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Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 1999 10:32 AM
To: Simandl, George EM:EX
Subject: RE: Aristazabal Is. Limestone
Sensitivity: Private

Thanks, George. That's what I remember and I agree with you re-costs of building dock, etc. I'm going to add reference to it in my Review. Tom.

From: Simandl, George EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 1999 10:02 AM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
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Tom:

I did not see this deposit. However, several companies had a look at it over the past nine years. My feeling is that the costs of building a docking facility on relatively unprotected island killed the previous attempts. I would like to know more about these companies and their plans.

George

From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: October 27, 1999 9:35 AM
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Orinda Investments and North Pacific Stone (Ltd.?) visited our Smithers office in August to discuss their proposal for a 250 000 tonnes per year limestone quarry at Aristazabal Is. Any comment? Tom.

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From: Bergen, Wally EM:EX
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Subject: NW Region Weekly Report to August 27, 1999

Aristazabal Jr.
(new)

MINING
Tom Janson and George Phillipson of Orinda Investments and North Pacific Stone visited the MEM regional office and other government agency offices in Smithers on August 20. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize themselves with staff, ministry policies and permitting processes prior to entering into application to operate a 250,000 ton/year limestone quarry on Aristazabal Island. At the end of the day they indicated that the trip had been very worthwhile and commented on the helpfulness and professionalism of all agency representatives that they had spoken to.

Discussions have recommenced with the Taku River Tlinget First Nation regarding consultation and permitting processes for Redfem's Tulsequah project. On August 19 representatives from the FN, MOF, MELP, MEM and Redfem met in Smithers to review discussions which were previously underway and to further identify processes and agreements to satisfy TRTFN concerns regarding their involvement in the project. Discussions were positive and it is anticipated that agreement can be reached.

Huckleberry mine is experiencing a slow down in dam construction in that the weather has been exceedingly inclement with just about continuous rain at the mine site for the last week. During a visit to the site on August 24 it was indicated that the contractor building the dam had sent workers off site for an early shift rotation in hopes that the weather would improve. If possible it has rained even harder since the 24th.

Golden Bear mine (125km west of Dease Lake) indicated that operations were proceeding ahead of schedule, with 2,034 ounces of gold produced to June 30. It is anticipated that major production will come from the heap leach process during the third quarter, with forecast total production of 59,000 ounces during 1999. Production costs are US\$203 per ounce and the company reports that it has forward sold 54,000 ounces at US\$302 per ounce.

Noranda Inc. has been investigating two copper concentrate loading sites at Topley (100km southeast of Smithers) which handled concentrate from the now closed Bell and Granisle copper mines. Both sites served as trans-shipment from truck to rail haul. As a result of preliminary site investigations it has been determined that the primary inorganic contaminant at both sites is copper from copper sulphide concentrate. The company has committed to work with BC Environment and is now working on a detailed site investigation which will lead to clean-up.

GENERAL INTEREST

The Smithers Exploration Group Golf Tournament is on Friday, September 10, 1999 at the Smither golf course. For more information or to register contact Elaine at 250 847-7383 or Paul at 250 847-7391.

Of general interest. 18.3 metres - the length of one side of a cube that could contain all the gold ever mined.

Wally Bergen

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