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Industry Activity:

- Mickey Moore Nanaimo Area Julia Placer Au Project Update: Site visit completed May 30 with Bruce Reid to view placer exploration work in progress on single claim along the south shore of the Nanaimo River underlain by Cretaceous Nanaimo Group sandstories; minor fine gold being found in shallow and reworked fluvial sands gravels probably originating from Devonian Sicker Group exposures upstream to the west, but with no obvious sources documented in MINFILE.
- Beau Pre Explorations Sooke Area Valentine Mountain (MINFILE 092B108) Au Project Update: Site
 preparations have commenced for installation of KDS Micronex gold recovery system on the property, with test
 production to follow later this summer.
- Better Resources Campbell River Area Blue Grouse (MINFILE 092F358) Cu Project Update: Small 2 hole, <1000 m. drilling program completed June 2, targeting magnetic high zones thought to represent buried Jurassic Island Intrusive stocks cutting Triassic Karmutson volcanics and Jurassic Bonanza volcaniclastics and limestones, possibly with associated porphyry copper mineralization; historic production came from Cu skarn mineralization nearby on the property; site visit planned for June 4 to meet President Cliff Rennie, who is managing the program.
- SYMC Resources Port Alberni Area Macktush/Dauntless (MINFILE 092F012/168) Cu-Mo-Au Project Update: Planning in progress by SYMC for <u>exploration drilling</u> and trenching programs on the Cu vein targets at <u>Dauntless</u> beginning in <u>mid-June</u>, with <u>work permit approved</u>; drilling and bulk <u>sampling</u> programs targeting <u>Fred/David Au-Ag-</u> Cu veins and road construction targeting Bowl Cu-Mo-Au zone to follow pending receipt of work permit; recent prospecting activity has successfully located new vein structures between the Fred Vein and the Bowl Zone; site visit tentatively planned for the week of June 10.
- Garex Harrison Lake Area Cu-Ni-PGE Project Update: Indications received that Garex is in the process of subdividing and vending portions of its extensive property holdings (1270+ claim units) in the Harrison Lake Hope Cu-Ni-PGE Belt to junior mining companies, confirmation pending; this would generate exploration work needing to locate significant new PGE mineralization.

Government/Ministry Activity:

- Map Selection Workshop / Vancouver Island Exploration Group (V.I.X.) Meeting Update: Final map selection
 workshop held at Malaspina College in Nanaimo on May 28, with about a dozen or so keen prospectors attending;
 an overview of the exploration highlights and opportunities in the Southwest Region was presented by J. Houle from
 1 1:30; and Jim Turner presented the Map Selection Workshop for Mineral Titles at 1:30-4:00; reaction to Map
 Selection was positive, and interest was also positive for a new exploration group for Vancouver Island prospectors,
 with the next meeting tentatively scheduled in late June.
- Parksville Springwood Middle School Grade 8 Science Field Trips May 30-31 Update: Excellent field trips
 completed on 2 consecutive mornings with grade 8 science students to selected sites of geological interest in the
 Nanoose area, along with geological consultant David Pawliuk; students found a low-tide exposure of the
 unconformity between the Devonian Sicker Group volcanics and the overlying Cretaceous Nanaimo Group
 sandstones, which yielded numerous fossil-specimens.
- World Gold and PGM Conference in Vancouver June 5-6 Update: Completed 2 page summary entitled, "Gold Opportunities in Southwest B.C." (copy attached) for inclusion in an information package being prepared by Tom Schroeter for distribution at the conference; several clients have been urged to attend as well.
- Simon Fraser University Zeballos Stock Study Update: Plans made to visit S.F.U. personnel in Zeballos on June 4-5, and to accompany them on field visits to observe exposures and age date obtain specimens of the Tertiary quartz diorite Zeballos Stock, which hosts or is spatially related to much of the Zeballos gold district; S.F.U. personnel will tour Newmex's Privateer Mine with Adolf Aichmeier on June 4, and will tour on surface on June 5.

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Industry Activity:

Better Resources Campbell River Area Blue Grouse (MINFILE 092F358) Cu Project Update: Project site visited and core drilling program reviewed with Cliff Remite, President of Better Resources on June 4; 842' (257m.) in 2 holes (-90, -45) completed targeting down-dip projection of surface magnetite-copper skam showing; both holes successfully intercepted 20' core intercepts of 0.5-2% chalcopyrite and chalcocite in epidote-gamet-kspar altered Jurassic Bonanza volcanics; core being logged at time of visit, with sampling to follow; 2 samples were taken from the surface showing for cutting, viewing and possible analyses.



Hillsborough Quinsam East Campbell River Area (MINFILE 092F319) Coal/CBM Project Update: Hillsborough is planning a 5 hole, 2000 m. exploration drilling program at Quinsam East targeting both coal and coal bed methane, with \$500,000 budgeted for 2002; this includes 3 conventional core holes with desorption testing of core, and if that is successful, 2 fully cased coal bed methane test holes; Hillsborough is looking for a funding partner for the C.B.M. portion of the project; they are not planning any exploration at the Quinsam Mine in 2002; they are also negotiating with Weldwood to defer the expenditure commitments for the T'Sable River project, with view to completing a more systematic exploration program on the T'Sable River property; former contract geologist Stephen Gardner has been appointed Director of Exploration for Quinsam Coal Corporation.

Homegold/Electra Gold Port Hardy Area Apple Bay (MINFILE 092L150) Kaolinite Project Update: Jo Shearer, President of Homegold has indicated that Electra Gold Ltd, is securing funding for a <u>\$100,000 drilling and bulk</u> sampling program targeting kaolinite mineralization at the Apple Bay project; this is separate from the silica (chalky geyserite) mineralization previously explored by Homegold and Tilbury Cement (now Lehigh Cement).

John Stewart Powell River Area OK (MINFILE's 092K008,-057) Cu-Mo Project Update: John Stewart has apparently acquired an interest in the O.K. Project from claim holders Bob Mickel and Mary Boylan; previous optionor Canquest Resources allowed the option to lapse, and the claims covering the 2 occurrences are due to lapse on June 15, 2002; the OK North deposit hosts resource estimates of 68-408 million tonnes @ 0.24-0.39%Cu, 0.009-0.02%Mo, and undetermined Re; the OK South deposit hosts high grade polymetallic intrusive breccias; this is one of the premier occurrences in the Central Coast LRMP area.

Government/Ministry Activity:

- Simon Fraser University Zeballos Stock Study Update: Site visit completed to Zeballos on June 5 to meet
 S.F.U. MSc candidate Julianne Madsen and assistant, and Assistant Professor Dan Marshall, who are undertaking a
 study of the Tertiary plutons on Vancouver Island, including: Zeballos, Catface, Mt. Washington, Nanaimo Lakes, Mt.
 Patlicant (Pt, Alberni area); the purpose of the study is to determine the nature and path of the subducting spreading
 centre during the Tertiary period by studying the plutons which are thought to be derived from it; their work includes
 mapping, age-dating, and isotope studies; there may be implications to mineral exploration as many of these
 intrusive stocks are associated with significant metal-bearing deposits.
- Malaspina College Geological Presentation June 19: Request received and committed to present a geological
 overview of the mineral deposits of Vancouver Island on June 19 at Malaspina college primarily for visiting geology
 students from Mexico; this may provide an opportunity to include presentations from others as well and possibly to
 make it into a V.I.X. meeting; plans in progress.

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