

Acero-Martin exploring new copper discovery at Pinaya

Don Currie, president/CEO, reports that Acero-Martin Exploration Inc. [ASD-TSXV; AMX-Frankfurt] has applied for mineral concessions totaling 369.91 hectares to cover its new copper discovery near its flagship Pinaya Project in southern Peru. The new zone or copper-silver mineralization is located about 10 kilometres southeast of the current resource area.

The new zone, known as Saitocco, which has never been drilled, returned surface rock samples that assayed up to 1.99% copper and 71.5 grams silver/tonne with three samples returning grades over 1% copper. The 13 rock samples averaged 0.59% copper.

Mineralization at Saitocco has now been traced over an area measuring one kilometre by 0.5 kilometres. Initial investigation of the zone indicates the presence of two intrusive bodies with malachite and chrysocolla staining (copper minerals). Company

geologists are of the view that this new zone adds further potential to expand the project's overall resource base. Further sampling and mapping of the Saitocco Zone continues in order to develop drill targets. Meanwhile, regional-scale prospecting and sampling is underway on the Pinaya lands to seek out new areas of mineralization. Drilling is also ongoing as part of a 10,000-metre program.

In the last three years the company has drilled over 140 diamond core holes with dozens of them encountering long intercepts of copper mineralization, including hole PDH-39, which returned 83.9 metres grading 1.11% copper and 2.1 grams gold/tonne starting at surface.

Following the initial 70 holes in September 2006, an initial NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate was prepared. In all resource categories, the estimate totaled 41.85 million tonnes containing 666,000 ounces of gold and 385 million pounds of copper. At today's metal prices, this equates to about US \$1.8 billion.

Acero-Martin's strategy is to fast-track production from a starter pit in the high-grade Gold Oxide Skarn Zone (GOSZ) while continuing to drill and expand the larger copper-rich Western Porphyry and North West Porphyry zones. Assays from the GOSZ include hole PDH-128 that returned 67.5 metres grading 2.00 grams gold/tonne as well as hole PDH-129 that returned 25.0 metres of 3.07 grams/tonne. Also, exploratory drilling will be carried out on the untested trend followed by the Montana de Cobra, Minas Jorge and Don Pedro targets.

Production is set for fourth quarter 2008 or first quarter 2009, starting with processing existing tailings from previous operators. Tests have shown there are about 20,000 ounces of gold contained in old tailings. This would be followed by mining the starter pit in the GOSZ, then bulk tonnage mining of the Western and North West porphyry zones.

Development work is also underway as well as environmental, socio-economic and preliminary economic assessment studies. ■