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## DRILL PROGRAM COMMENCES ON TABACO COPPER OXIDE PROPERTY, CHILE.

Mobilization of a diamond drill and camp to the Tabaco property has been completed with drilling to commence immediately.

SRK Consultants will oversee the collection of samples and provide quality assurance/quality control supervision of the program.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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