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VITAL PACIFIC RESOURCES LTD.

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ATHLONE RESOURCES LTD.

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SOUP PROJECT DRILLING RESUMED - Barry Burkett, president,
Vital Pacific Resources

Ltd., reports drilling of magnetic and geochemical targets not tested in phase one is now underway at the Soup project located 75 km southeast of Royal Oak's Kemess project and 175 km north of Smithers, BC. The first hole, 96-10, is being drilled from a new pad about 100 metres down hill from the 95-3/ 96-3. This hole is targeted for a depth of about 250 metres (825 ft) and will test a broad magnetic anomaly with associated high gold geochemistry in soil and rock fines. This strong magnetic anomaly is about 250 metres (825 ft) in length and is known to correspond in part to massive magnetite mineralization.

Geological, magnetic and geochemical data indicate that in this portion of the Soup property, gold-copper mineralization probably extends over a length of about one km., whereas past drilling has been confined to the Saddle Gully Zone. The present diamond drill hole, 96-10, is located about 325 metres (1,070 ft) northwest of the Saddle Gully Zone where holes 96-1 and 96-2 were drilled. Hole 96-10 is expected to intersect tuffaceous and other volcanic material that geochemistry has shown to be gold bearing. A positive result would indicate open pit, bulk mining potential. Phase two is scheduled for between 750 and 1,100 metres (12,400 and 3,600 ft) of drilling.

VSE approval was recently received for Vital Pacific to earn an additional 16% in the Soup claims from Athlone Resources Ltd. by spending an additional \$2,000,000 on exploration over four years. Athlone currently has a 26% interest with Vital holding the remaining 74% interest. (SEE GCNL NO.189, 30Sept96, P.5 FOR PREVIOUS PROJECT INFORMATION & NO.199, Oct.15/96, P.6 FOR DETAILS ON AMENDED OPTION AGREEMENT TERMS)

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