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PLACER DOME INC. (PDG-T,M,V)

Placer Dome has reported taking \$397,000,000 in writedowns of assets, an after-tax charge of \$328,000,000 or \$1.39 per share against 1991 earnings, including: \$266,000,000 against the 100% owned Mt.Milligan, where the \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 plant construction costs is not justified, excluding acquisition costs. The B.C.Govt. has not issued the certificate to seek a production permit; \$50,000,000 against the \$106,000,000 carrying value of the Eskay Creek project 22% owned, where recoverable gold has been reduced from 4,500,000 oz. gold to 3,100,000 oz. by switching from open pit to underground mining methods; \$31,000,000 against the 64% owned Paymaster project, adjacent to the Dome mine, Timmins, Ontario; \$36,000,000 against the Dona Lake mine, 100% owned, which has a two year current reserve life; and \$20,000,000 against the Sigma mine, 100% owned, which has higher costs and limited reserve life. Placer Dome will report a substantial loss for 1991.

Placer Dome has reported the 60% owned Cortez joint venture, near Carlin, NE Nevada, has discovered a new zone called the Pipeline, six miles NW of the plant site, where drilling to date has outlined 11,300,000 tons grading 0.237 oz. gold/t, using a 0.05 oz. gold/t, cutoff grade, containing 2,600,000 oz. gold/t. The discovery hole cut 120 ft. grading 0.306 oz. gold per ton with mineralization starting at 550 feet below surface. The zone is open to the south with excellent potential for a significant increase in contained ounces.

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