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## WESTPINE METALS LTD.

[WM-V] 7,507,370 SHS.

SAPPHIRES FOUND AT TASEKO PROJECT - Willis W. Osborne,  
president, Westpine  
Metals Ltd., reports the start of a field program on the Taseko  
property, located 48 km northwest of Goldbridge, BC, to study the  
occurrence of sapphires on the property. The program will consist  
of collecting samples and prospecting to determine the extent of  
occurrence of sapphires.

The samples collected in 1996 and 1997 will be used to  
determine the potential of corundum or sapphire as a potential gem  
material. The program will be carried out with the cooperation of  
personnel from the Energy and Minerals Division of the BC  
Ministry of Employment and Investment.

The largest sapphire crystal found to date on the property is 20  
mm long and 3 mm wide. In the past, the Taseko property has been  
explored for its copper-gold-molybdenum potential. The property  
covers the Empress Zone which hosts a mineral resource of  
11,078,000 tons grading 0.61% copper, and 0.023 oz. gold/ton and  
is thought to overlie a large copper-gold porphyry system. (SEE  
GCNL NO.118, 19Jun97, P.5 FOR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY  
PROJECT INFORMATION)

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