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ATHLONE RESOURCES LTD. [AT-V] 14,610,065 SHS. VITAL PACIFIC RESOURCES LTD. [VPR-V] 17,423,605 SHS.

SOUP PROJECT DRILLING RESUMED - Athlone Resources and joint venture partner Vital Pacific

Resources have reported drilling on the Soup property,75 km southeast of the Kemess deposit, 190 km north of Smithers, BC₁ is scheduled to start July 10, 1997. Previous drill highlights are shown overleaf P. 4 along with a drill program map.

The target is a magnetite rich skarn zone extending in a northwest to southeast direction for about 2.5 km and seemingly dipping to the northeast at about 20°. The skarn zones appear to be confined to a particular group of volcanic and tuffaceous formations about 200 metres thick.

The 1997 drill program will penetrate these formations as a whole in order to test their bulk mining potential and determine whether the higher grade intersected in previous drilling continues along the northwest trending stratigraphy. The test section, located about 350 metres northwest of the above mentioned drill holes is characterized by a magnetic high and the presence of plus one gram per tonne gold and 1,000 ppm copper in soils and rock flour.

Phase one will consist of four diamond drill holes totaling about 1.365 metres. The program will be funded 100% by Vital Pacific. Athlone currently owns 19.4% interest in the Soup property.

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SOUP PROPERTY, BC

F	Drill Hole	From (metres)	To (metres)	Interval (metres)	Au (grams/ tonne)
·	1996 96-1	39.36 m	71,63 m.		5.50 grams/tonne
L	96-2	13.20 m	18.35 m	the second se	12.34 grams/tonne
	96-2	74.31 m	75.90 m	1.59 m	6.57 grams/tonne
Ļ	1995 95-4	27.60 m	38.00 m	10.40 m	6.90 grams/tonne
	95-4	45,00 m	48,20 m	3.20 m	11.00 grams/tonne
. _	1989 89-1	12.80 m	17.40 m	4,60 m	7,90 grams/tonne
-	89-1	44.60 m	47.80 m	3.20 m	3.70 grams/tonne
4	89-2	14.30 m	18.50 m	4.20 m	37.70 grams/tonne
L	89-2	31.70 m	32,60 m	0.90 m	.39,10 grams/tonne



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