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Independent Study Confirms Significant Afton Mineral Resource

Vancouver, B.C., June 3, 2003 --- DRC Resources Corporation (DRC--TSX) is pleased to report the results of an independent mineral resource study prepared for the Afton Copper-Gold Project located near Kamloops, British Columbia, by international minerals industry consulting firm Behre Dolbear & Company Ltd. The Mineral Resource Study establishes the Afton Project as a large high-grade copper-gold mineral deposit with potential of developing additional tonnage through further exploration. The study estimates significant tonnage and grade for the Afton Project using cutoff grades ranging from 0.1% to 4.0% Copper Equivalent. This Mineral Resource Study will be incorporated in the Afton Pre-Feasibility which is presently in progress.

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Mineral Resource Estimate - *1.20% Copper Equivalent Cutoff

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| Resource Category | Tonnes > Cutoff (tonnes) | Grade > Cutoff | | Contained Product In-situ | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | | CuEQ% | AuEQ(g/t) | Copper (lb) | Gold (oz) |
| Measured | 7,500,000 | 2.324 | 3.415 | 244,000,000 | 260,000 |
| Indicated | 31,040,000 | 2.023 | 2.972 | 855,000,000 | 990,000 |
| Measured and Indicated | 38,540,000 | 2.081 | 3.058 | 1,099,000,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Inferred | 14,000,000 | 2.076 | 3.050 | 389,000,000 | 470,000 |

An excerpt from Behre Dolbear's report for the Afton Main Zone measured, indicated and inferred mineral resource, ranging from 0.80% to 1.80% Copper Equivalent Cutoff, are presented below. Copper equivalent values are used to present the data as grade-tonnage tables. The tables are not meant to imply economic cutoff values but are simply a way of showing the results of a multi-element deposit for a wide variety of cutoffs. Copper equivalent grades were

calculated assuming 100% recovery. Preliminary flotation test conducted for the company in 2003 on the Afton Mineralization produced metals recoveries of Copper 91%, Gold 95%, Palladium 80%, Platinum 78% and Silver 88%. The following metal prices were used: Copper \$US 0.75/lb, Gold \$US 350/oz, Silver \$US 4.75/oz and Palladium \$US 300/oz.

Note the inverse relationship between resource tonnage and cutoff grade.

Table 1: Afton Main Zone Measured Resource

| Cutoff CuEQ % | Tonnes > Cutoff (tonnes) | Grade > Cutoff | | | | | | Contained Product In-situ | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|--------|
| | | Cu | Au | Ag | Pd | CuEQ | AuEQ | Cu | Au |
| | | % | (g/t) | (g/t) | (g/t) | % | (g/t) | (Mlbs) | (Mozs) |
| 0.80 | 9,250,000 | 1.314 | 0.964 | 3.509 | 0.120 | 2.072 | 3.044 | 268 | 0.29 |
| 0.90 | 8,780,000 | 1.356 | 0.996 | 3.624 | 0.121 | 2.137 | 3.140 | 263 | 0.28 |
| 1.00 | 8,330,000 | 1.396 | 1.027 | 3.748 | 0.123 | 2.200 | 3.233 | 256 | 0.28 |
| *1.20 | 7,500,000 | 1.477 | 1.084 | 3.989 | 0.124 | 2.324 | 3.415 | 244 | 0.26 |
| 1.40 | 6,680,000 | 1.561 | 1.143 | 4.248 | 0.124 | 2.449 | 3.598 | 230 | 0.25 |
| 1.60 | 5,930,000 | 1.641 | 1.195 | 4.496 | 0.125 | 2.568 | 3.773 | 215 | 0.23 |
| 1.80 | 5,150,000 | 1.729 | 1.252 | 4.809 | 0.128 | 2.700 | 3.967 | 196 | 0.21 |

Table 2: Afton Main Zone Indicated Resource

| Cutoff CuEQ | Tonnes > Cutoff | Grade > Cutoff | | | | | | Contained Product In-situ | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------|--|
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| | | | | | | | | | |

| % | (tonnes) | Cu % | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pd (g/t) | CuEQ % | AuEQ (g/t) | Cu (Mlbs) | Au (Mozs) |
|-------|------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0.80 | 43,010,000 | 1.068 | 0.845 | 2.600 | 0.118 | 1.736 | 2.551 | 1,013 | 1.17 |
| 0.90 | 39,670,000 | 1.115 | 0.882 | 2.717 | 0.121 | 1.810 | 2.659 | 975 | 1.12 |
| 1.00 | 36,730,000 | 1.158 | 0.917 | 2.827 | 0.122 | 1.879 | 2.761 | 938 | 1.08 |
| *1.20 | 31,040,000 | 1.249 | 0.989 | 3.062 | 0.125 | 2.023 | 2.972 | 855 | 0.99 |
| 1.40 | 26,010,000 | 1.337 | 1.060 | 3.297 | 0.127 | 2.163 | 3.178 | 767 | 0.89 |
| 1.60 | 21,310,000 | 1.428 | 1.136 | 3.547 | 0.130 | 2.309 | 3.393 | 671 | 0.78 |
| 1.80 | 17,050,000 | 1.524 | 1.214 | 3.822 | 0.133 | 2.462 | 3.617 | 573 | 0.67 |

Table 3: Afton Main Zone Inferred Resource

| Cutoff CuEQ % | Tonnes > Cutoff (tonnes) | Grade > Cutoff | | | | | | Contained Product In-situ | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Cu % | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pd (g/t) | CuEQ % | AuEQ (g/t) | Cu (Mlbs) | Au (Mozs) |
| 0.80 | 20,230,000 | 1.055 | 0.860 | 2.403 | 0.133 | 1.740 | 2.557 | 471 | 0.56 |
| 0.90 | 18,390,000 | 1.110 | 0.909 | 2.499 | 0.135 | 1.829 | 2.687 | 450 | 0.54 |
| 1.00 | 16,860,000 | 1.158 | 0.951 | 2.592 | 0.138 | 1.909 | 2.805 | 431 | 0.52 |
| *1.20 | 14,000,000 | 1.259 | 1.042 | 2.788 | 0.142 | 2.076 | 3.050 | 389 | 0.47 |
| 1.40 | 11,730,000 | 1.353 | 1.122 | 2.961 | 0.145 | 2.228 | 3.274 | 350 | 0.42 |

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|------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| 1.60 | 9,780,000 | 1.444 | 1.200 | 3.120 | 0.145 | 2.374 | 3.488 | 311 | 0.38 |
| 1.80 | 7,910,000 | 1.543 | 1.285 | 3.270 | 0.147 | 2.533 | 3.722 | 269 | 0.33 |

**Selected Example of Copper Equivalent Cutoff Grade*

Note: Mlbs = Million Pounds, Mozs = Million Ounces

The Behre Dolbear report states that their work entailed estimating the mineral resources of the two deposits at the Afton Main Zone and the Northeast Zone that comprise the Afton project in conformance with the CIM Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve definitions referred to in National Instrument (NI) 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*. It also involved the preparation of a Technical Report as defined in NI 43-101 and in compliance with Form 43-101F1 (the "Technical Reports").

The Afton mineral resource, estimates based on 2000-2003 diamond drill results from 90 drill holes totaling 42,450 metres, were calculated under the direction of Mr. James A. Currie, P. Eng., an independent Qualified Person as defined under the National Instrument 43-101. All drill hole samples were prepared under the supervision of DRC personnel and shipped to Eco Tech Laboratories Ltd., a British Columbia Certified Assayer, for analysis. DRC employs a comprehensive QA/QC program including the use of standards and internal and external check samples. Behre Dolbear has reviewed the QA/QC program and is of the opinion that it meets or exceeds industry standards. Industry-accepted methods were used for grade estimation using the method of ordinary kriging (a method of determining a weighted average in such a way that the geostatistical estimation variance of the weighted average is minimized). The assays were composited into 10 metre down-hole composites. Reasonableness of grade interpolation was reviewed by visual inspection of sections displaying block model grades, drill-hole composites and geology with good agreement being observed.

Mr. James A. Currie, P.Eng., of Behre Dolbear and Company Ltd., has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release. In accordance with National Instrument 43-101, a technical report detailing the resource estimate will be filed on SEDAR within 30 days.

For further information on DRC and the Afton Project, please visit our web site at www.drcresources.com or call us at 604-687-1629.

On behalf of the Board of Directors
 John H. Kruzick
 John H. Kruzick, President & CEO

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