

bcMetals

NEWS RELEASE

Vancouver, February 15, 2005 - bcMetals (TSX-V: 'C') has been informed the HydroCopper™ Pilot Testing of Red Chris copper-gold concentrate was started Feb 14th in Pori, Finland. The program is scheduled for completion in mid April.

The Pilot Test is employing a 10% copper concentrate grade and is designed to confirm the high recovery of copper into solution (+98%) achieved to date in bench testing; determine total gold recovery to dore; reagent consumption, residence times, etc., as a basis for Flow Sheet design for a 45,000 to 50,000 tpy copper HydroCopper™ plant. The Flow Sheet will be used to complete a HydroCopper™ Feasibility Study and Basic Engineering design scheduled for completion in August.

Construction of a minimum 138 kVA power line extension up the corridor of Highway 37 to Iskut, is required to meet the estimated 55 kVA power requirement to operate a 30,000 tpd concentrator, mine and the envisioned 50,000 tonne per year copper HydroCopper™ plant. This power line would connect with the 23 km long proposed line that follows the Red Chris mine site access road to its junction with Highway 37, as reported in the Company's Nov 24, 2004 FS News Release. (www.sedar.com)

At this moment the Company has no knowledge this line will be constructed. However, BChydro recently submitted to the Minister of Energy and Mines several options with cost estimates for construction of a power line to Iskut. From recent meetings with provincial ministers and other government officials, the Company understands that this pro mining government is actively reviewing these options with a constructive view towards providing power up Highway 37, which would be accessible at a Red Chris road junction.

The Feasibility Study estimated a 25-year mine life with estimated production in the first 5-years averaging 104 million lbs of copper and 71,000 oz of gold per year. Capital cost is estimated at Cdn\$227.6 million. The Red Chris porphyry copper-gold deposit is owned 100% by the Company and is located 12 km east of Highway 37, in northwestern British Columbia, Canada.

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