

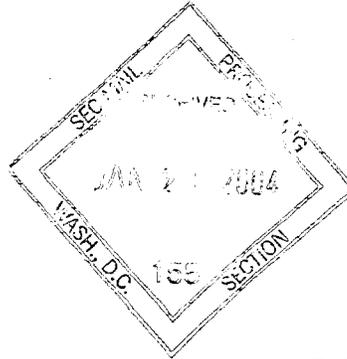
IMPERIAL METALS CORPORATION

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Dear Sirs,

Re: 12g3-2(b) Reg. No. 82-34714

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For your information, we enclose a copy of the Company's recent news release.

Yours truly,

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NEWS RELEASE

Recent Drilling Expands the Northeast Zone and the Springer Zone at Mount Polley

Vancouver (January 13, 2004) - Imperial Metals Corporation (III-TSX) reports recent drilling has extended the high grade Northeast Zone to a length of 325 metres and a depth of 200 metres. The zone remains open for expansion.

Three of five diamond drill holes, completed in the final round of drilling in 2003, intersected significant intervals of high grade copper, gold and silver mineralization. The best of these was hole WB03 21 which intersected 208 metres grading 1.18% copper, 0.45 g/t gold and 9.05 ppm silver including 111 metres grading 1.78% copper, 0.79 g/t gold and 15.34 ppm silver.

Holes WB03 18 and WB03 20 intersected weakly mineralized alteration typical of the west fringe of the high-grade Northeast Zone.

The intervals from the recently completed drilling are provided in the following table. A drill and trench plan will be available on the Company's website: www.imperialmetals.com.

Northeast Zone Drill Hole #	Total Length (m)	Metre Interval		Interval		Copper %	Gold g/t	Silver ppm
		Start	End	Length	Grade			
WB03 17	159.1	39.6	74.2	34.6	1.18	0.09	10.91	
WB03 18	130.2	--- no significant interval ---						
WB03 19	325.2	145.3	265.0	119.7	1.02	0.20	9.61	
<i>including</i>		147.5	195.0	47.5	1.73	0.45	20.32	
WB03 20	181.1	--- no significant interval ---						
WB03 21	306.9	26.5	235.0	208.5	1.18	0.45	9.05	
<i>including</i>		26.5	137.5	111.0	1.78	0.79	15.34	

Also, four shallow rotary holes were drilled to supply water for the diamond drilling program. Hole WW03 04 drilled about 200 metres south of WB03 21, returned some elevated copper values from chips including an interval of 3 metres from 29 to 32 metres that graded 1.5% copper and 0.61 g/t gold.

Springer Zone

The fourth hole, SD-03-04, completed in the Springer Zone returned 0.28% copper and 0.24 g/t gold over 542 metres, including 112.5 metres grading 0.47% copper and 0.29 g/t gold. This hole was drilled at a 45 degree angle from west to east. Four holes have now been completed in the Springer Zone confirming the presence of a significant body of copper-gold mineralization beneath the design limits of the unmined Springer pit.

Springer Zone Drill Hole #	Total Length (m)	Metre Interval		Interval		Copper %	Gold g/t
		Start	End	Length	Grade		
SD-03-01	481.3	3.7	470.0	466.3	0.49	0.36	
SD-03-02	675.1	160.0	647.5	487.5	0.31	0.26	
SD-03-03	675.1	150.2	665.0	514.8	0.25	0.36	
SD-03-04	769.3	82.5	625.0	542.5	0.28	0.24	
<i>including</i>		217.5	330.0	112.5	0.47	0.29	

Three drill rigs are now on the Mount Polley property to further expand and define the Northeast Zone and continue to test the depth extent of higher grade copper-gold mineralization in the Springer and Bell deposits.

Patrick McAndless, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, supervised the preparation, and verified the technical information in this release. Samples were analyzed by Acme Analytical Labs Ltd. in Vancouver, BC.

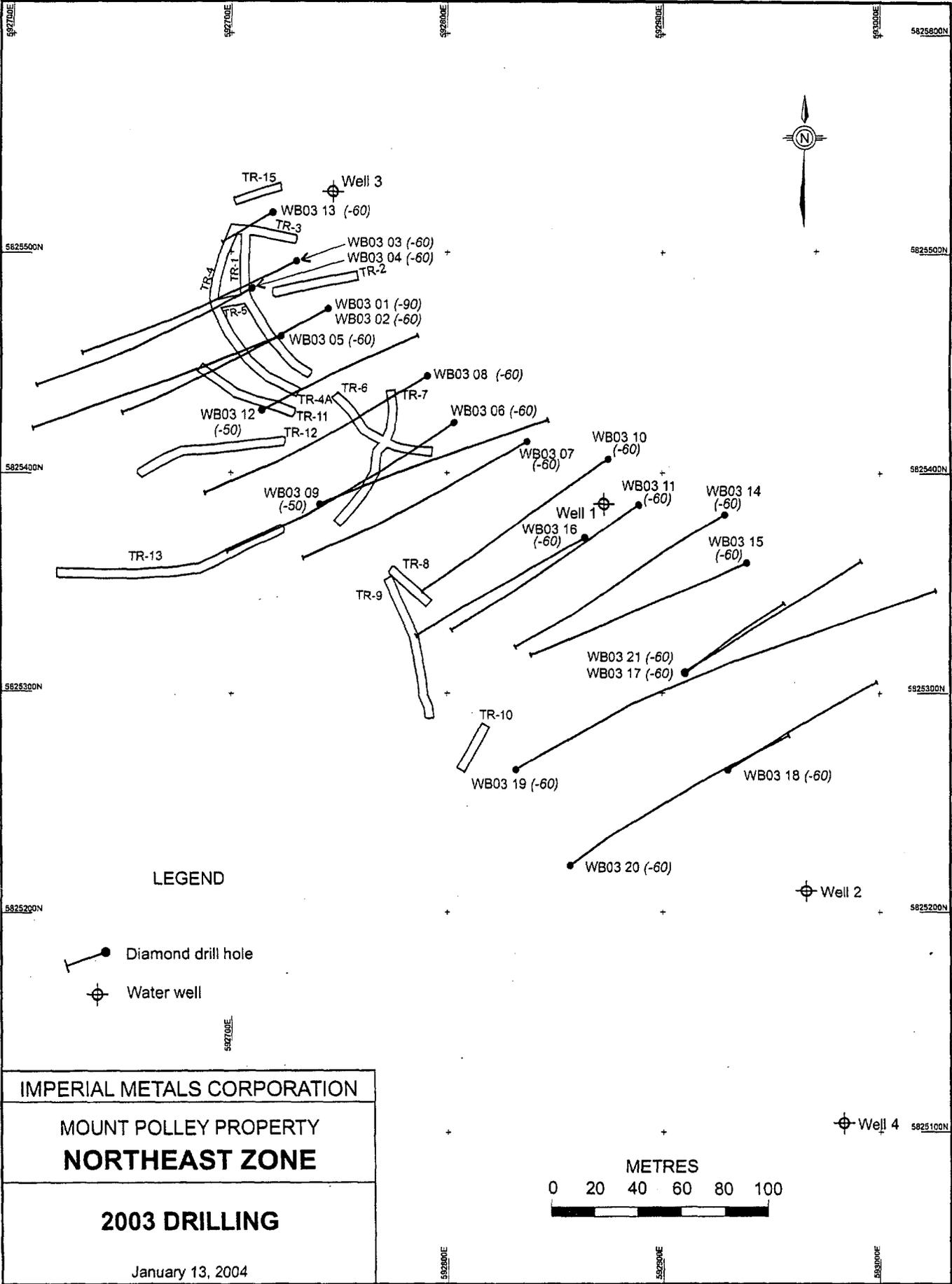
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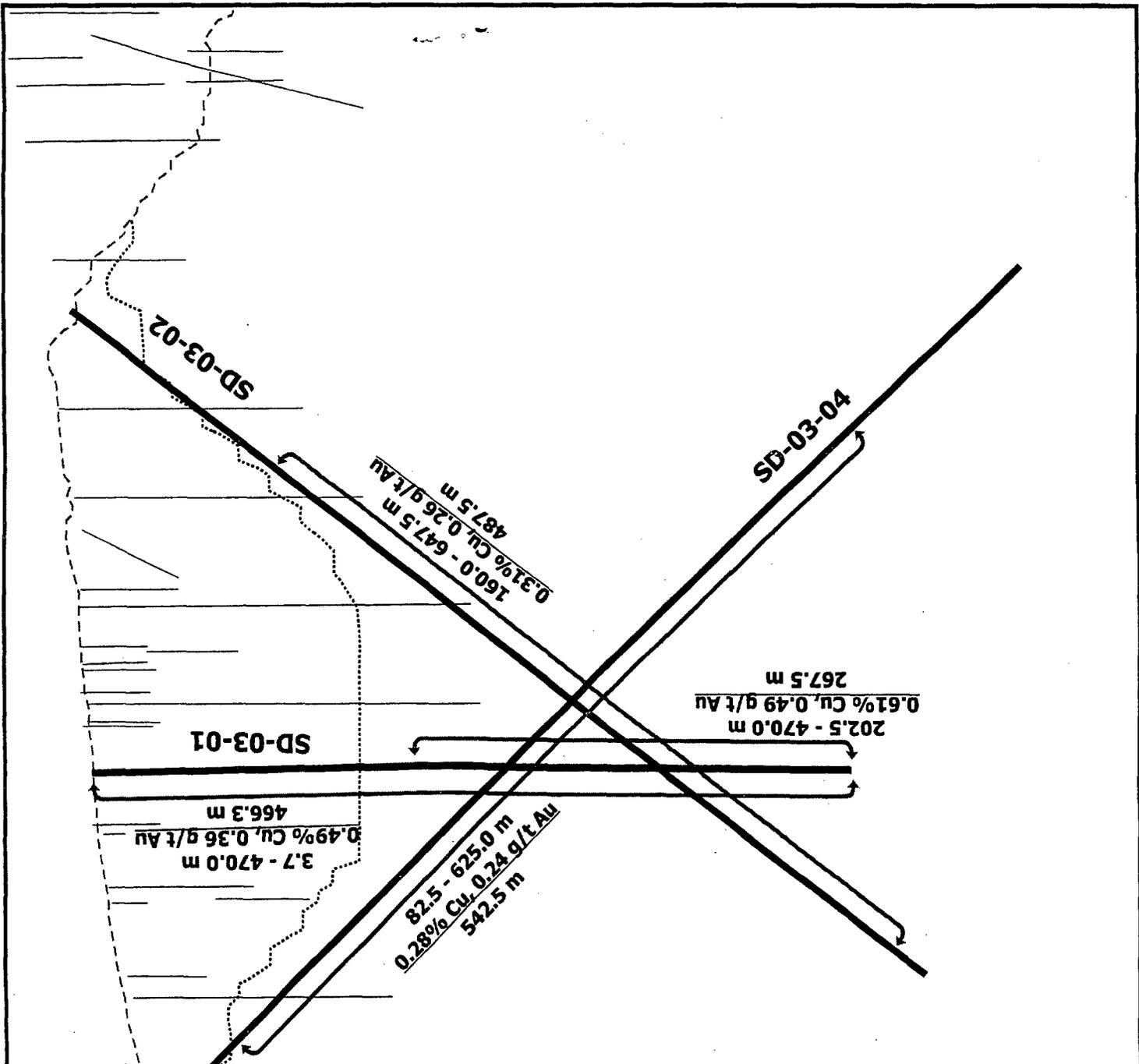
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MOUNT POLLEY PROPERTY
NORTHEAST ZONE

2003 DRILLING

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Legend	
	Topographic Surface
	Current Pit Design
	Previous Drillhole
	2003 Drillhole with interval

Scale	
0	100
Metres	

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MOUNT POLLEY PROPERTY
SPRINGER ZONE
DRILL SECTION - 3250N Looking North
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