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BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY (BMG.A-T)

PHOENIX DRILLING STARTS - Brian Fagan, vice president,  
Kettle River Resources Ltd.,

reports Battle Mountain Gold Co. has begun a drilling program on the Phoenix property located at Greenwood, south-central B.C. Battle Mountain can earn a 70% interest by developing it to a production decision.

During 1990, Battle Mountain completed an exploration program where detailed mapping and rock sampling were completed and a 135 km grid was cut around the past producing copper/gold mines. The grid was covered by soil geochemistry with 4,288 samples analyzed for copper, gold and 32 trace elements. A total-field magnetic survey was also completed.

The work defined a series of copper/gold anomalies in bedrock and soil samples to the southeast and northwest of the Phoenix-Ironside pit. A previously unknown series of gold-only anomalies in soils and bedrock were located south and east of the Snowshoe-Rawhide-Monarch trend, referred to as the Wendy, Bank of England and Curlew anomalies. These appear to lie within the footwall of the known skarn horizon. Overall, this series of anomalies are 1,300 meters long and 50 to 125 meters wide.

The present work will include a minimum of 3,000 feet of diamond drilling in the following areas: three holes in the Snowshoe area which averages 330 parts per billion gold in soils and 2,000 ppb in bedrock, three holes in the Monarch area which averages 230 ppb gold in soils and 1,000 ppb in bedrock, and three holes in the Wendy and Bank of England areas which average 180 to 260 ppb gold in soils and 1,000 and 2,125 ppb gold in bedrock. Further work this year will depend on results from the current program. (SEE GCNL No.26, 6Feb91, P.6 FOR OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION)

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