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**ROCK RESOURCES INC.  
(the "Company")**

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**News Release - July 17, 2002**

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**ROCK TAKES GOVERNMENT OF B.C. TO COURT**

**EXPROPRIATION UPDATE:**

**A. COURT DATE SET FOR DECEMBER 6, 2002.**

Further to Rock's news release dated August 29, 2001, Rock is pleased to advise that the B.C. Court of Appeal has granted Rock a five judge Court of Appeal panel. A five judge panel is required, as one of Rock's objectives is to overturn a previous B.C. Court of Appeal decision (*Cream Silver Mines Ltd. v. The Queen in Right of British Columbia*) which was decided by a three judge panel.

**B. HISTORY.**

**GOVERNMENT PROMISE:** In July 1995, the NDP Government in B.C. (in the process of creating 80 new provincial parks) expropriated our Amber Mineral Claims, Rock's then ONLY asset. In August, 1995, the Government stated in writing to Rock that "The Government intends to reach fair settlement for tenures affected by new protected areas". This has never happened.

**ROCK'S PROPOSALS:** On April 15, 1996, after having supplied the government (in June 1996) with an independent economic evaluation, Rock advised the Government of B.C. that \$15 million Cdn. Dollars would be a fair settlement. The amount of \$15 million Cdn. Dollars is based on an October 1995 report outlining \$7.8 million Cdn. Dollars of gross estimated mineral resource, interest, lost opportunity, cost, future potential and punitive damages. The Government did not give Rock the courtesy of an appropriate response.

On June 10, 1999 Rock Resources Inc. made an extremely "fair" settlement proposal to the NDP government through their agents. The proposal was not submitted (to our knowledge) to the appropriate government authorities as requested.

**C. FUNDING.**

Rock continues to have the necessary funds available for the full pursuit of our legal claim.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

**"Graeme Rowland"**

Graeme Rowland, President  
and Chairman of the Board

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