

PACIFIC TALC LTD. (PTL-V)

PILOT PLANT TESTING TO PROCEED - Arthur Pihl, president, reports Pacific Talc Ltd. has reviewed the results from the test program and the market study and will now commission a pilot plant. The company has been developing a talc deposit near Hope, B.C. where 1,000,000 tons of talc of ore grade is proven and a further 9,000,000 tons are in the probable and inferred categories.

The piloting work consists of: the talc treatment process to be tested on a large scale; the talc product will be used as pigment in a pilot paper machine; and the paper product will be subjected to print quality testing.

The pilot plant of the process is now in operation at Bacon Donaldson & Associates, Richmond, B.C. Two bulk samples are being tested: 1) from a trenching program near surface and 1) a composite of drill core obtained in the 1991 drill program. The pilot plant activities will last one month.

The pilot paper making test will be run at the Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan over two weeks in late May. As part of reciprocal interests in the developments of the talc production project, a major Vancouver, B.C. pulp and paper company will provide at no cost the required high brightness pulp-based paper to re-pulp and use in the paper making trials at Kalamazoo. (SEE GCNL No.59, 24Mar92, P.2 FOR PREVIOUS PROJECT INFORMATION)

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