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SOUP DRILLING SUSPENDED - Barry Burkett, president, Vital Pacific Resources Ltd., reports the 1997 drilling program has been concluded on its Soup property located 175 km north of Smithers, BC. Results were not good enough to advance to a second phase of drilling. Three drill holes were completed to test one of the massive magnetite zones.

Hole 97-1 and 97-2 were drilled on a section about 300 metres northwest of the previously tested Saddle Gully zone. They lie on a northwest to southeast trending magnetic high with coincident copper-gold geochemical anomalies extending for about 1,000 metres over widths of 150 to 200 metres.

These results of holes 97-1 and 97-2 were: 1) The 150 to 200 metre thick favourable zone contained only scattered, sparse, copper-gold mineralization well below open pit grade. 2) High magnetite bodies 25 to 30 metres thick were encountered but, the best grade in hole 97-1 was 1.5 grams gold/tonne and 0.3% copper over 8 metres and hole 97-2, which intersected the same body about 100 metres down dip, cut 5 metres assaying 1.4 grams gold/tonne and 0.45% copper. Thirty samples from this hole representing 20 metres assayed 0.2% to 0.7% copper. These grades are clearly much too low for underground mining.

Hole 97-3 was the last completed hole as hole 97-4 was abandoned after the drill rods jammed in the hole. Assays for hole 97-3 will be released when available. Hole 97-3 intersected the same body as 97-1 and 97-2. Hole number three was drilled from the same setup as holes 97-1 and 97-2; however, it was angled minus 70° to the west. Hole 97-1 was vertical and hole 97-2 was 65° to the east.

Vital Pacific will have about \$950,000 in the treasury after paying for the 1997 Soup program. Efforts are underway to obtain another project.

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