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## TASEKO MINES LTD.

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PROSPERITY PROJECT UPDATE - Robert A. Dickinson, president, reports Taseko Mines Ltd. has signed a Cooperative Resource Development Protocol with the Government of BC to facilitate the advancement of the Prosperity gold, copper project (formerly known as Fish Lake) located in the Cariboo-Chilcotin region about 125 km southwest of Williams Lake, south-central BC.

The Protocol provides a framework for the company and the Province to develop terms and conditions for the potential provision of electrical power at a preferred rate to the project, pursuant to the British Columbia Power for Jobs Development Act. 'Power for Jobs' is a provincial government initiative to use surplus hydroelectric power, made available by the downstream benefits to the Columbia River Treaty, to encourage investment, job creation and regional economic development in the province.

The Prosperity deposit has the potential to generate 9,500,000 ounces of gold, 3.5 billion pounds of copper, \$1 billion in capital investment and up to 700 direct mining jobs and 1,900 indirect jobs over a period of 25 years.

"The electrical power requirements for a modern mining operation are substantial, and represent a significant proportion of total operating costs," Mr. Dickinson said. "In the case of the Prosperity project, peak power demand will exceed 140 megawatts, while power requirements over the life of the mine will comprise as much as 16% of total operating costs."

Taseko will immediately begin discussions with the BC Government toward a preferred power rate for the project, with the goal of concluding an arrangement by 31Mar99. For its part, Taseko has committed to share project financial modelling information with the government, to identify optimum production and environmental technologies in the development of the mine, and to use qualified BC contractors and suppliers whenever commercially possible.

Taseko has commissioned mining and mineral processing consultants Kilborn-SNC Lavalin to undertake a \$5,000,000 engineering feasibility study of the Prosperity project.

The Prosperity project is being reviewed by the federal and provincial governments under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and the BC Environmental Assessment Act. Taseko plans to submit a project report during the first half of 1999. (SEE GCNL NO.113, 12Jun98, P.5 FOR PREVIOUS PROSPERITY PROJECT INFORMATION)

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