applied for placer designation so we have a need to clarify some peculiar aspects of what they report. When in Victoria last week I delivered the gravel samples to George Simandl who will process them for heavy minerals/ gemstones. He predicts that it will take at least a month to complete the testing.

- Highwood Resources has acquired a new 4 claim-unit barite prospect, called Pete, located about 5 kms SE of its Parson barite mine and has filed a NoW for mapping, ground mag. and VLF and about 500m of drilling, to start in late November.

- At Greenwood, First gold Resources has dropped its option on the Wildrose gold property where a modest program of exploration drifting earlier in the year was unsuccessful in proving significant continuity of the gold vein.

- At the Black Crystal graphite prospect on Hoder Creek in the Valhallas, I.M.P. Industrial Mineral Park Mining Corp. has raised a private placement of $126,000 which will be used "to define a high grade crystalline graphite structure which is 280 feet wide and over 6,000 feet long. The bulk sampling from this will be processed at an independent laboratory. An aerial survey is also planned as prerequisite for a mining lease."

- Dave Lefebure has reported that Miracle Mountain Gold and McMahon Resources have bought the Arlington (at Salmo) and Ymir deposits and dumps and are constructing a mill at Salmo for heap leaching for gold. We knew about the Ymir tailings because Jim Wadsworth, on behalf of Miracle Mountain, has been permitted for a 9000 tonne removal. Also Steve has been contacted by someone from Saskatchewan who wants to set up a mill at Salmo on behalf of the same companies using a "secret" process that converts tailings into gold leaving only seawater. Ruth Carter (McMahon Resources) has told me previously about her contacts in Saskatchewan who can perform gold assays using secret procedures that are more accurate than any commercial labs.

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