

WESTPINE METALS LTD. (WM-V)

TASEKO EXPLORATION PLANNED - Willis W. Osborne, CEO,
Westpine Metals Ltd.,

reports ASARCO Exploration Co. (Canada) Ltd. will finance this year's \$550,000 exploration program on the Taseko copper/gold property, located 140 miles north of Vancouver, B.C. Under a May/90 agreement, ASARCO may complete \$3,650,000 on exploration through 1993 and make option payments totalling \$240,000 by 15Jan94 to earn a 60% interest,

A 12,500 foot diamond drilling program is scheduled to begin in late May. Over 60% of the planned drill holes are outside of the Empress area, which was the site of drilling completed from 1988 to 1990. The new target areas have been defined by an interpretation of results from a Dighem airborne geophysical study completed last fall as well as copper soil anomalies and previous shallow percussion drill holes which intersected mineralization. The objective of the Dighem survey was to identify a geophysical signature for the Empress area and to determine whether similar conditions exist elsewhere on the property.

On the basis of Dighem interpretation, the anomalous area associated with the Empress appears to be over 6,000 feet long and up to 1,500 feet wide. The Upper North, Lower North and 76 Zones occur within the Empress. Only a small part of this area, less than 1,200 by 1,200 feet, has been tested.

At Westpine's request, Dr. Giles R. Peatfield completed a mineral inventory of the lower North zone which indicated 7,455,100 tons of 0.73% copper, 0.024 oz.gold/ton, 0.05 oz.silver/ton in the probable and possible categories. Outside the Empress zone, the geophysical interpretation identified at least five other similar areas which extend for over three miles,

Including the Empress, in an east-west direction along the intrusive-volcanic contact. APLINE EXPLORATION CORP. (AXC-V) will be operator. WESTLEY MINES LTD. (WTY-T) and Alpine each own 1,000,000 Westpine shares, of which there are 2,710,400 shares outstanding. (SEE GCNL No.24, 4Feb91, P.1 FOR PREVIOUS INFORMATION)

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