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CALTA MINES LTD:- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, reports it has been active near Contact, Nevada, in North Elko County, since 1968 and has acquired the old Marshall property and others with a present total of 471 claims. Geological mapping, geochemical sampling, geophysical surveying plus 40,000 feet of core drilling have resulted in an estimate of 8,128,115 tons of ore that will average 2.3% copper equivalent (Cu plus Ag plus Mo). There is a much larger tonnage averaging 0.5% copper that is not estimated. The drilling program is continuing with two rigs operating. According to the company, ore is being found in several large, parallel fissures, two of which were previously unknown and the possibility of finding a disseminated ore body is promising. Kenneth Chatten is the manager at Contact and has been with the operation since its inception.

FOOTE MINERAL COMPANY:- announced its 50% ownership in a newly-formed firm, Foote-Allevard France, which will manufacture and sell foundry