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FAIRFIELD MINERALS LTD.

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NEW VEIN DISCOVERED - Duane Poliquin, P.Eng., president,
AT SIWASH GOLD MINE Fairfield Minerals Ltd., reports the
4,600-metre (15,000-foot), 49-hole
exploration diamond drill program has been completed at the Siwash

Gold Mine, located southeast of Merritt in southern BC. The drilling discovered a new vein system (WD vein) about 200 metres to the north, and parallel to, the main Siwash vein. Twenty-four holes totalling 2,630 metres have tested this system for a length of 550 metres and down dip to a maximum of 230 metres (200 m vertical) at 50 by 50-metre hole spacings. The deepest holes (247, 257 and 258) returned some of the best values, with up to 5.170 oz. gold/ ton over 0.50 metres (1.6 ft). SEE ASSAYS TABLES & MAP OVERLEAF P.1. This system is open to expansion at depth and along strike and has significant implications for increasing reserves near the existing Siwash mine development. Total indicated and inferred reserves at Siwash were calculated in 1995 at 135,300 tons containing 100,300 ounces of gold.

Twenty, close-spaced holes totalling 840 metres were drilled in a near-surface portion of the Siwash vein to determine the feasibility of further open pit mining adjacent to the existing pit, which has produced 47,500 ounces gold from 1992 to 1994. Many of these holes intersected multiple veins with some high grades over narrow widths, contained within wider intervals of lower grade material. Hole 217, for instance, averaged 0.045 oz. gold/ ton over 16.95 metres (55.6 ft) which included 0.61 oz/t over 0.50 metres (1.6 ft).

Five holes totalling 1,120 metres were drilled in the deeper part of the Siwash vein below the underground development area with some encouraging results. This area was to have received the bulk of the drilling, however, emphasis was shifted to the new WD vein upon its discovery. It is anticipated that further drilling will be undertaken this year on both the Siwash vein and the WD vein.

Fairfield is also undertaking limited exploration programs on several of its other properties in the area of the Siwash Gold Mine as well as prospecting in other areas.

Fairfield recently agreed for AURIZON MINES LTD. [ARZ-T, M] to earn a 60% interest in the Siwash Gold Mine by spending \$7,000,000 over four years, subject to a 60-day due diligence period and regulatory approval. (SEE GCNL NO.133, 10Jul96, P.1 FOR FAIRFIELD/AURIZON AGREEMENT INFORMATION)

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SIWASH VEIN PROPOSED PIT AREA

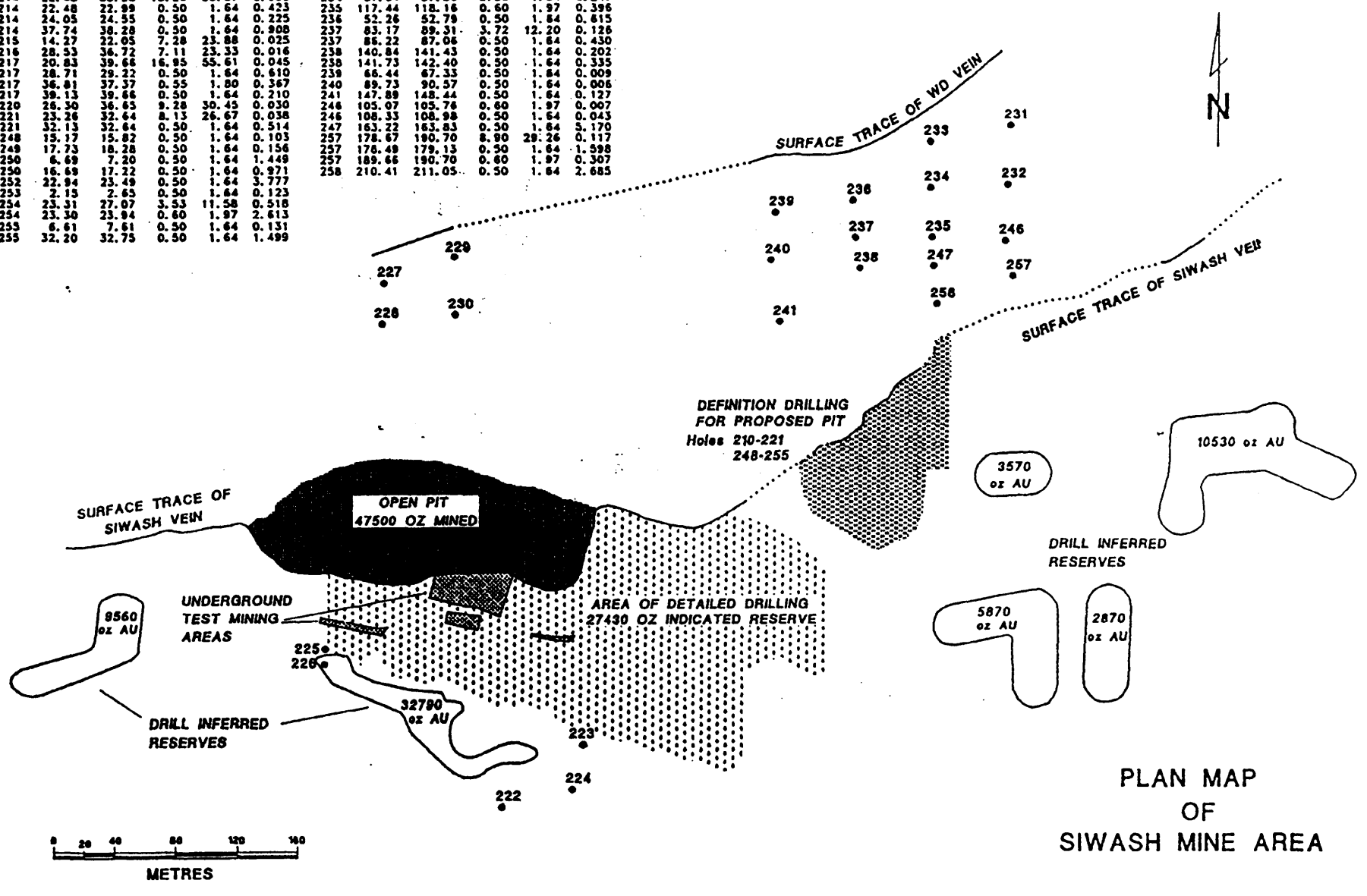
HOLE	FROM metres	TO metres	TRUE WIDTH metres	feet	GOLD OZ/T
210	6.08	6.60	0.50	1.64	4.800
210	6.40	12.20	5.80	18.37	0.475
211	16.87	32.28	14.78	48.49	0.024
212	14.90	39.30	22.54	73.95	0.016
212	21.20	29.57	7.87	25.82	0.028
213	15.69	39.41	21.18	69.49	0.039
213	15.46	15.99	0.50	1.64	0.436
213	37.97	39.47	0.75	2.46	0.481
214	22.48	38.28	15.28	50.07	0.058
214	22.48	22.89	0.50	1.64	0.423
214	24.05	24.55	0.50	1.64	0.225
214	37.74	38.28	0.50	1.64	0.808
215	14.27	21.05	7.28	23.88	0.025
216	28.53	36.72	7.11	23.33	0.016
217	20.83	39.66	16.85	55.61	0.045
217	28.71	29.22	0.50	1.64	0.610
217	36.81	37.37	0.55	1.80	0.367
217	39.13	39.66	0.50	1.64	0.210
220	28.30	36.65	8.28	27.17	0.030
221	23.26	32.64	8.13	26.67	0.038
221	32.13	32.64	0.50	1.64	0.514
248	15.17	15.82	0.50	1.64	0.103
248	17.73	18.28	0.50	1.64	0.156
250	6.69	7.20	0.50	1.64	1.449
250	16.68	17.22	0.50	1.64	0.971
252	22.94	23.49	0.50	1.64	3.777
253	2.15	2.65	0.50	1.64	0.123
254	23.31	27.07	3.53	11.58	0.518
254	23.30	23.94	0.60	1.97	2.613
255	6.61	7.61	0.50	1.64	0.131
255	32.20	32.75	0.50	1.64	1.499

WD VEIN DRILL HOLES

HOLE	FROM metres	TO metres	TRUE WIDTH metres	feet	GOLD OZ/T
227	38.89	39.42	0.50	1.64	0.012
228	48.20	48.75	0.50	1.64	0.360
229	19.60	20.12	0.50	1.64	0.031
230	45.96	46.48	0.50	1.64	0.239
231	32.71	33.26	0.50	1.64	0.112
232	59.17	59.78	0.50	1.64	0.013
233	19.45	20.00	0.50	1.64	0.004
234	54.46	54.97	0.50	1.64	0.478
234	57.04	57.56	0.50	1.64	0.247
235	117.44	118.16	0.60	1.97	0.396
236	52.26	52.79	0.50	1.64	0.615
237	83.17	83.31	3.72	12.20	0.126
237	85.22	87.06	0.50	1.64	0.430
238	140.84	141.43	0.50	1.64	0.202
238	141.73	142.40	0.50	1.64	0.335
239	66.44	67.33	0.50	1.64	0.009
240	89.73	90.57	0.50	1.64	0.006
241	147.89	148.44	0.50	1.64	0.127
248	105.07	105.78	0.60	1.97	0.067
246	108.33	108.98	0.50	1.64	0.043
247	183.22	183.83	0.50	1.64	5.170
257	178.67	180.70	8.80	28.26	0.117
257	178.48	179.13	0.50	1.64	1.598
257	189.66	190.70	0.60	1.97	0.307
258	210.41	211.05	0.50	1.64	2.685

SIWASH VEIN DEEP DRILL HOLES

HOLE	FROM metres	TO metres	TRUE WIDTH metres	feet	GOLD OZ/T
222	253.87	254.44	0.50	1.64	0.152
223	207.14	207.73	0.55	1.80	0.692
224	230.12	230.64	0.50	1.64	0.033
225	148.80	149.38	0.50	1.64	0.201
225	152.23	152.75	0.50	1.64	0.145
226	164.82	165.56	0.60	1.97	0.074



PLAN MAP OF SIWASH MINE AREA

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