR: 04-15

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce results from a late-summer field program of prospecting, auger drilling, and geological mapping on the 3Ts project located 125 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof, BC. The program identified a new target area, designated as "Taken Ridge", which has been outlined by a NW-SE trend of quartz boulders over a strike of 270 metres. The average of five boulder samples returned 6.44 g/t gold (Au) and 68.1 g/t silver (Ag). Values range from a high of 14.80 g/t Au and 128.0 g/t Ag, to a low of 0.21 g/t Au and 24.6 g/t Ag. The Taken Ridge target is transected by existing forestry access roads which will aid further exploration by trenching and/or drilling.

The Company is also pleased to report that up to 6,000 metres of diamond drilling is scheduled to commence at the 3Ts project upon receipt of permits from the B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines. The 3Ts project hosts multiple, low sulphide, gold-silver epithermal vein systems that have been drilled and systematically advanced by the Company in three previous programs (2001-2004). The proposed exploration drilling will focus on testing for extensions, along strike and at depth, of the Ted and Tommy veins, and will seek to discover the in-situ bedrock source of the high grade Ringer Zone boulder material.

Priority driff targets for this program include the continuation of the Ted Vein below a flat-lying, microdiorite sill. Drilling beneath the sill at the nearby Tommy Vein proved to be successful, with significant gold and silver intersections in 6 of 10 holes. On the Ted Vein, one vertical hole (252-05) by a previous operator indicated a vertical thickness of the microdiorite sill of 87 metres. The first hole of this proposed program is designed to test the Ted Vein below the sill, with an angled (-62°) hole estimated at 375 metres depth. This hole is designed to target the Ted Vein below previous holes TT03-28 (8.9 m true width, 3.22 g/t Au and 86.1 g/t Ag), TT03-16 (12.5 m true width, 3.78 g/t Au and 137.5 g/t Ag) and hole 252-09 (10.0 m true width, 8.88 g/t Au and 393.6 g/t Ag). The weighed average of these previous three holes above the sill is 5.25 g/t Au and 204.5 g/t Ag, over an average of 10.5 metres.

Additionally, the proposed program will seek to expand and extend the Tommy Vein below the sill, with follow up drilling of hole TS04-90 (see news release dated March 2, 2004) which intersected 11.31 metres (estimated true width nine metres) grading 8.83 g/t Au and 62.6 g/t Ag. Currently four holes are proposed to test the extension of this mineralization to depth and to the south. The objective is to establish sufficient drill hole density and continuity below the sill on the Tommy Vein to facilitate a preliminary resource calculation under 43-101 guidelines.

A third priority target for this drilling program is the bedrock source of the high grade Ringer Zone material where results from eight samples

returned an average of 19.01 g/t Au and 140.1 g/t Ag. Previous diamond drilling by the Company in the vicinity of the Ringer Zone identified two previously undiscovered veins, the Hidden and H-East veins, with the best results in the H-East vein returning 2.07 g/t Au and 17.2 g/t Ag across a true width of 1.2 meters (see news release dated February 5, 2004). While these new veins contained significant anomalous gold and silver values, it is the view of the Company's geological team that these veins are not the source of the Ringer Boulders.

The 3Ts field programs are under the supervision of David Pawliuk, PGeo, and Robert Weicker, PGeo, both of whom are qualified persons as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Weicker, PGeo, oversaw the preparation of this release. The Company maintains a quality control program to ensure best practice in sampling and analysis of surface and drill core samples. The primary assay laboratory being used is Eco Tech Laboratory Ltd. in Kamloops, B.C., with check assays being performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver. The Company is pleased to be resuming work on the 3Ts project as it seeks to expand the mineral resources and discover new zones of gold and silver mineralization.

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Randy Turner, Director

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Schroeter, Tom EM:EX

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Drilling Commences at 3Ts Project, New Property Acquired

Drilling Commences at 3Ts Project, New Property Acquired

NR: 04-16

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. ("Southern Rio") is pleased to report that drilling has commenced on the 3Ts gold-silver project located near Vanderhoof, B.C. A program of approximately 5,000 metres of diamond drilling is planned for this phase. This work, which is expected to continue through to March 2005, will be the largest single program to date by Southern Rio.

The initial holes will target possible extensions of the Ted Vein and Tommy Vein mineralization, where inferred resources currently total approximately 175,000 ounces gold equivalent (using a 60:1 Au:Ag conversion ratio).

The initial drilling on the Tommy Vein will follow up on Southern Rio's hole TS04-90, which intersected 11.31 metres (estimated true width 9.0 metres) grading 8.83 g/t gold and 62.6 g/t silver. On the Ted Vein, drilling will target projected extensions of the known mineralization beneath a shallow microdiorite sill. With no previous drilling by Southern Rio beneath the sill at the Ted Vein, this represents a high priority target, as previous drilling immediately above the sill intersected high grade silver-gold mineralization.

In the new year, additional drilling will be undertaken to test for the bedrock sources of multiple highgrade clusters of float boulders. Of specific interest is the Ringer Zone, where results from eight samples returned an average of 19 g/t gold and 140 g/t silver.

The 3Ts field program is under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo. who is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101. Results from the drilling program will be announced on an ongoing basis as they become available.

Southern Rio is also pleased to report that, subject to regulatory approval, it has agreed to acquire 31 claims known as the Tommy Lakes Property from Matthew J. Mason, for a consideration of 100,000 Southern Rio shares and reimbursement of acquisition costs totaling \$6,517.93. The claims comprising the Tommy Lakes Property are contiguous with the 3Ts Property and may cover prospective bedrock targets based on the results of Southern Rio's ongoing surface exploration programs.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 3:24 PM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX

Subject: Ted Vein Extension Discovered on 3Ts Project

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Re: News Release - Tuesday, January 11, 2005
Ted Vein Extension Discovered on 3Ts Project

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce that hole TT-04-37, the initial hole of the current drilling program on the 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project in central British Columbia, has discovered the continuation of the Ted Vein beneath a 70 metre thick intrusive sill.

Previous drilling on the Ted Vein focused on the interval from surface to the upper contact of the sill at between 120 and 140 metres depth, where an initial inferred resource has been defined (refer September 9, 2004 news release). Hole TT-04-37 represents the first drilling beneath the sill at Ted, and tested the inferred vein position approximately 200 metres below the known mineralisation. The hole intersected 17.4 metres of quartz-carbonate veining from 384.0 to 401.4 metres (estimated true width 10.0 metres). An 11 metre interval from 388.3 to 399.3 metres (estimated true width 6.5 metres) grades 3.74 g/t gold and 59.3 g/t silver, or 4.73 g/t gold equivalent using a 60:1 gold to silver ratio.

This intersection greatly expands the size potential of the Ted Vein both along strike and up and down dip, and indicates a strongly developed, robust epithermal vein system. A long section showing the position of the TT-04-37 intersection in relation to previous drilling on the Ted Vein is posted on the Company's website (http://www.southernrio.com/s/3Ts.asp#ted), and core from the above intersection will be on display at the upcoming Mineral Exploration RoundUp in Vancouver on Tuesday January 25th.

Drilling continues on the 3Ts project, with the drill currently exploring for further extensions of the Tommy Vein, located approximately one kilometre west of the Ted Vein. Further work on the Ted Vein is planned for later in the year.

The 3Ts field program is under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo., who is a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101. The primary assay laboratory being used is Eco Tech Laboratory Ltd. in Kamloops, with check assays being performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd. in Vancouver.

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, March 14, 2005 4:18 PM

To: Subject: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX Tommy Vein Intersection Highlights Tsacha Program

News Release - Monday, March 14, 2005

Tommy Vein Intersection Highlights Tsacha Program

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to report further results from the winter drilling program on the 3Ts project southwest of Vanderhoof in central BC. Assay results have now been received for the twelve holes drilled on the optioned Tsacha property. The Tsacha drilling was planned to further test the Tommy Vein, where previous work has outlined an inferred mineral resource of 552,500 tonnes grading 6.82 g/t gold and 60.9 g/t silver, as well as a number of conceptual targets elsewhere on the property.

The highlight of the program was hole TS-05-108, drilled to test the central portion of the vein system <u>immediately</u> below a 100 metre thick intrusive sill. Limited previous drilling in this area had returned inconclusive results. Hole TS-05-108 intersected 14.37 metres of quartz-carbonate vein starting from 220.56 metres depth. An 8.86 metre interval from 220.56 to 229.42 metres (estimated true width 6.0 metres) grades 10.89 g/t gold and 60.2 g/t silver, including a higher grade interval of 2.56 metres grading 23.1 g/t gold and 153.2 g/t silver. Hole TS-05-108 also intersected a 2.33 metre interval of the Larry Vein above the sill from 40.27 to 42.60 metres. A 1.0 metre interval of the Larry Vein from 40.27 metres (estimated true width 0.7 metres) grades 19.7 q/t gold and 150.0 q/t silver.

The Tommy Vein intersection demonstrates that the vein structure is strongly developed in this area and remains open, particularly along strike to the north from the TS-05-108 intersection. A cross section (http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/tomx.jpg) and a long section (http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/toml.jpg) showing the position of the TS-05-108 intersection in relation to other drill holes on the Tommy Vein is posted on the Company's website.

At the south end of the Tommy Vein, step-out drilling from previous drill hole TS-04-90 (which returned an intersection of 9.0 metres grading 8.83 g/t gold and 62.6 g/t silver) encountered narrower widths and lower grade values.

The results from TS-05-108 have opened up a new segment of the Tommy Vein system as being prospective for ore grade and width intervals. The geology in this area is complex, with both faulting and irregularities in the sill contact being possible explanations for the lack of success in the previous drilling. Drilling on the property ceased last week due to the imminent arrival of spring break-up. The Company's technical team is currently reviewing all data from the program before making recommendations for further work.

The 3Ts field program is under the supervision of David Pawliuk, P.Geo., who is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. The primary assay laboratory used is Eco Tech Laboratory in Kamloops, with check assays being performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver.

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From: Southern Rio Resources Ltd. [info@southernrio.com]

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To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX

Subject: Highly Anomalous Gold Values in Lake Sediments at 3Ts Project

Re: News Release - Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Title: Highly Anomalous Gold Values in Lake Sediments at 3Ts Project

Southern Rio Resource Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce the identification of significant historical data related to the Company's 3Ts epithermal gold-silver project in central British Columbia.

In March 2005, the Company engaged Stephen Cook, P.Geo., an independent geochemical consultant, to review and evaluate historical geochemical work on the 3Ts project area and identify areas warranting further work. A highlight of the review was the integration of historical results from a regional lake sediment sampling program completed in 1993 by the Geological Survey of British Columbia. The program sampled 237 lake sites throughout the Interior Plateau region of central British Columbia (covering over 1,800 square kilometres) and reported sample results ranging from 1 to 256 parts per billion (ppb) gold.

Included in the survey were seven lakes within the 3Ts Project boundary area. Examination of the historical data shows that Adrian Lake, Tommy Lake, T-Bone Lake, and Carter Lake, all located within the 3Ts Project area, contained highly anomalous gold concentrations, significantly higher than the regional median in lake sediments. The following table shows relevant results (gold analysed by INAA) from the 1993 program:

•	Gold ppb (reported analyses)	Gold ppb (check analyses)	
Regional Median (of 251 samples) Adrian Lake (3Ts Property) T-Bone Lake (3Ts Property) Carter Lake (3Ts Property) Tommy Lake (3Ts Property) 3Ts Project Median (based on 7 lakes within boundaries)	1 ppb 256 ppb 44 ppb 8 ppb 4 ppb	N/A 970 ppb 26 ppb 7 ppb N/A	

For a map detailing the locations of the lakes sampled at the 3Ts visit: http://www.southernrio.com/i/maps/3TsGeologyApr06_05Veins_LakeSediments.gif

The results from Adrian, T-Bone, and Carter Lakes fall within the 90th percentile of lake sediment gold data from the program. Of particular interest is the Adrian Lake result, which returned one of the highest sediment gold results of the entire regional program.

Adrian Lake is located within the eastern portion of the project area, in close proximity to the Ringer Zone discovery site, and other high grade boulder clusters. The relatively high gold concentration in sediment from Adrian Lake, combined with previously identified concentrations of high-grade boulder clusters in the surrounding area, further supports the occurrence of undiscovered, mineralized bedrock source(s) from which these high values originate.

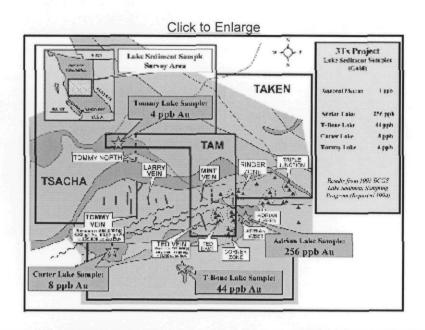
Lake sediment from T-Bone Lake, in the south-central portion of the project area also returned highly elevated gold values (more than 40 times the regional median) in an area of the property where there has been very little exploration.

To evaluate the significance of the historical results, and better delineate the possible source area(s) of these elevated gold concentrations in lake sediments, the Company is planning a follow-up program of detailed lake sediment sampling at Adrian and T-Bone Lakes to commence in approximately two weeks. This work will be supervised by David Pawliuk, P.Geo., who is a qualified person as defined by NI 43-101.

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Sent:

Monday, October 24, 2005 7:20 PM

To: Subject: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX Corporate Developments

Re:

News Release - Monday, October 24, 2005

Corporate Developments

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") announces that an Extraordinary and Special General Meeting will be held on November 30, 2005 at which the Company will seek shareholder approval for a share

consolidation on the basis of one new share for each five current shares held by shareholders of record as at October 26, 2005. In conjunction with the share consolidation, the Company is proposing to change its name to Silver Quest Resources Ltd.

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The Company also wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert F. Weicker P.Geo. to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Weicker is a consulting geologist with 30 years exploration and mining experience and is familiar with the Company's current exploration activities, having been one its principal technical consultants for the last four

years.

The Company also wishes to announce that it is proposing to amend the expiry date of 2,755,000 and 1,625,000 outstanding warrants (the "Warrants") (35,000 of which are held by insiders) from December 20, 2005 to December 20, 2006, subject to TSX Venture Exchange approval. The Warrants will remain exercisable into common shares at a price of \$0.15 and \$0.20 respectively.

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Silver Quest Commences Winter Drill Programs

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Silver Quest Commences Winter Drill Programs

Silver Quest Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce commencement of a winter diamond drill program to further test the Company's Davidson and 3Ts Projects, both located approximately 100 - 120 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof in central British Columbia, and approximately 450 kilometers north of Vancouver. The planned program of approximately 3,000 metres of diamond drilling over six to eight weeks will initially focus on the Davidson followed by the 3Ts Project. A winter camp established part-way between the Company's Davidson and 3Ts projects will allow streamlined access to both projects during the work programs. Falcon Drilling Ltd. of Prince George is the drill contractor on both projects.

Davidson project

The initial focus of the drill program will be to follow-up on the results of the Company's previously announced Hole DAV-05-02 (see news release dated November 3, 2005), which discovered a new zone of disseminated gold-silver mineralization on the Davidson property.

The discovery hole DAV-05-02 returned 1.80 g/t gold, 6.5 g/t silver and 0.12% zinc from 96 to 160 metres depth. The mineralized intercept is hosted by strongly altered (argillic, sercitic, variably siliceous) felsic volcanics, indicating the presence of a robust mineralizing system. The orientation and true width of the mineralized intercept in hole DAV-05-02 are unknown. Anomalous gold was first intersected at a depth of 46 meters in hole DAV-05-02; and core from a depth of 46 metres to the bottom of the hole at 236.5 meters, contained 0.81 g/t gold and 3.3 g/t silver across 190.5 meters.

Hole DAV-05-02 is located approximately 360 metres west-northwest of the closest previous drill hole, DAV-92-35, which was drilled by Granges in 1992. This hole returned 1.41 g/t gold and 1.8 g/t silver over 21.3 meters from 151.0 to 171.3 meters (end of hole) with a higher grade portion of 4.91 g/t gold and 1.9 g/t silver across 4.3 metres, from 167 to 171.3 metres depth.

Hole DAV-05-02 is located approximately 450 meters west-southwest of previous drill hole DAV-92-33, which returned 1.64 g/t gold and 6.3 g/t silver over 23 meters from 116 to 139 meters depth. This intersection includes higher grade intercepts of 2.03 g/t gold and 12.6 g/t silver across 8 meters, and 4.76 g/t gold and 64.8 g/t silver across 3.0 meters.

The target indicated in hole DAV-05-2 is a large tonnage, disseminated gold-silver mineralized zone that would be amenable to open pit mining and possibly processing by heap leaching methods.

Mr. Robert Weicker is the Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, for the Davidson project and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this release and verified the scientific and technical information and opinions contained herein by reviewing the underlying data.

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3Ts Project Drilling Update

NR: 06-06

Silver Quest Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to report two significant gold and silver intersections from Hole TT-306-38 on the Ted Vein target, on the 3T's Project.

Results from hole TT-06-38 are follows:

Drill Depth Intercept Gold Silver Est. True Width (m) (metres) (m) (Au) (Ag) 2.78 g/t Au 241.3 g/t Ag 289.0-299.0 10.0 m 5.6 m 307.0-319.6 12.6 m 3.83 q/t Au 137.3 q/t Aq 7.1 m

The weighted average of the entire intersection in hole TT-06-38 is 2.68 g/t gold and 152.1 g/t silver over a core length of 30.9 metres and an estimated true width of 17.2 metres. Based on gold and silver values, and estimated true width, this represents the best drill intersection to date, drilled by the Company on the Ted Vein.

The Ted Vein has been drilled previously by the Company, with all resources to date defined above a flat-lying microdiorite sill that is 75-85 meters in thickness. Hole TT-06-38 is only the second hole drilled below the sill at Ted. The previous hole drilled beneath the sill on the Ted Vein (Hole TT-04-37) returned 11.0 metres of 3.74 g/t Au and 59.27 g/t Ag, with an estimated true width of 6.0 metres. The Ted Vein, above the sill currently has an inferred mineral resource of 273,800 tonnes grading 2.00 g/t gold and 133 g/t silver (see Southern Rio Resources Ltd. news release dated September 9, 2004), with an average true width of 6.2 meters based on 17 drill holes.

Hole TT-06-38 has returned more than double the average width with higher gold and silver values, indicating a well developed, robust epithermal vein system with excellent potential to expand the gold and silver resource below the sill.

Hole TT-06-38 represents the final hole of the recently completed winter drilling programs at both the 3Ts and Davidson Projects. Follow-up programs of exploration and drilling are being proposed for late spring or early summer 2006.

Mr. Robert Weicker, P.Geo. is the Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, for the Davidson and 3T's project and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this release and verified the scientific and technical information and opinions contained herein by reviewing the underlying data.

The 3T's project is a gold-silver project located in Central British Columbia. Acquired, through staking and Option Agreements, the three contiguous properties comprising the project total 34 sq km covering a bonanza style, epithermal gold-silver camp located approximately 120km southwest of Vanderhoof.

Silver Quest is an established Canadian junior exploration company with a focus on silver and gold projects, with nine mineral properties in B.C., Ontario and the Yukon. For Silver Quest property locations and information, visit the Company's web site at www.silverguest.ca.

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NR: 06-05

Silver Quest Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to report the following update on the recent drilling program at the Company's Davidson and 3T's projects located in central British Columbia.

DAVIDSON PROJECT

The second and final hole of this program at Davidson, DAV-06-07 was collared 50 metres northwest of the previously announced DAV-05-02 (see news release dated April 4, 2006). A new zone of silver-gold mineralization has been discovered at the top of Hole DAV-06-07, including:

Drill depth Intercept Gold Silver Silver Eqv

36.7 - 48.0 m 12.3 metres 1.25 g/t Au 46.1 g/t Ag 121.1 g/t

Note, silver equivalents (Eqv) are based on a 60:1 silver to gold ratio.

Drill depth Intercept Gold Silver Silver Eqv 36.7 -- 48.0 m 12.3 metres 1.25 g/t Au 46.1 g/t Ag 121.1 g/t Note, silver equivalents (Eqv) are based on a 60:1 silver to gold ratio. This mineralized zone was intersected at the base of the overburden at 36.7 metres, and is hosted in a rhyolite lapilli tuff unit, associated with a high Ag:Au ratio (37). This new silver zone of mineralization is geologically similar to the Davidson's previously explored "Silver Zone" located approximately 350 metres to the north of hole DAV-06-07. The "Silver Zone" is described as a shallow, flat-lying body up to 70 metres thick and remains open in several directions (see news release Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (SNZ) April 27, 2005). Additional drill testing will be required to sufficiently determine continuity of mineralization of this new silver-gold zone. Hole DAV-06-07 also intersected a lower zone of similar mineralization from 64.0 to 76.0 meters, returning 1.02 g/t Au and 17.7 g/t Ag over 12.0 meters (78.7 g/t Ag Equivalent).

Hole DAV-06-07 was drilled to 195.7 metres and was terminated due to poor ground conditions. The projected west to west-south-west extension of the gold mineralization encountered in holes DAV-06-06 (26.0 metres grading 3.98 g/t Au and 19.0 g/t Ag) and DAV-05-02 (14.0 metres grading

4.93 g/t Au and 17.1 g/t Ag), has not been adequately tested and additional drilling is required to determine the strike orientation of this zone of gold mineralization.

The Company acquired a 100% interest in the Davidson gold-silver Property in April 2005. The property area covers 28 contiguous cell claims totaling approximately 500 hectares in central British Columbia.

Situated in the Nechako Plateau region, the property is accessible by secondary logging roads, and is located approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Vanderhoof. The property hosts several types of epithermal gold and silver mineralization, with the potential for large-tonnage, disseminated gold-silver-mineralized zones.

3T's PROJECT

The 3T's project is located approximately 20 kilometres southwest of the Davidson

project. All resources to date are above a flat-lying microdiorite sill, although drilling has confirmed significant continuity of the veins below this unit.

Drilling during the recent program included one hole to test the Ted Vein beneath the underlying sill. Hole TT-06-38, encountered a wide zone of quartz-carbonate veining over 32.9 metres (core length) from

286.7 to 319.6 metres. The midpoint of this strong Ted Vein intercept is located 70 meters vertically below the microdiorite sill, and approximately 65 meters northeast and 80 meters above hole TT-04-37 which previously represented the only hole drilled below the sill, and intersected 3.74 g/t gold and 59.3 g/t silver, or 4.73 g/t gold equivalent using a 60:1 gold to silver ratio, over 11 metres (true width 6.5 metres) at a depth of 399.3 metres. Assays are pending from hole TT-06-38.

Drilling was also completed on the <u>Ringer Boulder target</u> where previous prospecting has resulted in the discovery of multiple high-grade boulder occurrences, including the <u>Ringer zone</u> (eight samples averaging

19.01 g/t gold and 140.1 g/t silver). Two holes were attempted. Hole TK-06-12 was terminated in deep overburden at 36.0 metres due to difficult drilling conditions. Hole TK-06-13 was completed to a depth of 120.7 metres with 41.4 metres of overburden. A narrow 0.5 metres quartz-carbonate vein was intersected in this hole at a depth of 78.2 metres, with assays pending.

The 3T's project is located in central British Columbia. Acquired, through staking and Option Agreements, the three contiguous properties comprising the project total 34 sq km covering a bonanza style, epithermal gold-silver camp located approximately 120km southwest of Vanderhoof. Work to date by the Company has defined a combined inferred resource of 176,000 gold equivalent ounces on the Tommy and the Ted veins.

Drilling on both projects has recently been suspended for the "spring break-up" period. With two additional encouraging holes on the Davidson Project and a wide intersection of the Ted vein on the 3T's project, the Company is planning additional exploration and drilling on these targets.

Eco Tech Laboratory in Kamloops performed the primary assays, and check assays will be submitted to Acme Analytical Laboratories in Vancouver.

Falcon Drilling Ltd. of Prince George is the drill contractor on both projects. Mr. Robert Weicker is the Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, for the Davidson and 3T's project and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this release and verified the scientific and technical information and opinions contained herein by reviewing the underlying data.

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Subject: Drill Update - Corcoran Canyon and 3Ts Projects

Re: News Release - Friday, November 24, 2006

Drill Update - Corcoran Canyon and 3Ts Projects

News Release: 06-12

Silver Quest Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to announce an update on two drill programs in progress on the Corcoran Canyon project in central Nevada, and the 3T's project in central British Columbia. To date, highlights include a silver intersection of 411.0 g/t Ag over 3.5 metres in the first hole on the Corcoran Canyon project, and a strong intersection of epithermal veining of the Ted Vein in two holes completed on the 3Ts project.

The current program is the first drill activity on the property since 1989 (Press Release October 4, 2006), and is focused on confirming and extending the multiple silver-rich mineralized structures. Initial assay results from the first hole include:

From	To	Interval m	Ag g/t	Au g/t	Ag oz/t	Au oz/t
		3.5 m		0.27	11.99	0.008
Within a	wider miner	alized zone of	:			
357.5	365.2	7.6 m	196.7	0.16	5.74	0.005

The Company is very pleased with these initial high-grade silver intersections. This phase of the Corcoran Canyon drill program will be completed with the third drill hole to a depth of approximately 425 metres over the next two weeks. The Company has an option/joint-venture agreement with Bullion River Gold Corp. to acquire up to a 75-percent interest in the Corcoran Canyon silver project located in Nye county, 80 kilometres north of Tonopah and 19 km east of the Round Mountain gold mine.

The Company is also actively drilling on the 3Ts project with three holes completed comprising approximately 980 metres. Two holes targeting the Lower Ted Vein (below the microdiorite sill unit) have returned wide zones of quartz-carbonate veining (+25 metres, core intersections). Assays are pending and three additional holes are planned on the Ted Vein target during this program.

The Company has drilled the Ted Vein target previously, with a NI 43-101 compliant resource within the portion of the vein above a flat-lying microdiorite sill that is 75 to 85 metres in thickness.

Limited previous drilling by the Company (Press Release April 25, 2006) on the Ted Vein below the sill, included hole TT-06-38, which returned 2.68 grams per tonne gold and 152.1 g/t silver (5.21 grams per tonne gold equivalent, based on 60:1 Ag:Au ratio) over a core length of 30.9 metres and an estimated true width of 17.2 metres. Based on gold and silver values, and estimated true width, this represented the best drill intersection to date, drilled by the company on the Ted vein zone.

Complete results from both ongoing drill programs will be issued as they become available.

Robert Weicker, PGeo, is the qualified person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101, for the Corcoran Canyon and 3T's project, and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this release and verified the scientific and technical information and opinions contained herein by reviewing the underlying data.

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New Discovery On 3T's Property Private Placement Closes And Debt Settled

__________ News Release - Thursday, September 04, 2003

New Discovery On 3T's Property Private Placement Closes And Debt

NR: 03-10

Southern Rio Resources Ltd. (the "Company") is pleased to give an update on activities on all four of its gold-silver properties located in the Nechako Plateau region of Central BC.

Following on from the successful winter drilling program on the 3Ts Project, the Company contracted David Rhys, P.Geo. to report on the structural and geological setting of the mineralization. His work demonstrated that the Tommy and Ted Veins are classical shear-veins within a much larger epithermal alteration system. Mapping of the alteration suggests that the Tommy Vein is displaced at its southern end, and that the mineralized vein structure may continue across the fault. A prospecting program to further investigate this idea is currently underway.

In addition, the current prospecting and mapping program, under the direction of David Pawliuk, P.Geo., is focusing on the eastern part of the project area, where a number of mineralized boulders of vein material occur with values of up to 19.2 grams/tonne gold and 148 grams/tonne silver. To date the program has confirmed most of the known occurrences as well as defining several new locations. Of particular note is the discovery of a new occurrence on the southwestern part of the Taken Property. The Ringer Zone consists of several adjacent large, angular boulders of quartz vein material up to 2 metres in maximum dimension, variably mineralized with base metal sulphides. Base metal sulphides have proven to be an excellent indicator of the presence of associated precious metals elsewhere on the project. Initial samples from the Ringer Zone and other mineralized boulders have been submitted for assay. Additional prospecting and sampling is underway, with trenching planned to better define this new target for initial drill testing.

Elsewhere in the region, the Company has carried out further reconnaissance work on the Uduk Lake, Sam and Trout properties. Uduk Lake covers a large alteration system in felsic volcanics, with widespread anomalous gold values in a setting analogous to the Round Mountain gold deposit in Nevada. Several E-Scan geophysical anomalies have been interpreted as possible mineralized alteration pipes, and represent high priority drill targets. At (Sam) plans for gridding and geophysics to better define the undrilled anomaly along strike from the known mineralized zone await the completion of clear-cut logging operations currently in progress. At Trout reinterpretation of previous drilling results has defined possible untested extensions of the known breccia-hosted gold mineralization, which returned intersections of up to 20 metres grading 3.82 grams/tonne gold and 20.7 metres grading 3.42 grams/tonne gold. The Company is planning additional drilling to test the new interpretation.

The Company also wishes to announce the closing of a private placement with Contrarian Resource Fund 2003 No. 1 Limited Partnership for 1,000,000 units (the "Units"), each Unit comprised of one flowthrough

recommon share (the "FT Shares") and one-half (½) of one non-flow-through non-transferable share purchase warrant (the "Warrants") of the Company at \$0.10 per Unit to net the treasury an aggregate of \$100,000. One whole Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional non-flowthrough common share (the "Warrant Shares") of the Company for a period of 18 months from the date of closing of the transaction at \$0.125 per share.

A finder's fee comprising (i) 8% of the value of the gross proceeds in the form of cash, and (ii) 10% of the number of Units placed in the form of non-transferable share purchase warrants having the same terms and conditions as the Warrants, will be paid. All shares issued in connection with this transaction are subject to a hold period of four months plus one day from the date of issuance.

Further to the news release dated July 17, 2003, the Company wishes to announce that it has settled in full indebtedness in the aggregate amount of \$45,292.56 with a trade creditor (the "Creditor") by the conversion thereof into 377,438 units at a price of \$0.12 per unit in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. Each unit is comprised of one common share and one non-transferable share purchase warrant entitling the Creditor to purchase one additional common share for a period of 24 months at a price of \$0.15 during the initial 12-month period and at a price of \$0.18 during the remaining 12 months of the 24-month period. All of the shares and warrants will be subject to a hold period of four months plus one day, expiring on January 3, 2004. Effective September 2, 2003, such indebtedness has been extinguished.

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Tam Property (3Ts Project) - Success!

Importance:

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Gentlemen, I attended/participated in Southern Rio Resources Ltd.'s "Show & Tell" today in Vancouver from 1:30-2:30pm. Lindsay Bottomer (President and CEO), Randy Turner (Director and current Prseident and CEO of Diamondex Resources Ltd.) and Bob Weicker (Chief Geologist) hosted the event, put on primarily for 'brokers'. The Tsacha-Tam-Taken project, located 120 km SW of Vanderhoof is nearing completion of a winter drilling program (~\$200,000), focused on the Ted and Mint veins on the Tam property. The News Release issued today reported assay results from the first 3 holes; 2 holes were on display. Hole TT-16 returned an intersection of 28m grading 3.78g/t (.11 opt) Au and 137.5g/t (4.01 opt) Ag. A higher grade portion returned 16m grading 5.96g/t (.17 opt) Au and 136.6g/t (4.0 opt) Ag. Four additional holes have been completed on the Ted vein (assays pending); six holes are in progress on the Mint vein, to the north. The drill will be left on site, for the next phase of work in June. Southern Rio expects to do a 'back of the envelope' resource calculation on the Ted/Mint vein systems (together with the existing Tommy vein resource); the goal is to identify/define at least 500,000 ounces of gold. The company makes anologies to some of the world's most profitable low sulphidation epithermal gold-sil/ver systems, such as Meridian Gold's El Penon, Chile mine, Newmont's Midas, Neveda mine and Sumitomo Mining's Hishikari mine, Japan.

***This project represents one of the best scenarios of mineral OPPORTUNITIES in BC, basically as a fallout from the lack of exploration activity in BC over the past decade. And gues what? - there's a great 'tie' to the government - specifically to the Geological Survey Branch, from the intital studies of the Nechako Plateau (incl. this area) by Schroeter and Lane (1992-present) and most importantly to the intital discovery by a GSB regional mapping crew, led by Larry Diakow and Ian Webster in 1993-4. Larry continues to be 'involved' directly via a GSB Parnership program ***Bottom Line - Significant new results released today = sig. new interest by brokerage houses = kickstart to BC expl'n/development = New Mine in the making?

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Lane Weekly to October 25, 2002

Northeast-Central Region

Exploration News

3 Ts (Southern Rio Resources)

Lindsay Bottomer visited the office on Oct. 21/02 and provided an update on the Southern Rio's drilling on the '3 Ts' gold-silver project, 120 km SW of Vanderhoof. Five holes have been completed to date on the Tscaha property: four on the main Tommy vein and one on the Larry vein. Of significance are two holes on the north end of the Tommy vein that intersected the vein beneath a flat-lying sill and extend the vein 400 metres to the north (giving it a minimum strike length of 1000 metres). The next 4-5 holes will be drilled on the adjacent Tam property targeting the Ted vein. Another 2 holes are planned for the Tommy vein.

Myrtle (International Wayside Gold Mines; optioned from Gold City Resources)

International Wayside has released assay results from three of five surface drill holes completed on the Myrtle claims near Wells. The vein system is approximately 300 m into the hangingwall of the BC vein/Bonanza Ledge trend. Hole M02-01 intersected 17.68 metres of quartz-pyrite vein averaging 0.266 oz/ton Au. Hole M02-03 intersected 4.72 m of discrete quartz-pyrite vein grading 0.131 oz/ton Au. The veins occur in Rainbow member metasedimentary rocks, similar to those that host mineralization at the former Cariboo Gold Quartz mine.

Brenda (Northgate Exploration on option from Canasil Resources)

Northgate has drilled 5 holes on the Brenda porphyry copper-gold prospect north of the Kemess mine. No results have been released.

Field Activity

Nazko-Lava Rock Quarry (Canada Pumice Corporation)

Visited with Inspector Ed Pittman and company president Brian Wear on October 18. Quarry operation is located approx. 110 km west of Quesnel and runs for 6-8 months of the year, but could go year round if demand for product increased. Both red and black sized-tephra products are produced by simple screening and are shipped by truck to the lower mainland and Washington state. A 20-car shipment was railed to Ontario earlier in the summer. Possible supply contracts to California and other more distant markets would require significant expansion of the existing operation. Production for 2002 is estimated at 30,000 cubic yards. The company is also studying a process of making a paving product from a mixture of ground recycled asphalt shingles and tephra.

Nugget Mountain (Cons. Pacific Bay)

Visited with Inspector Ken MacDonald on October 23. Trenching focused on the possible extension of the Jewelry Shop gold-rich quartz-sulphide vein showing and encountered a series of narrow, fabric-parallel quartz-sericite-Fe carbonate veins

Mountain Group (Mark Heinzelman)

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Northeast-Central Region

Exploration News

Hawk (Redcorp Ventures)

Redcorp Ventures has released assays from its 12-hole diamond drilling program on the Hawk mesothermal gold property in the Omineca Mountains 70 km northwest of Germansen Landing. The AD, Radio North, Radio South and newly discovered Zulu qz-py-hm-cpy veins were all successfully intersected. The best intersection on the AD vein averaged 4.66 g/t Au and 25 g/t Ag over an estimated true width of 5.0 m. Most of the other vein intersections are narrow, but carry moderate to high gold grades (up to 29.27 g/t Au over 0.25 m) with locally significant Ag credits and up to 2% Cu. Drilling intersected the veins to a vertical depth of about 100 m. Successful surface work completed earlier in the year, together with the encouraging drill results, will likely lead to a significant exploration program in 2003.

Pine (Stealth Minerals)

Stealth Minerals has raised proceeds of \$1 million for exploration on the Pine property in 2003. The company plans to focus on the Wrich epithermal gold and VIP gold-copper skarn zones where work this year produced a number of drill targets.

3 Ts (Southern Rio Resources)

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Drilling has commenced on the '3 Ts' gold-silver project located 120 km southwest of Vanderhoof in Central BC. Earlier in the year Southern Rio carried out a program of prospecting, geological mapping and geophysical surveys which identified a number of new targets on the contiguous Tsacha, Tam and Taken properties. The 1500-metre drill program will test six areas for bonanza-style epithermal precious metal mineralization.

Woodjam (Fjordland Exploration Inc)

A second phase of diamond drilling is nearing completion on the Woodjam porphyry Au-Cu prospect near Horsefly. Current drilling is targeting the possible northeasterly extension of the structurally controlled mineralization. The second of two holes cut a zone of propylitic-altered andesite flows and pyroclastics that carry up to 8% pyrite (most noticeably as replacements of pyroclasts), but no visible chalcopyrite. (visited Oct. 16/02)

Office Activity

Timberline Forest Industry Consultants

Met with Janet Riddell (former GSBer) regarding her employer's wishes to expand their scope of technical support to the mining and exploration sector.

Northeast-Central Region Exploration Summary

Compilation is ongoing...

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NE-Central Region Expl'n update

Lane Weekly Report for September 14 - 18, 1998.

Exploration Monitoring:

Cantin Creek) A weak(?) epithermal gold system is the target for a re-evaluation program by Paramount Ventures consisting of property mapping and sampling, and re-logging of diamond drill core dating from 1991 and earlier. The Gerimi 1 - 7 claims cover two minfile occurrences (093B 025 and 027) east of Quesnel, but the current target, and that of the late 1980s and early 1990s, lies between the two minfile database showings.

Kemess North and Riga. Royal Oak Mines has completed a grid-based mapping and sampling program on its Kemess North property, immediately west of Duncan Lake. The claims cover several skarn showings that have been known for many years. The Riga property, to the north near Drybrough Peak, received limited mapping and sampling. Riga also covers previously explored auriferous skam showings.

Baker Sable Resources is encouraged by a recently discovered high-grade gold-silver float north of the mined Vein A. Float may be related to a previously unidentified extension of the Vein D. Sable is currently trenching the area in an attempt to locate the source of the vein mineralization. Underlying geology is intensely oxidized and fractured andesitic volcanic flows of the Takla Group that are cut by a monzodiorite dyke.

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Lane Weekly Report: October 12-16, 1998.

Exploration Monitoring:

Cariboo Gold Quartz. Surface diamond drilling continues on the BC Vein. Assay results from hole BC98-01 include an 11.4 metre intersection grading 6.53 gpt Au. Eight holes have been completed on the BC Vein and another 6 holes are planned. A total of 24 underground percussion holes, drilled upwards from the 1200 Level, were completed on the Sanders zone. Results released to date include several narrow high grade intersections (i.e. 36.14 gpt Au over 1.2 metres and 50.09 gpt Au over 1.2 metres) with broad intervals of unmineralized wallrock typical of the vein systems in the Cariboo.

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Quintette. The rotary and diamond drill program on the Window pit area (Babcock) has been postponed indefinitely, but a limited amount of baseline environmental and geotechnical work on the deposit area did proceed.

Field Work:

Tsacha epithermal vein system

Corona Gold (Teck as operator: project geologist Scott Smith)

Oct.14/98

Teck is currently drilling a fence of holes to test the continuity of the vertical vein system beneath a flat-lying post-mineral felsite sill. The first 5 ddh of the program, each 500 to 550 metres in length, are oriented eastward along L48+30N with dips of -50° or -60°. A second fence of 3 to 5 deep holes will test the vein system 50 metres further to the south. The deep holes are targeting the main Tommy vein. A quartz-carbonate vein with a true width of 1.6 metres was intersected in ddh 98-70 (-50°) at a vertical depth of 210 metres and in ddh 98-71 (-60°) ninety metres further down dip. The vein is comprised primarily of white finely crystalline, vuggy quartz with local pale red bands caused by a dusting of earthy hematite. Traces of a very fine grained silvery-blue mineral (tarnished) may be electrum were noted. No other sulphides were noted in the vein material, but 1 to 3% euhedral pyrite occurs within the altered wallrock, a weakly welded rhyolite tuff that also displays sericite and clay alteration.

The deep drilling has confirmed that the sill is 120 to 130 metres in thickness. The intersection of vein material beneath the sill is exciting news for this property. A geological resource for the portion of the Tommy vein above the sill, calculated in 1997 using a 3 gpt Au cutoff, is 478,000 tonnes grading 8.7 gpt Au and 82.3 gpt Ag. In addition to the deep holes, a series of shallow in-fill holes (60 to 100 metres in length) will test the Larry vein. Past drilling on the Larry vein returned assays as high as 7.1 gpt Au over 5.1 metres. The drill program is expected to run into early November and will total 13-14 holes (about 5,000 metres).

Taken epithermal vein property Paramount Ventures (Fox Geological Consultants, project manager: Steve Weatherup)

Oct. 14/98

Paramount has completed 3 lines of IP through a wicked burn area immediately east of the Tsacha property. Several anomalies are reportedly coincident with previously identified soil anomalies. A limited trenching program is expected to commence in the next few days. The epithermal quartz -carbonate veins on the Taken (and Tam) property are thought to be

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NE-Central Region Expl'n update

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Exploration Monitoring:

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Lane Weekly

Lane Weekly Report for August 14 - 22, 2000

Exploration Activity in the Northeast-Central Region

not vms (cs.) Carruthers. Phelps Dodge has completed a 6-hole, 950-metre diamond drill program on their Carruthers VMS property near Johanson Lake. Drilling targeted the projection of a narrow polymetallic horizon, that was exposed in cliffs near the ridge crest. Host rocks are (tuffaceous?) graphitic mudstones, siltstones and fine-grained sandstones of the Triassic Dewar Formation (Takla Group).

Kemess. Kemess Mines Inc. has completed a 7-hole, 1700-metre diamond drill program on its Kemess North deposit, 6-7 kilometres north of the Kemess south deposit. A visit to the property is planned for early September with Schroeter.

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Sustut Copper: Visited Doublestar Resources staff with Paul Wojdak on August 16-18, examined diamond drill core and briefly toured the North and Southeast zones. Project geologist Nils von Fersen, Doublestar President Alan Savage and a number of consultants were at the site during our visit. The company has completed its program of 22 infill diamond drill holes, totaling about 1900 metres, on the Southeast zone of the Sustut Copper deposit, located about 370 kilometres northwest of Prince George (45 km south of the Kemess gold-copper mine). This years drilling, together with past drilling by Falconbridge, will provide data for the zone on approximately 50 metre centres. The company will be trying to upgrade the existing reserve for the zone with the intent of developing a starter <u>pit there if economics prove favourable</u>. Although at an early stage, Doublestar is reviewing development options for the property. Mineralization consists mainly of disseminated chalcocite, bornite, chalcopyrite and native copper within tabular zones parallel to bedding. Host rocks are dominantly green volcanic conglomerates, grits and sandstones of the Upper Triassic Moosevale Formation of the Takla Group. Permeability of these rocks played a significant role in formation of the stratabound zones. Three zones, Southeast, Southwest and North, drilled by Falconbride in the early 1970s, comprise the property's total resource of 54.4 million tonnes grading 1.25% Cu.

Tsacha. Randy Farmer (Teck) has confirmed that drilling will not proceed this year on the Tsacha gold vein prospect, near the Blackwater River, southern Nechako Platean, Junior company Corona Gold had been earning an interest in the property by funding the exploration conducted in 1997 and 1998.

Dominion Creek. Gold City Industries has begun a 3-4 week prospecting, geochemical sampling and geophysica! surveying program on its gold-silver prospect along the Isaac Lake fault, north of Bowron Lake Park.