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Peter Stokes, P.Eng. ,of Beacon Hill Consulting, to Advise On Tabaco Copper Oxide Pre-feasibility Program, Chile

The company is pleased to announce that it has retained W.P.(Peter) Stokes, P.Eng. of Beacon Hill Consultants (1988) Ltd. to assist the company in the development of the Tabaco copper oxide project in Chile. Mr. Stokes has had over 30 years experience in the mining industry including including both project management for feasibility studies and construction projects worldwide. Management is encouraged that Mr. Stokes will bring a broad scope of expertise to the company's Tabaco pre-feasibility program.

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