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BREN-MAR RESOURCES LTD.

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MORE TURNAGAIN DRILL RESULTS - Wolf Wiese, CEO, reports
Bren-Mar Resource Ltd.

has received additional results at the 100% owned Turnagain nickelcobalt project located at an elevation of about 1,700 metres and north of Stewart about 68 km east of Dease Lake in the Cassiar Mountains of northern BC.

AZIMUTH	DIP	HOLE LENGTH METRES	INTERVAL METRES	LENGTH METRES	NICKEL *	COBALT PPK
HOLE NO	-50	133.2	± 46-92	46	0.074	107
HOLE NO					••••	
210	-60	130.1	27-29	2	0.23	135
			29-53	24	0.11	145
			53-110	57 .	0.26	150
HOLE NO.97-7 Discovery						
005	060	166.7	3-132	129	0.085	116
*Previously reported on 22Sep97 as no significant results						

Of the 13 holes drilled in the 1996 and 1997 program, only one hole showed no significant mineralization. This encourages the company to pursue its geological model and target for the Turnagain project to discover and delineate a bulk tonnage (in excess of 250,000,000 tonnes) nickel, cobalt, copper deposit over a strike length in excess of five km.

Bren-Mar resumed its 1997 drill program at the Turnagain project to test for continuity of mineralization in the area of hole No. 96-2, which intersected 142 metres averaging 0.28% nickel and 0.14% cobalt including 10.7 metres of 0.53% nickel and 8 metres of 0.38% nickel and some intersections of one metre or more with grades more than 0.8% nickel in 1996. Results from this extended program will be released as they become available.

The deposit will hopefully lend itself to large scale bulk mining techniques, at a scale more analogous to copper than nickel. The processing techniques the company will be investigating are also more analogous to copper, and should be less costly than the traditional processing approach for nickel. The new approach is achievable primarily due to advances in lixivants (leaching chemicals) and reagents which have been developed for recovering soluble nickel from acidic sulphate solutions. This allows for the possible use of solvent extraction-electrowinning techniques. Consequently, dissolution techniques such as bioleaching and acidic pressure leaching in autoclaves can now be considered where previously they were not.

Of note is the contained metal value of the rock is reported at \$30 /tonne. This is close to twice as much as most large tonnage mines operating in BC. Some of the new mines are in areas more remote than the Turnagain project, Bren-Mar Resources Ltd. will also be investigating process options which will hopefully match the processing costs of existing bulk tonnage mines operating in the province. Bren-Mar has also commissioned metallurgical testing for flotation, bioleaching, pressure leaching (sulphate system) and alternate chemical leach methods. (SEE GCNL NO.141, 23Jul97, P.2 FOR PREVIOUS TURNAGAIN PROJECT INFORMATION)

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