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## Busy fortnight for Intec

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**THERE has been a flurry of activity at Intec's office over the last couple of weeks as the company expands the potential of its Hellyer metals project in Tasmania, with a private company acquired and a number of advanced projects and drill ready exploration targets identified in the vicinity of its Hellyer mill.**

The Hellyer and Que River tenement packages are located within the Mt Read Volcanics Belt and the company believes potential exists for copper rich massive sulphides, gold rich barite deposits and polymetallic sulphide deposits.

The Que River S Lens hosts an outcropping of copper rich massive sulphide mineralisation which is known to extend for about 150m along strike and 130m down dip, with an average thickness of 6m.

The Mt Charter prospect has an inferred resource of 10 million tonnes at 1gram per tonne gold, extractable by open cut. The resource was calculated by Aberfoyle Resources in 1992 and Intec said potential exists to expand the resource with more drilling and assaying.

Adjacent to Hellyer are four drill ready or near drill ready polymetallic massive sulphide targets, identified by Intec's preliminary review.

Intec said it now intends to commence commercial discussions with other parties to progress these exploration opportunities.

Also this week Intec acquired unlisted public company Encore Metals for 4.5 million shares, a \$30,000 cash payout to existing Encore creditors, and the right to acquire a further 4.5 million ordinary shares at 15c. Encore's only asset is the Zeehan slag dump in western Tasmania.

Zeehan has residue material from lead smelting activities carried out over a century ago and contains 450,000 tonnes of material grading 13.4% zinc, 1.7% lead, 54gpt silver and 50gpt indium.

Intec estimated that at current metal prices and exchange rates the in-situ metal value of the dump is \$118 million.

Intec will blend the slag material with Hellyer tailings to provide additional feed for its Hellyer metal project, which is 90km to the north west.

Last week Intec announced results from a two week steady state campaign treating the tailings on a continuous basis at its Brookvale pilot plant. Metal extractions included 99% lead, 98.5% zinc and 93.6% copper. These extractions equate to 74.8% of the \$1.6 billion value of the tailings resource, said Intec.

A pre-feasibility study of the Hellyer metals project is due to be completed in July 2004.

Shares in Intec were unchanged today at 11c.



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