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CANDORADO MINES LTD. [COM-V]

MINE DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED - Byard H. MacLean, president, reports

Candorado Mines Ltd. has been notified the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resourceshas issued a mine development certificate for a proposed gold tailings processing project, located near Hedley in the Okanagan - Similkameen region of southwest B.C.

Candorado proposes to process the tailings from the old Mascot gold mine, using a heap leaching method which recovers gold remaining in the old mine tailings. The company currently operates a gold heap leach project in the area, and will truck the Mascot tailings to its exsisting plant for processing.

"This project and its environmental impacts have undergone extensive review by local government, aboriginal and public interest groups, as well as key provincial and federal agencies," said John Cashore, Minister of Lands and Parks. "Any such impacts will be minimized through the approved management strategies."

The project will see the mining of tailings over two years, creating seasonal work for about 28 to 30 people in the local area. The certificate is specifically for mining two additional tailings ponds located north of Hedley. The mineral inventory is increased by some 500,000 tonnes grading 1.3 grams gold/tonne, 0.045 oz. gold/t..

The approved trucking plan and route, as stipulated in the mine development certificate, was designed to minimize impacts on local streets and residents of Hedley. The number of truck trips per day and hours of trucking will be restricted, with no hauling on weekends of statutory holidays.

Candorado intends to distribute 2,700,000 shares of subsidiary Candorado Operating Company Ltd. to its shareholders of record at 15Feb93 on a pro-rata basis. (SEE GCNL NO.100, 26May93, P.4 FOR OTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION)

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