

COLUMBIA GOLD MINES LTD. (COB-V)

TILLICUM FEASIBILITY STUDY PLANNED - John S. Brock, president, reports Columbia Gold Mines Ltd. is planning to conduct a feasibility study on the 100%-owned Tillicum Mountain project located in the Arrow Lakes region about 13 km east of Burton, southeast B.C. with a view for production of gold from the Heino-Money zone. Underground workings are completed and mine equipment is on site. Mining and custom milling costs are estimated to be about \$200 per ton, the gross value of ore grading 1.0 oz. gold/ton is currently C \$420 per ton.

Indicated gold reserves at Tillicum stand at 239,000 contained ounces with inferred and indicated reserves totalling 1,330,000 tons grading 0.18 oz. gold/ton. Higher grade reserves currently stand at 280,000 tons grading 0.43 oz. gold/ton. Work to date includes over 280 surface diamond drill holes and 5,900 feet of underground exploration. Geologic potential exists for increasing reserves.

In NW B.C. near Kinsakin Lake 225 km NE of Stewart, Columbia's Spectrum deposit has indicated reserves of 155,000 contained ounces. With over 90 drill holes completed, 555,000 tons grading 0.28 oz. gold/ton are reported. Included within this reserve are 303,000 tons grading 0.46 oz. gold/ton. Joint venture participation is being sought for a 1993 program of underground exploration and bulk sampling. Columbia can earn a 100% interest by making staged payments and spending \$3,000,000 on exploration over five years.

Columbia is also seeking new projects in Canada, the U.S. and Latin America. The company has working capital of about \$1,000,000. (SEE GCNL No. 174, 9Sep92, P.1 FOR EARLIER PROJECT INFORMATION)

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