

IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION (IPM-V,M,T)

DETAIL RESERVE DRILLING STARTED- Work which will lead to a full scale feasibility study on the Mt. Polley copper-gold deposit 56 km north-east of Williams Lake, B.C. has been started by Imperial Metals. The program will include 20,000 feet of close spaced drilling to detail portions of Central and West zone reserves. A further 10,000 feet of stepout drilling will seek additional tonnage west of the Central Zone.

Bulk sample metallurgical test work will follow upon completion of current drilling operations. Environments and other studies have been ongoing since April 1989 and will continue. Geotechnical studies scheduled for completion October 1989 will include preliminary design of the open pit slopes, waste dumps and tailings storage facilities. The overall stripping ratio of the orebody, which is entirely open pitable, is 1.9:1

Indicated reserves presently estimated at 53,000,000 tons grading 0.44% copper and 0.017 oz.gold/ton are sufficient to sustain a mine life of 10 years at a processing rate of 15,000 tons per day. The deposit is held by Imperial Metals 33.64%, Corona 38.41% and other Imperial Metals Corporation Group entities 27.95%. A project prospectus was submitted to B.C. Mine Development Steering Committee on June 7, 1989.

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