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> HILLSBOROUGH RESOURCES LTD. [HLB-T] 9,696,818 SHS. COAL RESERVES REPORTED - George Vooro, chairman, Hillsborough Resources Ltd., reports the first phase of surface exploration drilling on its 63%owned and managed Quinsam Coal Corp., <u>T'Sable River property</u> <u>south of Courtenay, central Vancouver Island, BC</u>, was completed <u>SSept96</u>. Assaying and metallurgical work continues. Total in-situ reserves are as follows: <u>MEASURED</u> <u>AND</u> <u>INDICATED</u> RESERVES PRIOR TO 1996 DRILLING 9,961,000

NO. 1 SEAM - 1996 DRILLING NO. 3 SEAM - 1996 DRILLING	15,810,400 4,355,500
TOTAL MEASURED AND INDICATED INFERRED RESERVES	30,126,900
TOTAL RESERVES ALL CATEGORIES	8,351,000 38,477,900

The company expects to start the second phase of the drilling program, including pre-feasibility engineering, metallurgical, environmental and permitting process by the end of September. (SEE GCNL NO.166, 27Aug96, P3 FOR PREVIOUS RESERVE DATA)

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