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ECSTALL MINING CORPORATION

[EAM-V] 6,344,578 SHS.

INMET MINING CORP.

[IMN-T] 81,207,383 SHS.

AKIE DEPOSIT DRILLING TO BEGIN - Chris Graf, P.Eng., president, Ecstall Mining Corp., reports operator Inmet Mining Corp. plans to resume drilling in the first week of June at the Akie massive sulphide deposit centred in the Kechika Trough region about 220 km southwest of Fort Nelson, northeast BC. The 1996 Gataga property, Akie deposit, exploration budget is \$1,540,000. The program will include 4,600 metres of diamond drilling. The 1995 drill program was suspended last November due to deteriorating weather when hole No.A-95-19, then in progress, was stopped 400 metres above target depth. The drill rig was winterized and was left on the A-95-19 drill pad, so it can complete this hole as soon as the drilling resumes.

A new state-of-the-art directional drilling technique (the VIC system) has been tested to satisfaction over the last few weeks in Prince George, and will be employed in the field this year on additional deep drill holes from the footwall side of the Akie deposit.

A second drill hole is also expected to be mobilized to complete several shallower drill holes to test a 7.5-km long trend of zinc-lead soil geochem anomalies that follow the Akie massive sulphide horizon north and south from the central 1.8-km long zone already drill tested.

In March 1996, Ecstall completed a \$1,670,000 flow-through financing (1,757,894 units at 95¢ each) to fund the Akie drilling program and to carry out exploration on its other 100%-owned properties elsewhere in the Kechika Trough. (SEE GCNL NO.48, 7Mar96, P.1 & NO.52, 13Mar96, P.6 FOR FUNDING DETAILS)

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