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ECSTALL MINING CORP. (EAM-V)

MINNOVA INC. (MYA-T,H)

THREE PROPERTIES OPTIONED TO MINNOVA - Chris Graf, president, reports

Ecstall Mining Corp. has granted Minnova Inc. an option to earn a 60% interest in three mineral properties by spending \$1,500,000 on exploration and paying \$150,000 in stages by 1Mar96. The 11,000-acre, 181-unit, Gataga properties, are located adjacent to Curragh Resources Cirque deposit (Stronsay mine) in the Kechika Trough zinc district of northeast B.C.

The Cirque massive sulphide deposit of over 30,000,000 tonnes grading 8.6% zinc and 3.5% lead is the largest undeveloped zinc deposit in B.C. Curragh recently completed a road to the deposit, carried out an underground exploration/development program and has applied for production permits. Production is planned for 1993.

Numerous barite/lead/zinc deposits occur along the Kechika Trough in the regionally extensive Devonian-age Gunsteel Formation. The Gataga properties cover the strike extension of the Gunsteel shales north and south of the Cirque deposit. Showings of galena and sphalerite as well as extensive beds of nodular and massive barite occur on the Ecstall claims and soil sampling has outlined a large, coincident lead/zinc anomaly over five km long following the contact between the Gunsteel shales and the Kwadacha limestone.

In 1991, Ecstall completed a \$60,000 Dighem airborne EM survey on the Pie claims, part of the Gataga properties under option to Minnova. The geophysical results for 400 line-kms of EM and magnetometer surveying indicated several areas of response which require further detailed exploration. Minnova has begun the 1992 work program with the staking of an additional 80 units which become part of the optioned properties. Field crews will begin work in late June. (SEE GCNL No.93, 13May92, P.1 FOR OTHER ECSTALL INFORMATION)

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