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## REDHAWK RESOURCES INC. [RDK-CDNX] 4,558,155 SHS.

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REDBIRD AREA HOLDINGS EXPANDED - Kristian Ross, president, reports Redhawk

reports Redhawk Resources Inc. has signed an option agreement for land and mineral titles adjoining the company's Redbird property south of Trail, BC, from <u>REEVES MACDONALD MINES LTD</u>. Redhawk also signed a letter of understanding with <u>ZINCOX RESOURCES BV</u> to explore and develop zinc oxide deposits on the Redbird and adjoining optioned Reeves property (collectively the Remac project). Both transactions are subject to CDNX approval and the Redhawk/ZincOx agreement is also subject to the approval of the boards of directors of Redhawk and ZincOx.

The Reeves property is located 35 km southeast of Cominco's. zinc, lead smelter complex at Trail and consists of about 315 ' hectares of crown granted mineral rights and Crown granted and fee simple land. The option to purchase agreement allows Redhawk to : consolidate a package of mineral claims covering approximately 4,430 hectares or 17 square miles.

Zincox and Redhawk see the zinc oxide project at Remac as a potential source of low cost zinc metal due to recent metallurgical advances.

Redhawk has a four year option to purchase the Reeves property for \$1,950,000. Under the terms of the agreement Redhawk has made a \$1,000 irrevocable option payment to Reeves. Redhawk has 60 days from signing to get regulatory approval for the transaction and to then make a \$149,000 option payment to Reeves. The option can be extended on a yearly basis for an option payment of \$20,000 to Reeves until the purchase price is due.

As part of this agreement, Reeves will subscribe for a 100,000"part and parcel" private placement of 250,000 shares of Redhawk at 40¢ per share. These shares will be subject to a one-year hold.

Coincidental with this announcement Redhawk also reports an agreement with ZincOx Resources BV to fund the exploration and development of the Remac zinc oxide project. The agreement provides for ZincOx to spend an optional \$3,000,000 over four years to earn a 50% interest in the zinc oxide project. The first year's

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ogram, of which Redhawk will be the operator, calls for a 100,000 expenditure. Following ZincOx's earn-in the project sts will be split 50/50 with a standard dilution clause for on-contribution.

As part of this agreement ZincOx will subscribe for a \$200,000 irt and parcel private placement consisting of 500,000 units at 40¢ r unit. Each unit consists of one share and one warrant entitling ncOx to buy an additional share at 50¢ for the first year and 60¢ for e second year. Funds from this private placement and the Reeves ivate placement is for the general corporate purposes of Redhawk. ibject to regulatory approval a finder's fee of 25,000 shares is vable on this private placement. Prior to the private placement scribed above ZincOx owns 600,000 Redhawk shares and has a arrant to increase their holdings to 1,200,000 shares.

The Remac zinc oxide project sits on and adjoins the site of a ccessful zinc sulphide mine that operated for 25 years before osing in 1975. The overlying zinc oxide zones were not mined, as e necessary skills were not available to recover the zinc in its Redhawk has a high degree of confidence of the (ide form. tegrity of these zones through projections of underlying eviously mined sulphide zones, geological projections, and rface and underground sampling. Management also believes there room within the overall oxidized envelope to locate additional ones. As well considerable potential exists to expand the size of ese zones by including their hanging wall portions which were ten mined in the sulphide mine. An example of this potential is own by the 1998 trenching of the Beer Bottle Zone. This showing as trenched with a backhoe and channel sampled by O. H. Klein, Eng., and gave the following results in the totally oxidized zone:

) A footwall section grading 21.93% zinc, 3.1% lead, and 0.78 oz. ver/ton over 33.1 feet (estimated true thickness 21.5 feet)

2) An immediately overlying hangingwall section grading 77% zinc, 1.77% lead, and 0.11 oz. silver/ton over 25.4 feet stimated true thickness 16.5 feet)

Taken together these sections would grade 14.93% zinc, 2.52% ad and 0.49 oz. silver/ton over an estimated true thickness of 38 et.

In the Redbird zone underground development conducted in the rly 1960's by Cominco while searching for a deeper sulphide ction of the zone reportedly outlined by drifting an oxidized zone ing beneath the oxidized surface showings. Sample plans show is zone grading 18.5% zinc and 6.5% lead along a length of 600 it and across a thickness of 20 feet.

Redhawk will initially attempt to upgrade these and the other licated steeply dipping zones to resource and reserve status by nching and drilling. An ongoing program of metallurgical testing Il begin under the direction of Noel Masson of ZincOx following e start of the trenching and drilling program.

The most recent advances in commercial zinc oxide benefication me at Reunion Mining's Skorpion project in Namibia under the rection of Mr. Masson. Skorpion is situated in a remote location Namibia and contains a fully diluted proven and probable reserve

19,500,000 metric tonnes grading 10.1% zinc. At Skorpion, ondon Special High Grade zinc metal is expected to be produced for S 24¢/pound.

In May 1999 Reunion was taken over by Anglo American ollowing the completion of a detailed feasibility study by Reunion) acquire the 60% portion of the Skorpion zinc oxide project owned

Reunion. Michael Foster, who was the managing director of cunion, recently became a Redhawk director as the representative of ncOx Resources BV.

The significance of the new zinc oxide benefication technology is that, unlike with sulphide production, it allows pure zinc metal to be produced without the need to send a concentrate to a conventional smelter. Although much detailed testing will be necessary to ensure success, preliminary metallurgical testing is encouraging and indicates the material should be amenable to benefication. Remac is close to necessary infrastructure. (SEE GCNL NO.219, 16Nov99, P.3 FOR PREVIOUS REDBIRD PROJECT INFORMATION)

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