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VITAL PACIFIC RESOURCES LTD.

[VPR-V] 12,473,595 SHS.

ATHLONE RESOURCES LTD.

[AT-V] 12,419,065 SHS.

SOUP PROJECT DRILL ASSAYS - Vital Pacific Resources and Athlone Resources have reported assay results of drill hole 96-2 on the Soup property 75 km. southeast of Royal Oak's Kemess deposit north of Smithers, B.C.:

HOLE NO.	INTERVAL	LENGTH	LENGTH	GOLD	GOLD
	METRES	METRES	FEET	GR/T	OZ/T
96-2	13.20-18.35	5.15	16.9	12.34	0.36
	74.31-75.90	1.59	5.2	6.57	.19

Vital Pacific has a 74% interest in the Soup property with an option to increase to 90% by spending \$2,000,000 over four years. Athlone has a 26% interest.

This drill hole was from a set-up on the southeast side of the Saddle Gully zone 75 metres south and 200 metres east of hole 96-1. The hole was drilled to the north and it intersected two mineralized sections. The first section from 13.20 to 18.35 metres is a mafic dyke containing altered rocks with pyrite veinlets and malachite on fractures. The second section 74.31 to 75.90 metres is a tuff of dark green to black coloration with multiple quartz stringers and abundant pyrite, chlorite and magnetite.

Drill hole 96-3 did not reach target depth as the drill rods jammed at 50 metres due to broken ground conditions. Drill hole 96-4 and 96-5 were drilled to intersect a geochemistry and geophysics anomaly located 700 metres southeast of the Saddle Gully Zone. Neither 96-4 nor 96-5 intersected any significant mineralization. Drill holes 96-6 and 96-7 did not reach target depth as the drill rods jammed. The companies believes that a larger drill rig will be needed to test the magnetic and geochemistry anomalies targeted in these drill holes.

The company is negotiating additional financing to drill these holes and others this season.

Drill hole 96-8 has been drilled vertically from the 96-1 set-up. Drill hole 96-9 is being drilled to test the structure below the 96-1 hole. Assays for these holes will be released. (SEE GCNL NO.167, P.5, Aug. 25, 1996)

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