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Dear Maggie:

Subject: **Mine Visit - Wednesday, Sept. 18/91**

I am in the process of arranging a mini-tour of operating open pit mines in central BC for the Geological Survey Branch during the week of September 16th. At this time, I estimate there might be half a dozen staff geologists, most with a strong "porphyry" background. Many of us have not had the opportunity or commitment to visit these sites in recent times; however, we obviously need to be more familiar with what has "happened" from a **geological** sense during the life of these mines. Thus, I am requesting permission to visit the **Bell** mine on the morning of Wednesday, September 18th. If possible, we also would be very much interested in visiting the **Granisle** site in the afternoon (if ferry access was possible). We plan to overnight in Granisle on the 17th and move on to Houston for the night of the 18th.

Good luck on your mine operations and your regional exploration program.

Looking forward to seeing you in September. I will forward a tentative list of participants prior to our arrival.

Yours truly,

Tom Schroeter, P.Eng.
Sr. Regional Geologist

P.S. Dr. Nick Carter may also
attend - any problems?

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- * Gold reserves by rank 'top-heavy' with alkalic porphyries, along with Eskay Creek (Table 9).
- * More emphasis on polymetallic auriferous deposits, rather than single commodity gold.
- * Newly reported figures (since 1988) for deposits such as Eskay Creek, Mount Milligan and Fish Lake have helped keep exploration expenditures for advanced stage projects at a relatively high level.
- * Past "greater than million ounce" producers Premier and Hedley are once again producing and 'battle' for the number 3 and 4 rank positions (Table 1).
- * Pigeon-holing of deposits/camps by deposit types was done for convenience sake; other auriferous deposits exist and will contribute to the database in the future.
- * Average recovered grades from each deposit type (Figure 5 - OF 1989-22) have not changed significantly.

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