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VITAL PACIFIC RESOURCES LTD.

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

ATHLONE RESOURCES LTD.

[AT-V] 12,349,065 SHS.

SOUP PROJECT DRILLING STARTS - Barry Burkett, president,
reports Vital Pacific
Resources Ltd. and Athlone Resources Ltd. have started a drilling

program on the Soup property located 75 km. southeast of Royal Oak's Kemess deposit north of Smithers, central BC. Vital Pacific has a 74% interest in the Soup property with an option to increase its interest to 90% by spending \$2,000,000 over four years. Athlone has a 26% interest. SEE MAPS OVERLEAF P.3. Initial drilling will further test the Saddle Gully zone with two holes. Drilling will then test a gold-copper zone currently known to extend one km. northwest from the Saddle Gully Zone. Geochemistry and magnetics carried out this summer on an anomaly 1.5 km to the southeast of the Saddle Gully Zone have shown assay values up to 11.86 grams gold/tonne (0.347 oz.gold/ton). This potentially extends the strike length to about 2.5 km. This possible southeast extension will also be drilled to test the geochemical anomaly. The phase one drilling program consists of nine widely-spaced holes totalling 4,000 feet and it is designed to test both the regions to the northwest and southeast of the Saddle Gully Zone. This program is expected to provide a critical initial test of C.J. Sullivan's suggestion that the Soup property could contain 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 tons containing 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 ounces of gold. Mr. Sullivan is the founder and chairman of Vital Pacific and formerly director of exploration for Kennecott Canada where he made numerous mineral discoveries.

In 1989, diamond drill hole 89-1 returned 0.23 oz. gold/ton with 0.4% copper over 15 feet. Hole 89-2 returned 1.10 oz.gold/ton and 0.2% copper over 12.6 feet and 1.14 oz.gold/ton with 0.1% copper over 3.0 feet. Drilling in 1995 returned 0.20 oz.gold/ton with 0.4% copper over 34 feet.

Vital Pacific has staked an additional 20 claim units (the Soup 15 claim) immediately to the west adjoining the Soup 1 to 10 claims, which cover 4.25 square km (2.5 square miles). (SEE GCNL NO.17, 24Jan96, P.3 FOR PREVIOUS SOUP PROJECT INFORMATION)

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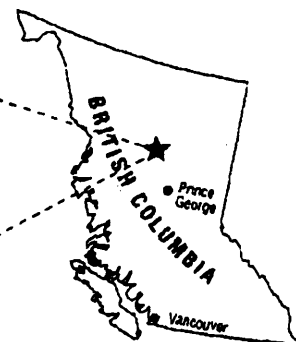
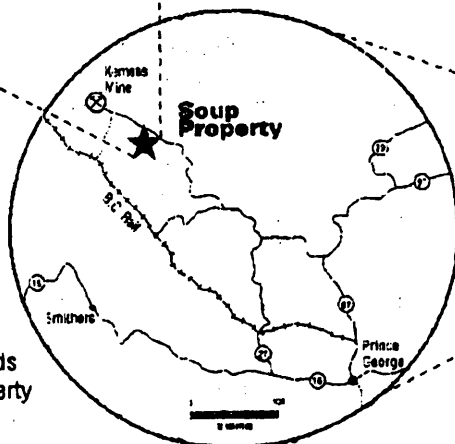
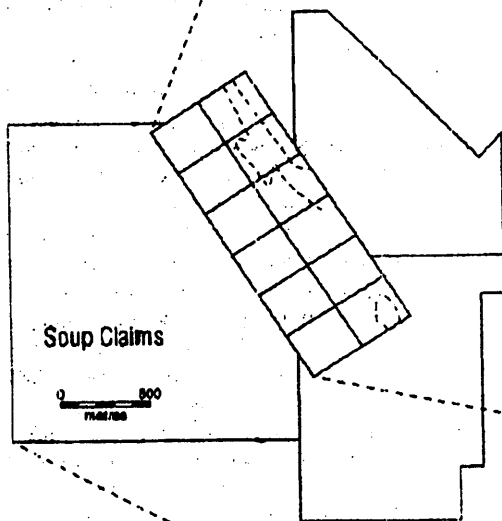
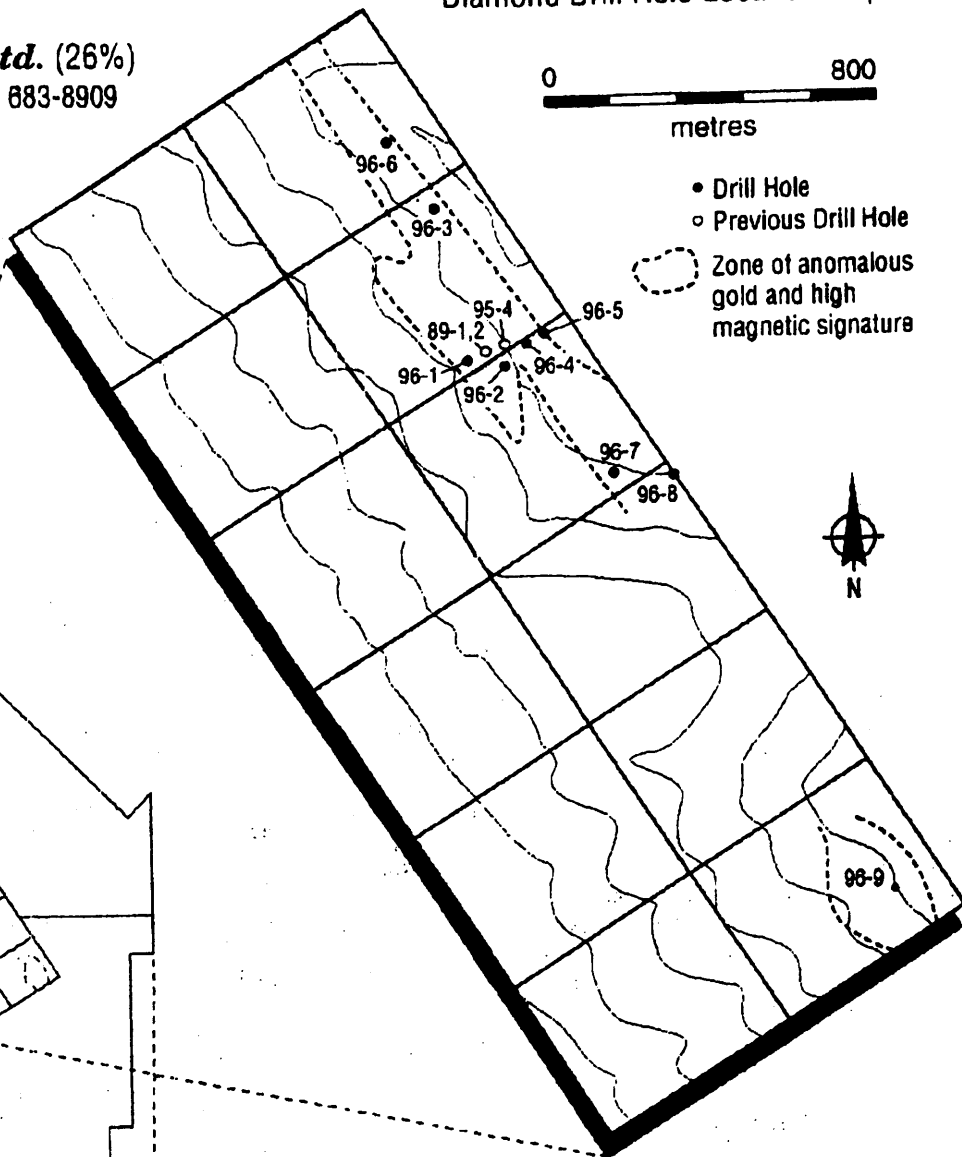
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SOUP PROPERTY

Diamond Drill Hole Location Map



- Drill Hole
- Previous Drill Hole
- Zone of anomalous gold and high magnetic signature



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