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WESTPINE METALS LTD. (WM-V)

MORE TASEKO WORK PLANNED - Willis W. Osborne, CEO, Westpine Metals Ltd., reports ASARCO Exploration Co. of Canada Ltd. has made its \$35,000 option payment to continue exploration on the Taseko copper/gold property located 140 miles north of Vancouver, B.C. Under a May/90, agreement, ASARCO must complete \$3,650,000 in exploration through 1993 and make option payments totalling \$340,000 by 15Jan94 to earn a 60% interest. ASARCO must spend \$550,000 in 1991.

Westpine, ASARCO and ALPINE EXPLORATION CORP. (AXC-V), operator, have planned a meeting to determine a budget for this year's work. ASARCO is reviewing drill and other data to calculate a preliminary mineral reserve estimate for the property. Westpine is conducting its own in-house analysis.

To date, ASARCO has spent \$500,000 on the property. A total of 11,490 feet of drilling in 19 holes have been completed in a two-phase program with significant mineralization encountered in 12 of 19 holes. Hole W90-17 intersected 180 feet of 1.41% copper and 0.054 oz. gold/ton including 48 feet grading 2.27% copper and 0.105 oz. gold/ton. (SEE GCNL No.190, OCT.1/90, P.1 FOR PREVIOUS DRILL RESULTS)

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