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**IMPERIAL METALS CORP. (IPM-T)**

**MINE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - Hugh Morris, chairman, reports GRANTED FOR MT. POLLEY** Imperial Metals Corp. has received a mine development certificate from the B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for its Mount Polley copper/gold project near Williams Lake, B.C. The certificate is for a 15,000 tonne-per-day open pit mining operation and covers all elements of the mining plan including the open pit, processing plant, water supply, tailings pond and a power transmission line of the property.

Following completion of the recently announced consolidation of the Imperial Metals Corp. group, the Mount Polley project will be 100%-owned by Imperial. Geological reserves total 250,000,000 tons grading 0.256% copper and 0.01 oz.gold/ton. The mine development recommended by Fluor Daniel Wright Engineers in its feasibility study calls for 15,000 tons per day based on an initial 10-year mining reserve of 54,000,000 tons grading 0.38% copper and 0.016 oz.gold/ton to produce 30,000,000 pounds of copper per year. Gold production will exceed 100,000 ounces per year initially and gradually decline to 50,000 ounces per year in year 10.

Capital cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000,000.

At current metal prices and exchange rates, Mount Polley is projected to produce copper at an effective price of under 45¢/lb. The construction phase will employ about 200 workers. The producing mine will sustain about 160 jobs. Subject to financing, construction is expected to begin in the second quarter of 1993 with production to start 24 months later in mid-1995. (SEE GCNL No.182, 21Sep92, P.1 FOR RELATED CORPORATE INFORMATION)

Dr. Morris noted that several years ago the company had final negotiated a series of financing, banking and smelter concentrate agreements and will now approach these and other interested parties to renew negotiations. He is confident, given stable copper and gold prices, a financing package for the mine can be completed quickly.

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