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Many thanks for the feasibility study on the Ladner Creek Project. The property continues to look interesting but we doubt if financing can be arranged through conventional channels / as a decision to proceed would be risky based on the 1500 tons per day concept even at current prices.

While a 1500 tons per day operation would show some economies of scale, a start at this tonnage would not be prudent considering that only three years of reserves have been blocked out. A different concept, however, starting with a lower tonnage and including other modifications could possibly offer longer term advantages while minimizing the risks on the front end.

If the partners are not able to raise sufficient funds based on the present study, an opening might present itself for Dome to get involved in the project. Perhaps if you could discretly ^e advise Orval Gillespie of our interest under such circumstances, it could help him in his dealings with AQUARIUS and, ^{POSSIBLY} hopefully, might present us with an opportunity to get in ^{IF} ^{DO NOT} as things develop -
AS THEY HOPE.

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