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## FIRST CHOICE INDUSTRIES LTD.

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**NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND COPPER - President Peter Dasler has reported First Choice  
GOLD TARGET BEING DRILLED Industries Ltd. started, on**

Oct. 28/96, a 2,000 foot drill program on the Knob Hill project on the western end of the 30 km long Island Copper porphyry copper-gold belt on the northern area, west of Port Hardy, northern Vancouver Island, BC. The drilling is to identify the geology underlying the gold-arsenic soil anomaly in the survey grid. The geophysical survey has been postponed until the results of the first drilling. A small portable rig with target hole depths between 100 and 300 feet is being used. Exploration results to date shows evidence of porphyry copper mineralization overlain by epithermal gold mineralization. The area had not previously been mapped or sampled. The gold mineralization appears to be hosted within large

rhyolite breccia dome complex partially revealed in sporadic outcrop across the southeastern portion of the property. Evidence indicates the complex underwent strong acid-sulphate alteration. The property is characterized by tundra-like swamp and scattered low bush areas which cover a large plateau at an elevation of 500 to 700 metres. Current access to the company's camp area is by helicopter.

The property covers the most western of a series of magnetic anomalies that define centres of Jurassic intrusive activity and advanced argillic alteration. The past producing Island Copper mine (365,000,000 tonnes), and at the Hushamu deposit of **IORDEX RESOURCES INC.** [JDX-T] (283,000,000 tonnes), are defined by the trend. Several zones of rhyolite domes and flows have been detailed by the BC Government Geological Survey and the whole area is described in their 1994 work as a "prime exploration target for base and precious metals associated with porphyry, epithermal and acid sulphate or high sulphidation hydrothermal systems", similar to other Pacific Rim porphyry belts.

Soil sampling and prospecting has defined an area 1,100 metres long and 700 metres wide in the southeastern portion the property showing consistent anomalous gold, arsenic and trace lead mineralization in the soils. Gold values are up to 563 ppb gold. Lead values reach 392 ppm lead. Arsenic values peak at 4713 ppm arsenic. Zinc reaches 272 ppm zinc. Free gold has been recovered from a number of sites in the nearby streams. The lack of outcrop has hindered exploration. In the drill area scattered surface float gives evidence of a major sulphide mineralized system. Late altered rhyolite, rhyodacite and rhyolite breccias have been mapped in the major drainages east, west and south of the target zone.

To concentrate at Knob Hill, the company has discontinued its option on the IOC property in Quebec. (SEE GCNL NO.203, Oct.21/96, P.3 FOR SCHEFFERVILLE PROJECT INFORMATION)

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