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Telkwa Gold propose to drill 3-4 holes on the Del Santo VMS prospect near Smithers.

Consolidated Magna Ventures are doing IP over the southwest faulted extension of the Big Onion porphyry prospect near Smithers. They expect to follow up with 1000 metres of drilling. Current "reserves" at Big Onion comprise significant supergene copper that is amenable to SX-EW recovery, and discovery of an extension would have similar potential.

Booker Gold, finally, has released a resource estimate for Hearne Hill and Morrison. The Morrison figures are based primarily on re-appraisal of Noranda data as Booker only drilled 3 additional holes in the deposit.

Prime/Homestake and Uniterre Resources Ltd have broken off discussion of the SIB gold-silver prospect after 2 years of negotiation. This is unfortunate as one of the best "Eskay look-alike" targets will remain inactive.

Manalta Coal is expected to make an announcement with regard to the Luscar takeover bid early in the week of Aug 3. Evaluation of coal quality/geotechnical in the Tenas and Pit 3 deposits at Telkwa is underway (57 planned holes). Six-inch coring of holes will ensure a representative bulk sample of the Tenas deposit. Observed this work by MacCauley Drilling on Aug 1.

Visited Teck exploration of the old IN porphyry prospect (94D 061) on July 31, with Tom Schroeter. Scott Smith and Andy Betmanis are mapping, soil sampling (45 km grid) and re-sampling old core for Teck. Previous exploration by Canadian Superior and Cities Service (1973-77) did not include gold analyses, the focus of Teck's re-evaluation. Reconnaissance soils taken last year returned a 250 m wide 500 ppb gold anomaly. Porphyry mineralization is associated with a northeast dike swarm of Kastberg (biotite)-hornblende-feldspar porphyry. Two intrusive phases are recognized. Best gold values appears to occur where biotite monzonite cuts and alters pre-mineral andesite dikes.

Xplorer Gold drilled 5000 ft (in just 8 days) on Red Cap in the Taku district.

Exploration spending in Northwest continues to project at about \$9 million.

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