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CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE - Fairfield is studying the economic feasibility of further open pit

mining of near-surface reserves in 1996, which contain an estimated 21,500 ounces gold at an average grade of 1.72 oz.ton. The company is holding discussions with the contractor who performed the 1994 open pit mining and with Asarco Inc. whose Montana smelter has previously purchased high-grade gold/silica ore from the Siwash mine.

Underground probable mineable reserves containing 17,500 ounces gold are accessible from the existing decline. In addition, possible reserves containing 67,900 ounces gold are indicated by wider-spaced drill testing. Several of the ore shoots included in the possible reserves remain open to depth and along strike.

A phased, success-contingent program is proposed for 1996 to further explore an area below the underground development where nine holes have indicated possible reserves containing 32,000 ounces gold, which remain open to expansion. The first phase of work would consist of 20,000 feet of drilling from surface to further define and confirm previously reported high-grade drill intercepts which returned grades of up to 11.69 oz. gold/ton over 2.9 feet (Hole 97). Based on the results of this follow-up drilling, extension of the decline to allow detailed underground drill definition may be warranted.

The objective of the proposed 1996 exploration program are to add new reserves and to elevate more of the possible reserves to the probable mineable category. As well, if feasibility studies are positive, an open pit program could commence as early as April 1996.

Fairfield Minerals is in a strong financial position with no debt and cash, term deposits and receivables totalling \$4,400,000 as at October 31, 1995. In addition, 2,300 tons of stockpiled ore remains on hand, containing an estimated 8,400 ounces gold with a net value of about Cdn. \$3,600,000 at current prices and currency exchange rates. (SEE GCNL NO.205, Oct.25/95, P.1 FOR SIWASH PROJECT DEEP DRILLING REPORT)

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FAIRFIELD MIN	VERALS LTD.	
	63,181 SHS.	
NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER	<u>31, 1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
REVENUE		
Gold Sales from open pit Mine, net of transpor-		
TATION AND SMELTER COSTS	\$1,667,828	\$8,201,691
INTEREST & OTHER INCOME	261,418	89,304
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,949,249	8,290,995
EXPENSES	792,214	2,605,884
NET BARNINGS	713,282	2,787,471
EARNINGS PER SHARE	10¢	39¢

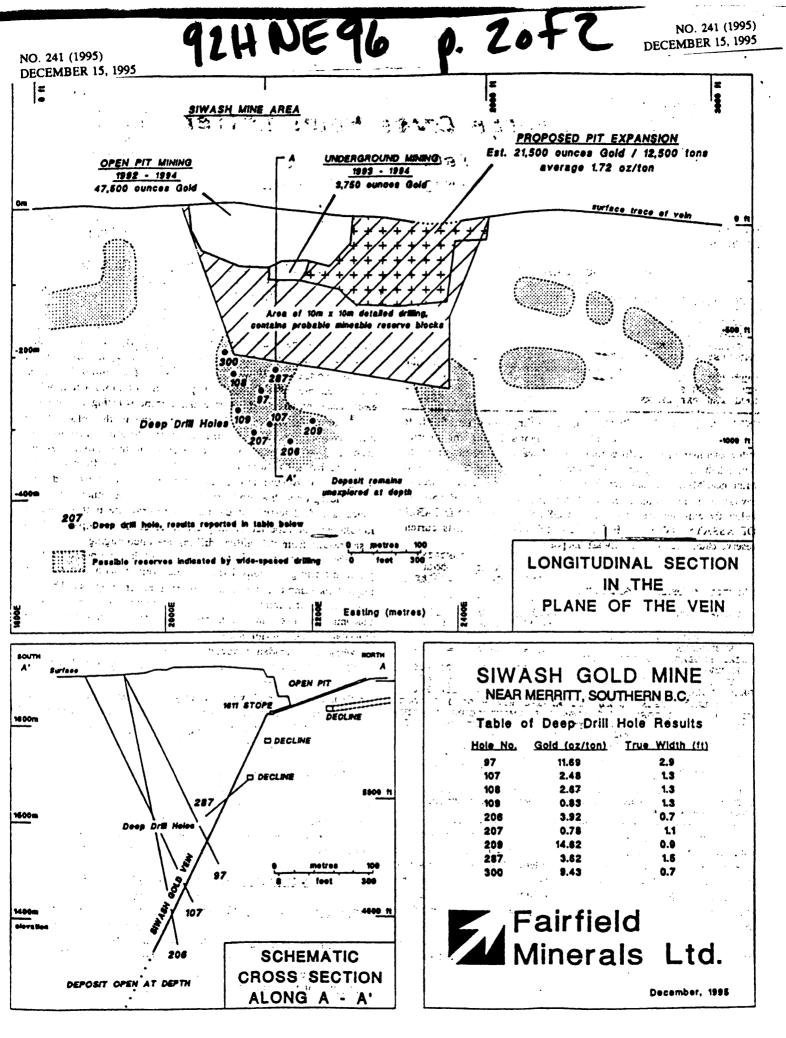
INTERIM REPORT - Owen Hairsine, P.Eng., director, Fairfield Minerals Ltd., reports during the quarter

ended October 31/95, efforts focussed on evaluating the quarter ended October 31/95, efforts focussed on evaluating results from the detailed drilling program undertaken in 1995 at the Siwash Gold Mine near Merritt in southern B.C. The drilling was largely directed toward defining probable mineable reserves to a depth of 550 feet below the existing open pit. SEE CROSS-SECTIONS AND TABLE OF ASSAYS OVERLEAF P.1. The following table lists current reserve categories for the Siwash Deposit:

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	GOLD	GOLD	
TONS	<u>02/T</u>	OUNCES	
12,500	1.72	21,500	
22,300		17,500	
34,800	1.12	39,000	
	• •	·• ·	
99,000	. 69	67,900	
133,800	.80	106,900	
18,200	2.83	51,460	
152,000	1.04	158,360	
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Detailed drilling has provided the data for this more precise estimate of gold contained in reserves. By using more conservative parameters in the calculations the confidence level in the reserves has increased, allowing 39,000 ounces to be placed into the probable mineable category. Further drilling in areas classified as possible reserves will be required to upgrade them to produce mineable.

An independent reserve calculation was undertaken by Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. of Toronto, using the most recent drilling information. Their total reserve figure shows close agreement; within 4% of that determined by the company.



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