

**Nanaimo M.D.:**

- **Better Resources** has announced revised reserves on their gold-silver prospect at Mount Washington. Drill-indicated reserves are 1,386,000 tonnes @ 3.8 g/t Au and 23.7 g/t Ag with approximately 380,000 tonnes of that total considered to be available to open pit mining.

**Vancouver M.D.:**

- **Brenda Mines/Fargo Resources** are nearing completion of an eight or nine hole diamond drilling program on their Kaolin prospect at Lang Bay. Dan Hora visited the property in February and reports that they have a "mineable resource" totalling 1.6 million tonnes but more drilling is needed to define reserves. There are rumours of a possible ceramics plant in the area if sufficient Kaolin reserves are identified and if the Vancouver Island natural gas pipeline is routed through the Powell River area.
- **Southern Gold Resources Ltd.** has optioned the Mineral Hill wollastonite prospect at Sechelt from Tri-Sil Minerals.

**New Westminster M.D.:**

- **Englefield Resources Ltd.** has released assays from five out of a total eight holes drilled on Fire Creek near the north end of Harrison Lake. All of the holes cut strong sulphide mineralization containing low gold values and Cu ranging up to 1.2%, Zn up to 2.2%, and Ag up to 128 grams. The most notable Au assay was 1.06 g/t over 24 metres. Silicification and sericite alteration are reported to be very strong. The company states that hydrothermal sulphides and silicification (Tertiary?) appear to be superimposed on older bedded sulphides (Gambier Group?).

**Lillooet M.D.:**

- **Green Lake Resources Ltd.** is drilling and trenching on the Lill property at the north end of Lillooet Lake. They have reported the discovery of several new showings of Zn/Cu/Ag-rich massive sulphides over a strike length of at least 1,500 metres, uncovered by trenching and prospecting. Old showings on this property have been described as skarns but recent discoveries are being interpreted by their geologist (Bill Day) as stratabound massive sulphides in assumed Cadwallader Group volcanics.



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**Victoria M.D.:**

- Valentine Gold Corporation at Valentine Mountain have successfully processed two small bulk samples through their 20 tpd test mill and have completed 15 diamond drill holes totalling 2,243 metres. A new exploration model is emerging (see further information later in this report).
- Abermin Corp./Laramide Resources have announced revised ore reserves for their Lara project west of Chemainus - 1.125 Mt @ 0.67 % Cu, 0.72 % Pb, 3.59 % Zn, 67.9 g/t Ag, 2.9 g/t Au. Tenders have been called for a contract for 823 metres of underground declining and drifting with work scheduled to commence April 1.

**Alberni M.D.:**

- Westmin/Nexus Group have announced plans to spend \$5,000,000.00 on the Debbie and Yellow properties near Port Alberni. The 1988 program will include a 2.0 km underground exploration adit to access the Mineral Creek and Linda zones, with work expected to begin before the end of March. In late February they had eight diamond drills operating full time to complete the latest drill program by month end.
- Nexus Resource Corp. is drilling on the Thistle property southeast of Port Alberni. Two drills are working with a total of at least 1,000 metres planned; they were still drilling at month end. Westmin recently dropped their option on the property, due in large part to the need to focus on the Debbie project.
- Cream Silver Mines (MEIP grant) are continuing to drill test a geophysical anomaly in the Price Creek valley in Strathcona Park in spite of repeated interference from the Friends of Strathcona and other groups. They were granted a Park Use Permit to drill at five sites. This initial drill test is being directed at one of their lower priority geophysical anomalies thought to be in a politically less sensitive area.

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