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Knob Hill Drilling Underway - Peter Dasler, president, First Choice Industries Ltd., reports drilling has begun on the Knob Hill gold project located on northern Vancouver Island, BC. The Knob Hill property, on the western end of the 30 km long Island Copper porphyry copper-gold belt, shows evidence of porphyry copper mineralization overlain by epithermal gold mineralization. The gold mineralization appears to be hosted within a large rhyolite breccia dome complex that is partially revealed in sporadic outcrop across the southeastern portion of the property. Evidence indicates the complex underwent strong acid-sulphate alteration.

A 2,500 metre (8,200 feet), 21 hole drill program has been started by First Choice's exploration consultants D.G. Leighton and Associates. Targets have been defined through data obtained by the company's exploration efforts over the past two years. Extensive soil sampling, airborne magnetic-EM/radiometric survey, and a reconnaissance drill program have defined a circular silicified structure with an outer sulphide alteration halo. High grade veinlets assaying up to 29.8 grams gold/tonne (0.87 oz/ton) and 0.2% copper have been encountered in drill core and free gold has been recovered from a number of sites in nearby streams.

The current drill program is concentrated in an area of rhyolitic intrusives and breccias. The drilling is expected to continue through August and early September, and will test for gold and copper mineralization within both the central structure and its outer alteration halo.

Crystallex International Corp. is in the process of purchasing a 30% direct interest in the Knob Hill property, and has provided funding for the current work program through the purchase of shares of First Choice Industries. (SEE GCNL NO.149, 5Aug97, P.4 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

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