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PACIFIC TALC LTD. (PTL-V)

TALC BULK SAMPLING UNDERWAY - Arthur J. Pihl, president, reports Pacific Talc Ltd. has begun processing a 150-tonne bulk sample with the objective of supplying talc pigment to three paper companies in B.C. These companies are now planning to run trials in their commercial paper machines in early 1993. This development is the result of a successful pilot plant operation completed last July in which both

the mineral processing and fabrication of paper were tested using talc from the company's mine near Boston Bar, B.C. The talc pigment can be used both as filler and coater in making high quality papers.

To process the bulk sample, the ore was mined and shipped to Richmond, B.C. where a prototype plant has been assembled. The facility has all the crushing, grinding, flotation, thickening and filtration operations identical to what will be used in the full sized plant. The talc concentrate is then treated in a proprietary process developed by Pacific Talc and will be shipped to the paper companies in February 1993.

The prototype plant is 20 times larger than the pilot plant operated last summer, and 25 times smaller than the full scale commercial plant which may be built in 1993/94. Both the pilot and prototype plants have been engineered and operated by A. Ismay & Associates. Pacific Talc expects to complete the bulk sample operations by mid-January.

The property has proven reserves of 1,000,000 tonnes of talc ore with an additional 6,000,000 to 9,000,000 tonnes of probable and inferred reserves. Canmet Labs have established it is possible to upgrade the talc to a 97.8% purity. The deposit does not contain asbestos. Talc is used in ceramics, paper making, paint, roofing, adhesives, plastics and cosmetics to name a few. SEE GCNL No.205, Oct.23/92, P.2 FOR PREVIOUS PROJECT INFORMATION)

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