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EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

- *Banbury (Hedley). Teck Exploration has optioned this skarn Au property and will evaluate the bulk tonnage potential, beginning with trenching - no NOW received yet. (Scott Smith). This could be an active camp with Northpoint planning 28 holes on the WP claims nearby. (5/10)
- *Shear-Big Kid - Delay in financing of Christopher James Gold Corp. Ron Wells is cooling his jets.
- *Bralorne - financing a problem - may delay production. Good results reported from assaying of surface bulk sample taken from Peter vein last Dec. Company is considering another adit in this area.
- *Getty West (Transvaal) - Generally poor results released from 11 holes drilled in this area. In other news, Vic Preto has been appointed as a Director of Getty Copper Corp.
- *Pellaire - TGS reports that Int. Jaguar has raised \$225,000 - more will be needed for the big program they have planned.

OTHER:

- *Worked on Watson Bar paper this week. Provided G. Ray with list of references for his upcoming field study.
- *Eagle Bay till crew in field, working out of Sun Peaks. Field orientation with Ray Lett tentatively planned for next week.
- *Southern Okanagan field trip planned for July 2-3-4 (Kamloops staff).
- *Ladner-Bralorne field trip planning underway. (Sept. 22-26). Trying to get approval to visit Ample Goldmax. Space will be very tight due to limit on numbers for underground tours at Ladner and Bralorne. Participation will probably be by invitation.
- *CIMM BC Mines Tour (Eskay-Snip-HVC-Myra) planned for Jan 30-Feb 3, 1998. Worked on confirming logistics (bus, hotels, meals, mine) of Kamloops portion.
- *KEG Prospecting Course - working on details of course to be taught by R. Whiteaker and KEG members at UCC (Oct 1-Nov 26, 1997). Should be about \$75. We need to get notice ready for UCC catalogue. More advertising is budgeted for this course.

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FIELD VISITS:

Vernon Area Opal: On Mon July 28 I visited a new precious opal find near Vernon with Lloyd Nilson, a PAP grantee. Lloyd is a geological engineer and former president of Hudson Bay M&S. He has found some very beautiful fire opal hosted mainly in vesicles of Kamloops Group basalt. Unfortunately there are no veins, the opal is small and will be difficult to get out of the rock. An academic point of interest is that there are small spherical balls of milky fire opal grown on fine hairs (roots? fibres?) within some of the vesicles, suggesting that some of the opal may be very young. We also stopped at the shop of Okanagan Opal Inc where some set pieces of opal are listed for as much as \$7200.

E-D 1 Property (Foran Mining). On Thurs July 31 I visited the drill site with Wayne Tyner, field manager. Foran appears to have built 3-4 km of (unauthorized?) road from the Chu Chua property, through the alpine at 6500-7000 ft elev. The drill target is a 2-4 ft thick massive pyrrhotite layer hosted by grey, brecciated limestone mapped as Mississippian aged Unit EBPl (Schiarizza and Preto). The outcrop runs about 1% Cu and 4 g/t Au according to Wayne. The footwall is hard, cherty pink and green banded material which is either chert or fine grained skarn (?) The zone strikes at 170 and dips 35 south into a steep cliff of black shale, siltstone and limestone. The drill was at 140 ft when I was there and had just penetrated 2 ft of chalcopryrite rich material. A second hole will be collared. This prospect looks more like a skarn than a VMS to me.

EXPLORATION NEWS:

J&L (Weymin) Road rehabilitation work has begun with funding from PEP under direction of MoF/MoE. Good news for this important project.

Sun (Canmark International Resources Inc.) 10,000 tonne bulk sample permit reactivated. 51 tonnes to be sold to Cominco Alaska for environmental reclamation.

Shear/Big Kid (Christopher James Gold Corp.) Listing/financing should be complete by late August to allow for \$400,000 drill program in fall. Target is Afton style Cu-Au.

Dobbin (Verdstone/Molycor): 63 m @ 0.271% Cu, 0.268 g/t (Pt) 0.208 g/t (Pd) in latest hole.

OTHER ACTIVITY:

Prosperity ARD/WQ subcommittee: sat in by teleconference on a meeting held in Smithers on Sept 29. Co. asking for clarification on which guidelines to use for testing methods (Existing vs. draft - not yet approved). Meeting was generally positive. The company will be providing the subcommittee with a report within 2 wks on work they have done on ARD, after which a workshop will be set up.