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RED CHRIS MINE RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

VICTORIA – The proposed Red Chris Copper-Gold Mine project has received environmental approval following a comprehensive review by the provincial Environmental Assessment Office.

Located 450 km north of Smithers and 18 km southeast of Iskut, the Red Chris Mine project involves the construction and operation of an open-pit mine, including storage areas, waste dumps, an access road, a power line to the site, a worker camp and a water supply.

The Environmental Assessment Certificate contains requirements to protect the environment during the lifetime of the project, including:

- A Wildlife Management Plan with input from government and the Iskut and Tahltan First Nations.
- A Fisheries Habitat Compensation Plan that meets Fisheries Act requirements.
- A First Nations and local consultation program throughout the life of the mine to solicit feedback with respect to socioeconomic, environmental and wildlife management issues.
- Plans to reclaim the site on completion of the project.
- Until a viable power source is determined, no development of the project that would create disturbance to the land, except for that which is allowed under the existing Exploration Permit.

Capital cost is approximately \$228 million, and the project will provide approximately 250 full-time jobs during its 25-year operation. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2006.

Information on the Environmental Assessment Office's project review is available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca.

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