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HOLNAM WEST MATERIALS

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BRITISH COLUMBIA
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ORIGINAL

- Texada limestone operation.
- Produce for Lafarge.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.5 million tonnes of limestone shipped in 1995.
- 0.55 million tonnes of coal handled for Qunisam.
 - Will increase to 1.2 million tonnes of coal by 1997-98 with planned expansion.
- 78 hourly employees
- 12 staff
 - 90 employees total. Employees increasing along with production.
- \$2 million per year of on-going capital expenditure.
- This quarry and coal handling operation on Texada alone is a significant and expanding employer and economic enterprise. It is also key to providing source materials to the cement plant in Vancouver which comprises an even larger economic enterprise and employer in the Lower Mainland.
- The Island operation has brought in more young people with families in recent years which is visibly rejuvenating a sense of island community and quality of life on Texada.