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[PPV.A-ALBERTA]

RECENT EXPLORATION REVIEWED - Claimstaker Resources and Petro Plus have reported preliminary results of the 1996 exploration on the Blackdome Mine property, 50 km west of Clinton, B.C.

A surface trench 200 metres long has been completed on the north end of the No. 2 Vein. Partial results of detailed sampling on this vein indicated at least a 35 metre (115 ft) length of the vein, with an average width of 1.27 metres (4.2 ft), has an average grade of 19.8 grams/t gold, (0.58 oz/t gold and 93.3 g/t silver (2.72 oz/t silver)).

A steeply inclined raise was driven previously within this new zone to break through at surface. The top 35 metres (115 ft) of this raise below the surface (from previous sampling) has an average grade of 17.3 grams/t gold (0.51 oz/t gold). Trenching and detailed sampling are now being undertaken on the Giant Vein. No results are yet available.

A crew has started driving a drift on the No. 11 Vein on the 1870 level. Previous drilling above this level indicated a zone 1.2 metres (3.9 ft) thick of 77.5 grams/t gold (2.26 oz/t gold), which was partially confirmed by a raise in 1995. Assay results from the 1996 work are not yet available.

Eight drill holes have been completed to date. Seven of the eight holes intersected mineralized vein material, but as yet assay results are not complete.

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