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## WESTERN CANADIAN COAL CORP.

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BC COAL LICENSES ACQUIRED - David Fawcett, president, reports Western Canadian Coal Corp. has acquired seven Coal Licenses covering the Burnt River coal deposit in northeast BC about 50 km south of Chetwynd. The property is accessed by good all-weather roads.

The Burnt River deposit was extensively explored by the previous Coal License holder, mainly from 1977 through 1985. In total, 234 holes were drilled totalling about 12,900 metres; coal sampling and coal quality work was done. Work also included a large bulk sample program in 1985, at which time about 43,000 tonnes were shipped to overseas customers. The previous work contributes a substantial value to the project in that new work can start at an advanced stage.

Publicly available documents on Burnt River prepared by the previous Coal License holder identify a resource of 23,000,000 tonnes of coal at a low waste-to-coal ratio. The geological plans indicate additional coal measures for which resource estimates have not been quantified. The coal belongs to the Gething Formation. The previous Coal License holder was considering production of a raw coal product with a minimum of processing because of the low ash level in the coal. The project has advanced to the Stage 1 level of the regulatory approval process in 1981.

Western Coal intends to seek a joint venture participant to finance a work program on Burnt River having the initial objectives of preparing a property assessment along with initiating environmental and regulatory approval work. The assessment will consider potential for initial development of a small, low-capital cost mine.

As part of its development planning for the Burnt River and Belcourt projects, Western intends to evaluate the potential for mine-site power plants. Such facilities can have attractive benefits with respect to full use of the resource base, optimization of products, and maximization of revenue from the deposits. (SEE GCNL NO.83, 30Apr99, P.8 FOR OTHER PROJECT AND CORPORATE INFORMATION)

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