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## For Immediate Release:

## DRC Resources Corporation Announces \$2 Million Afton Exploration Commitment

**VANCOUVER, April 3, 2001**—DRC Resources Corporation announced today the company will invest an additional \$2 million on the exploration program at the New Afton Mine Project located 10 kilometers west of Kamloops, British Columbia.

Encouraged by the favorable results of the geological engineering, scoping, metallurgical and petrographic studies completed this year, the 2001 exploration program is designed to expand the present 25 million ton indicated mineral resource (2.00 % copper, 0.045 oz/t gold, 0.004 oz/t platinum and 0.02 oz/t silver, equivalent to 3% copper). The program will concentrate on extending the mineral zone, which remains open in all directions with no indication of narrowing except towards the surface.

By making this commitment DRC Resources Corporation is taking a leadership role in exploration investment within the British Columbia mining industry. "We are encouraged by the potential of a back-to-business attitude in B.C., and by predictions for increased worldwide demand for copper," says John Kruzick, president, DRC Resources Corporation.

A recent Behre Dolbear & Company Scoping study determined the New Afton Project has favorable possibilities with low production costs, moderate capital requirements, and relatively low environmental concerns in the potential development of a 4,500 ton/day bulk tonnage operation.

DRC Resources Corporation is a Vancouver-based mining company focused on the exploration and development of the Afton Mine Property.

John H. Kruzick, President DRC Resources Corporation

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