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Lane Weekly Report: December 7 - 11, 1998

Mining and Exploration News:

**Gibraltar** (Boliden-Westmin). The Gibraltar Management Team (GMT) announced in the media late Fri that the mine will cease operations (mining/milling) before the end of December, 1998. GMT has been unable to secure sufficient financing to satisfy current owner Boliden-Westmin. All employees (265) have received 12-week layoff notices and will be employed until the end of February. Continued low copper prices may soon result in mine closures elsewhere in the region/province.

**Mount Milligan** (Placer Dome). Mine Development Certificate amended/extended to 2003.

**Mount Polley** (Imperial Metals). Production for the first nine months of 1998: 17,532,551 pounds copper (or 7,952.8 tonnes Cu) and 74,222 ounces gold (or 2,308.5 kg Au). Average recoveries over the same period were 50.1% for copper and 69.9% for gold. Ore milled totaled 4.367 million tonnes.

**Bornite** (Ursala Mowat). Ursala Mowat conducted a brief mapping and sampling program on the Bornite claims, 100 km NW of Ft. St. James, to determine the source for several Cu-Zn and Cu+/-Ni+/-Co geoche anomalies. Brecciated ultramafic rocks containing pyrrhotite and minor chalcopyrite were identified in one locality. Trace amounts of bornite and chalcopyrite in siltstone and quartzite were identified in another locality.

Other:

"Mining and Exploration Review - 1998" paper in progress (little progress this week!).

Completed interview process with KMAC (and with help from DPOW) for CO-OP student position. Offered position to Shelly Allinson (CNC).

Preliminary discussions with GSB (Ron Smyth, Fil Ferri, Wayne Jackaman, Steve Cook, et al) to provide submission for funding to Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board.

Delivered brief overview of impact of Muskwa-Kechika Management Area on exploration in the area to Mackenzie LRMP members plus some higher level types (LUCO, IAMC, etc).

General message delivered was that the creation of the M-K sent a negative message to industry regarding the possibility of future development in the region.

Specifically:

- the creation of M-K directly resulted in a decrease in exploration.