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TASEKO MINES LTD. [TKO-V; TKOCF-NASDAQ]

GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE FISH LAKE PROJECT				
GRADE			CONTAINED METAL	
COPPER	GOLD		COPPER	GOLD
TONS	%	OZ/T	BILLION LBS	OUNCES
1,410,000	0.22	0.0122	6.2	17,200,000
DILUTED MINEABLE RESERVE FISH LAKE DEPOSIT				
GRADE			CONTAINED METAL	
COPPER	GOLD		COPPER	GOLD
TONS	%	OZ/T	BILLION LBS	OUNCES
960,000,000	0.23	.0125	4.0	12,000,000

QUALITY- LONG LIFE - LOW COST DEPOSIT CONFIRMED - Robert G. Hunter,

chairman of Taseko Mines Ltd., reports that Mineral Resources Development Inc. of San Mateo, California has completed initial mine plan studies for the Fish Lake copper/gold deposit, 150 miles west of Williams Lake, B.C. MRDI has concluded that the Fish Lake Project is economically viable and recommends that the Project proceed to detailed feasibility planning. MRDI calculated a geological resource for the Fish Lake deposit of 1.41 billion tons containing 6.2 billion pounds of copper and 17,200,000 ounces of gold, making it one of the largest deposits of its type in the world.

Within this overall deposit resource, MRDI has calculated a Base Case mineable reserve. The Base Case mineable reserve is 960,000,000 tons grading of 0.23% copper and 0.0125 oz. gold/ton with a life of mine waste-to-ore ratio of 1.96:1. The Base Case mineable reserve contains 4.4 billion pounds of copper and 12,000,000 ounces of gold. At a milling rate of 66,000 tons per day the mineable reserve provides for a mine life of 40 years.

Fish Lake is the largest bulk tonnage deposit ever discovered in B.C.; even larger than the Valley Copper deposit, which supports the second largest throughput mine in the world, and about three times larger than the Mt. Milligan deposit. Average annual metal production is forecast at 96 million pounds of copper and 229,000 ounces of gold. Based on operating costs developed by MRDI and other consultants, the cash cost to produce one ounce of gold net of copper revenue is expected to vary from a low \$5.01 per ounce in the early years of production, to a 20-year average cost per ounce of \$74.04, to a 40-year life of mine average of \$147 per ounce. These production costs will make Fish Lake one of North America's lowest cost gold producers.

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Initial plans are to develop the Base Case mine to recover 66,000 tons per day of ore using conventional open pit, truck/shovel technology. The open pit will be circular in shape with the ultimate pit having a diameter of 1.25 miles. In the first 20 years of operation stripping ratios will gradually increase from a low 0.6:1 in the first years to 1:1 in year 10 and 1.6:1 in years 15 through 20. Mine operations have been scheduled but not planned in any detail for years 21 to 40. Ore grade will average 0.25% copper and 0.015 oz. gold/ton in the early years of mine life while ore grade over the first 20 years of operation will average 0.23% copper and 0.013 oz. gold/ton. Extensive metallurgical testwork completed by Lakefield Research, under the direction of Melis Engineering Ltd., predicts copper recoveries averaging 88% and gold recoveries averaging 74%. Both metals report to a 25% copper concentrate.

In addition, MRDI has indicated that it may be possible to increase the average ore grade for the initial 20 years of mine life to 0.26% copper and 0.015 ounces gold/ton by stockpiling about 17% of lower grade ore mined, thereby allowing the pit to deepen more rapidly down a higher grade central core. Under this amended mine plan, metal production could further increase to 109,000,000 pounds of copper and 266,000 ounces of gold annually. Detailed study of the potential amended mine plan will be undertaken within an overall Project Prefeasibility Study which will begin shortly.

Taseko Mines has a current working capital position of CDN \$7,000,000 and has 10,701,874 shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis. (SEE GCNL NO.50, 12Mar93, P.1 FOR PREVIOUS PROJECT INFORMATION)

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