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HIGHLAND VALLEY DRILLING UNDERWAY - John Lepinski,
president, Getty

Copper, reports the 1995 exploration program consisting of an initial 30,000 feet of diamond drilling, 110 km. of induced polarization survey and metallurgical column leach testing is underway on the 100%-owned Getty North property adjacent to the Highland Valley copper mine near Kamloops, south-central B.C.

To date, 4,364 feet of H.Q. diamond drilling has been completed in seven holes and is being submitted for assay. These assay results are expected by month end. Dr. Kenneth E. Northcote is logging the drill core in preparation for a feasibility study.

An application for extensive diamond drill sites has been made, and the permit is expected to be issued imminently, at which time a second drill will be mobilized to accelerate the program which will continue through the winter. The diamond drill by J.T. Thomas Diamond Drilling Ltd. under the direction of consultants Gower Thompson & Associates Ltd.

The IP survey conducted by Peter E. Walcott & Associates Ltd. has established an anomalous zone over the Getty North deposit which is at least 4,500 feet in length in a north south direction and still open to the south. The width has been determined to be 3,300 feet in an east west direction. The depth of the geophysical structure appears to be at least 800 feet. Previous diamond drilling of the known portion of the porphyry copper deposit in this structure confirmed mineralization to a depth of 1,516 feet when the drill was stopped in mineralization.

The chargeability response for the anomalous zone around the Getty North deposit ranges from 6 to 20 millivolts per volt. The resistivity values range from 100 to 300 ohm metres. These values are indicative of typical B.C. porphyry copper deposits.

The Getty North oxide/sulphide deposit which is in the west segment of the anomaly has only been partially explored. In addition to this, it now appears the structure is larger than was established by prior published drill results. The east segment of the anomalous structure has not been tested by diamond drilling.

Two 60-day column leach tests on the 1993 diamond drill core from the oxide deposit have begun. After 21 days of leaching, a 60% copper extraction from drill hole 1993-1 was achieved.

The second column leach test is now underway on diamond drill samples in the oxide zone from holes 1993-2, 3, 4 and 5. Further column leach tests are planned on diamond drill core from the 1995 program and bulk samples in order to optimize the parameters of crush size acid consumption and leach characteristics for a SX-EW plant feasibility study.

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