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BLACKDOME PROGRAM UNDERWAY - Richard Somerville,  
p r e s i d e n t .

Claimstaker Resources Ltd., reports the start of an exploration diamond drilling program at the Blackdome Gold Mine located 60 km west of Clinton, southwest BC. The project is a 50/50 joint venture between Claimstaker, the operator, and Jipangu Inc. of Tokyo.

The drilling program will concentrate on the exploration of the No.11 vein below the 1870-metre level. Recent drifting on the 1870 level has developed a new ore shoot with a length of 59.6 metres (196 feet) grading 14.3 grams gold/tonne (0.42 oz/ ton) over a width of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet). Almost no information exists in this area to indicate the extent of this new orebody and a new ramp has been collared to facilitate development of this ore below the level. This ore is currently being mined above the 1870 level, and the new drilling program is designed to test its down-dip projection.

Previous surface samples which indicated values as high as 151 grams gold/tonne (4.40 oz/ton) over 0.9 metres (2.9 feet), and previous surface drilling, in the same area, which had intersections as high grade as 18.0 grams gold/tonne (0.52 oz/ton) over 1.9 metres (6.2 feet), suggest the possibility of a second new ore zone on the No.11 vein. This target will also be explored by this diamond drilling program, which is expected to start shortly. (SEE GCNL NO.30, 12Feb99, P.2 FOR PREVIOUS BLACKDOME MINE PROJECT INFORMATION)

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