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Subject: Weekly Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

*BC Mines field trip (Jan 30-Feb 3) a great success with superb logistics, great weather and excellent tours at Eskay, Snip, Highland Valley and Myra. Registrants were from mainly from Europe and Australasia, with a couple from Canada. Kudos to Paul Wojdak for outstanding organization and leadership.

*Poster presented at Round-up on Jan 27. Good interest in new prospects and Watson Bar paper (published in Fieldwork).

*KEG Conference (April 16-17). Brochures printed and handed out at Round-up. Two field trips and a short course (geol. info on the internet) are also planned. KEG organizers are working on logistics and speakers list.

*Exploration '97 draft paper completed and forwarded to B. Lane for editing by J. Newell. 70 copies handed out at Round up.

~~EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS:~~

*Ample-Goldmax - Homestake has returned the property to the vendors. Best holes from 96/97 programs hit 1.2 m @ 66.34 g/t and 2.52 m @ 31.56 g/t Au. Good property for a junior company with staying power.

*Craigmont Tailings operation is for sale. Not a distress situation; the owners are getting old and would like to retire. 15 years of reserves left.

*Getty North. Getty Copper has applied for a 10,000 bulk sample permit. Bateman Engineers are conducting a pre-feasibility study and would like to upgrade the metallurgical information. A 60 day, cold-weather bulk leach test is planned for this spring. (CONFIDENTIAL)

*Watson Bar (Stirrup Creek Gold Ltd.). Drilling planned for mid March.

*Big Kidd (Christopher James Gold Corp.) Core was on display at Round-up from this promising Au-Cu alkalic porphyry/breccia target located near Aspen Grove. Results were released from holes 97-06 and 07 and show moderate Cu (0.17-0.40 %) and Au (0.172-0.318 g/t) values. A large drilling program is planned for later this spring to follow-up on high gold grades released earlier in January.

*McKinnon Creek (J&L) Weymin Mining is contemplating a \$5 M program of u/g drilling on this massive sulphide prospect near Revelstoke. Financing is yet to be arranged and could be a problem, considering their difficulty raising money last year.

*Kami 5. Arnold Savjord ('97 PAP grantee) has applied for a 10,000 tonne bulk sample from his high-grade Au-Ag-Pb-Zn prospect near Monashee Pass.

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Subject: MONTHLY REPORT for JUNE 6-30, 1995

Regional Geology and Planning Issues
South-Central Region

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Drilling has started at the Rainbow project near Afton. This will be a big project as Teck is trying to define reserves at the Rainbow #2 and Galaxy deposits.

- Rex Property (Lillooet area). Spokane Resources plans a \$650,000 exploration program this year including 19,000 ft of drilling. 51 intersections from previous work confirmed a 2000 ft strike length for the vein, with an average width of 11.2 ft (to a depth of 300 ft). The average grade for these drillholes is 0.261 oz/ton Au and 0.95% Cu.

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(SOLD)

* Homestake has taken an option on the Ample/Goldmax property located near Lillooet. It is owned by Gary Polischuk and perennial PAP grant recipient Dave Javorsky. Homestake plans a 1.5 km road plus trenching and drilling.

* (CONFIDENTIAL) Private company, Barker Minerals Ltd. (Louis Doyle) appears to have made a very significant discovery on their fast-growing Ace property, near Likely in the Prince George Region. I viewed rock samples which show both vein and massive sulphide textures. Doyle indicates that tellurium, bismuth and arsenic minerals are present and are associated with high base and precious metal values. Host rocks are shale, quartzite and gneiss, probably part of the Barkerville terrane. Since we have no RG in Prince George, I offered to visit.

ACE

LOWLIGHTS:

- An exploration project valued at 150-300K dollars is in serious jeopardy after a large portion of Zalmac Mines' Lightning Peak property was included in the Granby Protected Area (West Kootenay Land Use Plan). Zalmac has applied for an explore BC Grant! (more info below)

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- Forests-Recreation Branch in Golden want to expand a Recreation site from 80 to 860 Ha and "designate" it under FPC. They propose restrictions such as "No motorized access, except snowmobiles", and "no campfires, for any reason". Call me paranoid but this smells like a park! Who is going to try to explore there? The area is designated as "Integrated Use" in the East Kootenay Land Use Plan. The bottom line is that there are going to be LOTS of these requests under FPC, and I'm not sure how we're supposed to stop them. It appears the level of uncertainty is still rising, despite the completion of the Kootenay plan.

- A similar deal is going on in the Cariboo. The Churn Creek LRUP has proposed "no harvest" and "modified harvest" zones in the South Chilcotin Special