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#### WHEATON RIVER MINERALS LTD.

[WRM-T] 24,546,002 SHS.

#### NORTH AMERICAN METALS CORP.

[NAM-V] 14,599,055 SHS.

#### REPADRE CAPITAL CORP.

[RPD-V, T] 16,090,032 SHS.

URSA FEASIBILITY STUDY TO START - Ian J. McDonald, chairman, Wheaton River Minerals Ltd., and North American Metals Corp. report Strathcona Mineral Services Ltd. of Toronto has been engaged to conduct a feasibility study on the Ursa deposit at the Golden Bear Mine 160 km south of Atlin, northwestern B.C. Wheaton River owns 81% of North American Metals, the 100% owner of the Golden Bear Mine. Repadre Capital Corp. has a 2% NSR for the life of the mine.

Wheaton River and North American Metals have completed an internal study which contemplates mining this deposit with underground methods over two years starting in late 1996 at a rate of 400 tonnes per day. The Ursa deposit contains a drill-indicated reserve of 214,065 tonnes grading 22.6 grams gold/tonne (235,900 tons grading 0.659 oz/ton). The geometry of the orebody lends itself to relatively low cost mechanized mining methods.

The internal study indicates production could be initiated for a capital cost of only \$3,000,000 largely due to the complete infrastructure already existing at the site. It is expected the actual mining operations will be contracted out, while the companies will handle the milling of the ore. Timing of the start-up is dependent upon receiving the appropriate permits. It is expected mining can begin within four months of permitting.

Total costs including capital and administration are expected to be \$168 per tonne. This figure is in line with historical operating costs at the Golden Bear. Using a 90% recovery rate, gold production would be achieved at a total cost of about US \$200/oz. The Ursa deposit is expected to produce 130,000 oz. over two years.

Mining at the Ursa deposit will be followed by the Kodiak heap leach project, which will provide up to a further three to four years production. The first heap leach phase will involve the Kodiak A deposit and will produce some 45,000 ounces over a year at a total cost of about US \$190/oz, not including \$5,000,000 previously spent. Feasibility studies have not yet been conducted on the Kodiak B and C deposits, or the East Low Grade Stockpile. Total reserves and resources on the property now stand at 558,300 contained ounces of gold.

Meanwhile, drilling continues with two rigs at the Golden Bear site testing for other deposits in the vicinity of the Ursa and Kodiak deposits. A number of new gold showings have been discovered by trenching. Drilling will continue as long as weather conditions permit. A winter drilling program will be considered based upon results. Wheaton River estimates it will have \$1,500,000 in working capital at the end of the current program. (SEE GCNL NO.160, 21Aug95, P.5 FOR PREVIOUS GOLDEN BEAR DETAILS)

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