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Cathro Weekly to 10/22/99

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Ladybug (Cross Lake Minerals Ltd) - Drilling of 5 holes (about 300 m) has been completed on this interesting new zinc-silver-lead-copper prospect located north of the village of St. Ives, and about 5 km west of Shuswap Lake. Three separate zones (two of which were "blind" geophysical-geochemical targets) are now confirmed to contain sphalerite mineralization. Assays are awaited. (Note: PAP support to Dave Pipe in 1995 and Leo Lindinger, who discovered the main showing in 1998.)

Cam-Gloria (Teck Exploration Ltd.) - No assays are available yet, but drilling of 4 of 8 holes have been sempleted on this exciting intrusion-hosted gold prospect located west of Adams Lake. Trenching, drilling, mapping, prospecting and VLF geophysics indicate that the mineralized zone is actually considerably wider and longer than previously thought. (Note: discovered by follow-up of an anomalous GSB till sample from 1997; PAP support to Camille Berube in 1998.)

Goldstrike (aka Bizar; Cassidy Gold Corp.) - Currently drilling on the second hole of a 3-4 hole program on this new gold-bismuth-copper prospect hosted in metamorphic rocks, located near Blue River. This is essentially wildcat drilling as very little surface work has been done. (Note: PAP support to Leo Lindinger who discovered the showing in 1998.)

Aumax (Gold-Ore Resources Ltd.) - Excavator trenching was underway this week on this new silver-gold prespect located near Lillooet. Mineralization was uncovered in outcrop in one place, although several of the "showings" were found to be large boulders in till. Additional soil sampling and geological mapping is probably necessary. (Note: this property was recently optioned from Gary Polischuk who was supported by a PAP grant this year.)

BTE (Rio Algom Exploration Inc.) - Drilling of one hole to start shortly on this "blind" grassroots porphyry copper target located SW of Williams Lake. The area is covered by till and and Tertiary basalt.

Poet Claims (Cleve Lowry, prospector) - field visit on 10/21 with Al McNutt (Rio Algom Exploration) to this very interesting zinc prospect at Adams Lake (MF 82M057). Coarse grained buff and grey sphalerite occurs in silicified limestone of the Tshinikan member (Early Cambrian). There is no galena and only very rare traces of pyrite and chalcopyrite. Mineralization can be traced for over 300 m in outcrop and float. One drill hole from the early '80's hit 1 m of sphalerite but was not assayed. Unfortunately, the best outcrops are on the beach! A tough location to develop a mine.

Ashcroft Quarry (IKO Industries) - compaints about "inadequate consultation" coming from a local native band threaten to delay this important project.

Christopher James Gold Corp - strange news release (10/18/99) saying that exploration is about to begin on the Brassie Creek, Silver Lake and Big Kidd properties, despite the fact that drilling is actually finished at Brassie and Big Kidd. The directors seem to be out of touch with the field staff!

Eco-Tech Laboratories Ltd. John Laitin, manager, advised that Eco-Tech, based in Kamloops, will no longer be doing mineral analyses and assaying after December of this year, but will focus on environmental work. The reason is the slowdown in the mining industry and the lack of business. John and 4 or 5 other employees will lose their jobs. This is an unfortunate loss because Eco-Tech has been a very strong supporter of the Kamloops

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#### HIGHLIGHTS:

Big Kidd (Christopher James Gold Corp.) - drilling of 4 holes (1000 m) is currently underway on this alkalic porphyfy gold-copper prospect located on the Okanagan Connector near Aspen Grove. The 1999 drill holes are designed to step out from a 1997 hole which hit 19.46 m grading 3.09 g/t Au and 0.113% Cu. The company also just completed drilling 3 holes on the Brassie Creek Cu-Zn-Ag-Au skarn property located west of Savona. Trenching on their Silver Lake property northwest of Little Fort is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Aumax (Gary Polischuk, PAP) - sent rock slabs and maps down to Gerry Ray, GSB who will be doing a small mapping and mineralogy propject on this interesting new silver prospect located SW of Lillooet.

Prospectors Assistance Program field visits - visited Warner Gruenwald (9/10) and Denis Delisle (9/16) in their respective field areas. Reports filed separately. Also discussed program progress by phone with Rob Montgomery, Robin Whiteaker, Gary Polischuk, Leo Lindinger and Paul Watt.

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### HIGHLIGHTS:

Aumax (Gary Polischuk, PAP grantee) - discussed with Derek Brown (GSB) the idea of a small GSB mapping project for this interesting new high grade silver-gold prospect near Lillooet. Gerry Ray may be able to do this project, with the goal of writing a short Fieldwork article for publication at Round-up. Polischuk submitted a notice of work this week for 21 excavator trenchs/pits. Grab samples of quartz-tetrahedrite vein material have returned up to 80 oz/ton Ag and 0.14 oz/ton Au.

Ample Goldmax (Gold-Ore Resources Ltd.) - results released for a 9 hole/907 m drilling program located a few km SW of Lillooet. Six of the nine holes interesected anomalous gold values with the best hits being 3.69 m of 5.46 g/t Au and 1.5 m of 9.53 g/t Au. The results of all drilling to date (including Homestake from 1996-7) indicate there is a moderate to high grade (7-31.5 g/t Au), northeast plunging shoot 50 to 100 m wide, 1.5 to 8 m thick and at least 200 m long. (NOTE: This is another Polischuk discovery and was supported by a PAP grant to partner Dave Javorsky in 1995).

Warner Gruenwald (PAP grantee) - field visit tomorrow to review the results of his work in the Antsey range north of Malakwa.

Bizar (Cassidy Gold Corp) - a new float occurrence has been identified on this intrusion-related gold property located near Blue River. Crenulated biotite schist with disseminated pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite returned assays up to 1.7 g/t Au, 466 ppm As, 79 ppm Bi and 361 ppm Cu. Cassidy is preparing to show the property to major companies for joint venture.

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Highland Valley Copper - The Steelworkers Union will vote Sunday on the latest contract proposal by the company, which involves a sliding scale reduction in wages when copper prices are low. Straw polling conducted by staff in our office suggests the workers will accept the company's offer, in which case they will be called back immediately. Full production will be reached by October 25th. Bad news for the price of copper but good news for the Province!

Aumax Claims (Gary Polischuk-Prospectors Assistance Program) - Two new gold-silver discoveries have been made on this 35 unit property located about 15 km SW of Lillooet. Both are hosted by greenstone and phyllite of the Bridge River Group. At the "97 Zone", quartz-sulphosalt (tetrahedrite?) veins occur over an area of about 50 by 100 m in a new logging cut. Grab samples are consistently very high in silver with assays up to 2670 g/t Ag (78 oz/ton) and 8 g/t Au. 15 hand trenches have been dug so far and excavator trenching is planned. At the "98 Zone", about 1 km to the east on a ridge at 7000 ft, a stockwork of mesothermal quartz-pyrite-arsenopyrite veins occur within an area of iron carbonate alteration about 300 m long. Gold values of up to 4.56 g/t have been returned so far, however, numerous samples are still in for assay. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Roderick Creek (92O/1) - B. Madu and I conducted additional stream sediment sampling in two drainages west of the Fraser and south of South French Bar Creek. Our CRII supported stream sediment sampling in 1998 encountered highly anomalous gold (370 and 235 ppb) at the NW end of the Watson Bar gold belt. The anomalous creeks drain the eastern end of "Nine Mile Ridge", which is being considered for park status by the Lillooet LRMP. Five samples were collected to confirm the anomalies.

Brassie Creek (Christopher James Gold Corp) - A brief field visit was made to this project located south of Walachin, about 30 minutes west of Kamloops. Ron Wells (consultant) is managing a 2 hole drilling program designed to follow-up interesting zinc-copper values hit by drill holes in 1998 (e.g. hole 98-01 hit 5.62 m grading 4.03% Zn and 0.16% Cu). Mineralization consists of silicified and skarned limestone of the Nicola Group, and occurs within 250 metres of the contact with the Guichon Cr. batholith.

Reynolds Ranch (920/1) - The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) has purchased this 1000 acre ranch (with 75,000 acres of Crown grazing rights) which is located near Big Bar ferry. The area of the ranch includes numerous industrial mineral (e.g. bentonite, perlite and zeolite) and several precious metal occurrences. The ranch adjoins the Churn Creek Protected Area to the north and the Big Bar proposed park to the south. The stated goal of the TLC here is to "secure a continuous corridor of protection along the west bank of the Fraser River along grassland benches for more than 40 km". I wonder how they feel about exploration and mining?

**Upcoming - Vacation until Sept 7.** 

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