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NORTH AMERICAN METALS CORP. (NAM-V)

A FURTHER \$15,100,000 WRITE-OFF REPORTED - B.J.Gordon,
treasurer,
reports North American Metals Corp. has recorded a
second quarter write-off of \$15,100,000. Due to
depressed gold prices and high operating costs, the
company determined it will be unable to recover any of
its investment in the property, plant and equipment at
the Golden Bear mine, located 75 miles northwest of
Telegraph Creek in northwest B.C.

The mine remains in production. Seasonal open pit
mining began during the second quarter. The company has
started a \$1,200,000 exploration program to discover
more ore reserves. To date this year, the Golden Bear
mine has produced about 25,000 ounces of gold. Before
the write-off, North American Metals had a net loss of
\$963,000 for the second quarter and \$2,700,000 for the
year to date. HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY owns 82.8% of
North American's shares. The Golden Bear mine is owned
50/50 by North American Metals/Chevron Minerals. (SEE
GCNL No.136, 16Jul91, P.2 FOR OTHER INFORMATION)

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