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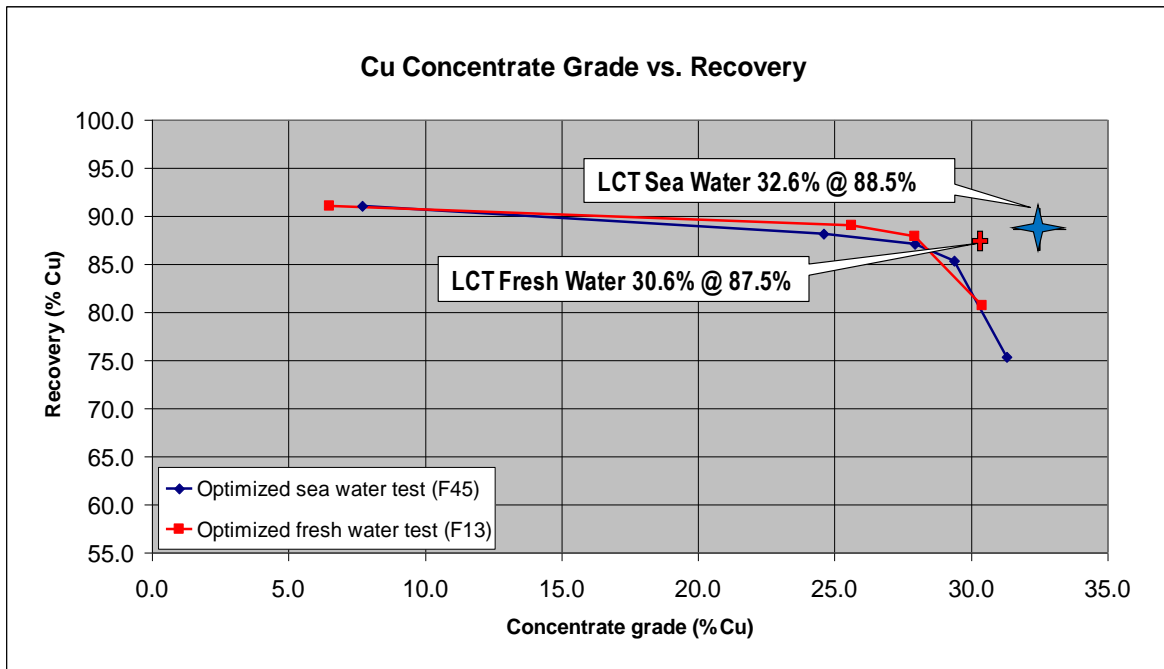
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News Release

Locked Cycle Test with Sea Water Produces Outstanding Concentrate

Vancouver, BC. - Far West Mining Ltd. (TSX: FWM) is pleased to report that a locked cycle test using sea water on a composite sample from its Santo Domingo Project in Chile, achieved outstanding results with a copper recovery of 88.5% to a concentrate grading 32.6% Cu. The gold recovery into the copper concentrate was 68%. This result improves on the positive batch tests results using sea water reported earlier in the year.

On February 10, Far West Mining (the Company) reported that metallurgical batch tests using sea water achieved comparable copper recovery results to fresh water tests. The figure below shows grade-recovery curves from optimized batch tests using sea water and fresh water. The results from subsequent locked cycle tests in fresh water and in sea water are displayed as well. The results show the improvement in recovery obtained from the locked cycle tests compared to batch tests and also clearly show the improvement in copper metallurgy in sea water over fresh water.



An assay sweep for contaminants indicates that the concentrate will be highly saleable. All elements of concern were well below penalty levels. Washing the concentrate with fresh water easily reduces chloride levels of the concentrate to fall within the acceptable range.

The Company has been advised by ALS Chemex that assays for the remainder of the drill holes will not be complete until the week of May 3. The Company plans to release a resource report in June incorporating the new drill hole information. Results of the metallurgical test work are not expected until Q3 2010 and completion of the Pre-Feasibility Study is scheduled for the end of Q4 2010.

The in-house qualified person responsible for the Project is Richard Zimmer, P. Eng., Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the Company who has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

Far West Mining Ltd. is an international mineral exploration company engaged in the evaluation, acquisition, exploration and development of mining properties. The Company has current operations in Chile and Australia.

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For further information investors should review the Company’s filings that are available at www.sedar.com or contact Richard Zimmer at (604) 602-9144 or info@farwestmining.com, www.farwestmining.com.

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