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## WHEATON RIVER MINERALS LTD.

[WRM-T] 18,537,888 SHS.

## NORTH AMERICAN METALS CORP.

[NAM-V] 14,509,055 SHS.

## REPADRE CAPITAL CORP.

[RPD-V, T] 14,630,532 SHS.

KODIAK MINE PERMIT GRANTED - Ian J. McDonald, chairman, Wheaton River Minerals Ltd., and North American Metals Corp. have reported a Mine Development Certificate has been issued for the Kodiak heap leach project by the B.C. Government, allowing the companies to proceed with project construction. The Kodiak Zone is located on the Golden Bear mine property 75 miles north of Telegraph Creek, northwestern B.C. The Kodiak deposit was discovered less than one year ago. The Golden Bear mine is 100% held by North American Metals, an 81%-owned subsidiary of Wheaton River. Repadre Capital Corp. has a 2% NSR for life of the mine.

The mining plan provides for 325,000 tonnes from the Kodiak A Zone to be mined, crushed and stacked during Aug. to Oct. at which time heap leaching will begin. Gold recoveries will begin in Nov. and proceed until May, 1995. The current mining plan calls for the Kodiak B Zone to be mined and leached in 1995, followed by the Kodiak C Zone in 1996, both subject to additional permitting.

The waste to ore strip ratio of the Kodiak A deposit, which grades 5.08 grams gold/tonne is 4.3:1, and production costs are expected to be US \$224 per ounce. One of the features of the Kodiak A ore is its high amenability to heap leaching. Column tests at McLelland Laboratories in Nevada indicate that more than 93% of the gold can be recovered. About 27,000 ounces are expected to be recovered by the end of 1994, with an additional 19,000 ounces in 1995. The Kodiak A deposit will be mined, crushed and stacked by a single contractor, with company staff handling the actual leaching and gold recovery operations.

The companies also report that more detailed metallurgical testing has indicated higher than expected recoveries in other heap leach deposits at the Golden Bear mine site. Recoveries at the Kodiak B and C are now estimated at 85% and 91%, respectively, when crushed to minus 3/4 inch. Testing now indicates recoveries of 76% from the Low Grade Stockpile, which is slated for production in 1997 and 1998, with no additional crushing requirement.

A significant new discovery has been made on the Kodiak North Zone, 800 metres to the north of the Kodiak A open pit. Of 39 surface samples taken from a boulder train, 25 graded higher than 3.0 grams gold/tonne, which is well within the grade requirement for heap leaching. Thirteen of the samples graded higher than 6.0 gramsgold/tonne. The mineralization is a strongly hematized limestone breccia. This similar to kodiak mineralization, indicating good heap leach recoveries. The size of the structure is unknown. A drilling program will test this zone later in August. Meanwhile, drilling has begun the Bandit Zone, where two strongly mineralized induced polarization anomalies will be tested by at least six drill bores. (SEE GCNL 120, 23Jun94, P1 FOR PROJECT REVIEW)

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