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MEMORANDUM

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March 12th, 1991

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John Purkis, NTS file

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SWET SUBJECT: Baby West property submittal

The Baby West property is located near Treminco's Willa deposit at Silverton in the Kootenays. It is owned by a prospecting syndicate from Nakusp who discovered it while building a logging road. It consists of a single 12 unit claim.

Their main target on the claim is a 250m x 250m zone of strongly silicified granodiorite from which they have obtained gold values up to 120ppb. This in itself is not that attractive to us. However, while road building they did turn up a pod of disseminated sulphides in a quartz vein within a shear zone in the same granodiorite. This pod provided them with a 28 tonne bulk sample which is estimated to contain 0.5 opt Au, 80 opt Ag and 2 to 4% combined Zn and Pb. It is currently stored in Nakusp under cover.

The syndicate plan to drill test the silicified zone imminently. I will monitor their progress. Should they hit anything to indicate some tonnage potential of high grade material similar to their bulk sample then we should consider an option. However, at the moment I see little prospect of developing more than a few hundred tonnes.

We have been asked if we are interested at all in processing their bulk sample on a custom mill basis. They have approached Cominco but were frightened off by the penalties they were quoted for antimony, arsenic and mercury (it is a tetrahedrite rich ore, like Sam). While I find it hard to see the value to us in doing so for such a small sample, I will discuss the matter with John Purkis.

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