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[EAM-V] 6,415,078 SHS.

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MASSIVE SULPHIDE ZONE - Chris W. Graf, P.Eng, president of EXTENDED BY NEW HOLES Ecstall has reported the 1996 drilling program on the Akie claims in the Kechika Trough, 350 km. north of Prince George, northeastern BC is ongoing with one large diamond drill exploring the main Akie deposit to greater depths below hole No.a-96-18 while a second drill is carrying out reconnaissance drill testing of the host Cardiac Creek horizon at 1 km. stepouts north and south over a distance of over 7 km.

This year, six reconnaissance holes totalling 1,800 metres of drilling have been completed, with encouraging results. (See drill hole location map overleaf P.1 this letter and property location map in GCNL No.156, P.1, 13Aug96).

The shallow reconnaissance drilling included holes A-96-20, 22 and 23 drilled 2 km., 3 km., and 3.8 km. south of the main Akie deposit and holes A-96-24, 25 and 26 drilled 2.8 km., 2.4 km., and 2.4 km. north of the Akie deposit which is centred on section 32+00S.

To the south, hole A-96-20 drilled on section 52+00S intersected 1.5 metres of 5% lead+zinc. Hole A-96-22 drilled on section 62+00S intersected 4.6 metres of laminated massive sulphides within which a 1.7 metre interval assayed 1.45 lead+zinc. Hole A-96-23 drilled on section 69+70S on the south side of the Akie valley intersected 2 metres of laminated sulphides in the Cardiac Creek horizon but no significant base metals.

To the north, hole A-96-24 drilled on section 4+00S intersected over 10 metres of interbedded laminar massive sulphides and shale at the base of which a 0.8 metre interval assayed 11.6% zinc and 9% lead. Holes A-96-25 and A-96-26 were both drilled on section 8+00S, 400 metres along strike and up-dip of A-96-24. Hole A-96-25 intersected 12 metres of bedded barite and shale without massive sulphides which is consistent with the sedex model of a barite fringe zone around a deeper massive sulphide deposit downdip of hole A-96-24. Hole A-96-26, drilled below hole A-96-25 did not intersect the target horizon due to faulting.

Due to the success of this reconnaissance drilling the budget has been increased and a deeper follow-up hole A-96-27, collared between holes A-96-20 and A-96-22, is presently at a depth of 300 metres with a target depth of 600 metres.

A-96-21, the first of two deep holes planned to test the Akie deposit at greater depths has been temporarily suspended due to its deviation to the north towards section 30+00S and away from its targeted pierce point on section 32+00S. The large diamond drill has now been moved to section 35+00S and is drilling hole A-96-28. This hole will be 1,200 metres in length and is planned to intersect the Akie deposit on section 34+00S at elevation 400 metres a.s.l. which will be 400 metres downdip of the previous oregrade intersection in hole A-95-18. Depending on the results of A-96-28, the drill may be moved back to complete hole A-95-21 or a new deep hole may be collared further south around section 38+00S.

The Akie deposit itself has been intersected by 12 drill holes over a strike length of 1.4 km. and a dip length of 600 metres and its true thickness varies from 10 metres near surface to over 30 metres at depth. The deposit remains open at depth and along strike and the drilling results indicate that the grades of zinc-lead-silver mineralization and the width of the deposit are increasing at depth

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towards the possible vent source area.
Within a much larger but lower grade resource, Ecstall estimates that a smaller 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 tonne higher grade core of mineralization exists grading in excess of 10% combined lead-zinc over mineable widths of 5 to 10 metres. Based on results to date the Akie exploration target is a world class deposit containing over 50,000,000 tonnes of 10% to 12% lead+zinc. The Akie joint venture is owned 40% by Ecstall and 60% by operator Inmet Mining Corp. and since 1992, \$5,000,000 has been spent on exploration.

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