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Subject: Southwest Region Update - October 15, 1999
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NEW ISSUES:

- An unpermitted quarry operator on Saltspring Island was personally served with a stop-work order, but continued operations the following day. Regional staff are preparing a report for the Crown prosecutor seeking a Supreme Court injunction to restrain the operation.
- Jameson Road Quarry technical report has now been received and is into referral process, formally re-activating the controversial project review. Meanwhile local residents have held a community meeting and plan a peaceful march from the proposed quarry site to the proponent's residence on Sunday.

(Carolyn Lader (K)) A public complaint was received about hazardous mine openings at the Carolin mine property. Athabaska Gold does not have funds for remedial work, and the property could be seized by Revenue Canada at the end of November for non-payment of back taxes. Regional staff are reviewing options for sealing of mine openings under S.17 of the Mines Act.

- Pressure is growing from the 2010 Olympic Planning Board to establish a blanket NSR over the Callaghan Valley near Whistler. Regional staff are still hopeful that less restrictive options can be found to manage mineral activities in the valley without impacting on the Olympic bid process.

FYI:

- Financing delays are slowing progress by Copper Beach Estates in completing detailed design work for the Britannia landfill and ARD remediation project. Meanwhile MEM is working with MELP and the Fraser Basin Council to develop terms-of-reference for a broad community-based Public Advisory Committee to monitor the ongoing project review.

Next Week:

- Meeting with EAO to review status of MEM's mine plan review for the proposed Upper Pitt River gravel operation.
- Meeting with Geotech Section and consultants to review issue of quarry blasting impacts on Goldstream Meadows Mobile Home Park; follow-up with Communications to discuss communications strategy.
- BCBC to provide detailed office plans for consideration regarding expansion to accommodate land use planning and regional geology programs.
- Panel interviews for Regional Geologist position.

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Subject: Southwest Region Update - August 2, 2002

ISSUES:

- The closed Ladner Creek Mine (formerly Carolin) has fallen into a serious state of disrepair, and frequent trespasses and vandalism at the mine site are raising increasing concerns for public safety. The mine owner, Athabaska Gold Resources Ltd., appears to be headed for financial oblivion, and considerable recent efforts by A. Randall to get the millsite and other related infrastructure removed in a cost recovery salvage operation this summer have now been scuttled by legal opinion that MEM should not enter the land to remove assets or carry out remediation until at least after November 30, 2002. The mine is located on five Crown grants which forfeited in 1999 for non-payment of taxes, however under the Taxation (Rural Area) Act, Athabaska Gold has until November 30th to revest the property. In the meantime, MEM is seeking cooperation with MOF to excavate a large "tank trap" on the mine access road to discourage public access until a solution is found. It is estimated that it would cost government in excess of \$200,000 dollars to undertake remediation work on the millsite and portal areas alone.
- Public opposition is mounting to the proposed Skibinski gravel extraction operation on Sylvester Road in Mission, as evidenced at a public meeting held in the community last week. Although the excavation has been designed to address historic flooding problems on Cascade Creek, local residents are concerned about truck traffic on a narrow winding country road, adverse health effects of noise and the usual lifestyle impacts (another Jameson Road?). Although DFO has previously not taken an interest in this property, recent public pressure has prompted DFO officials to intervene at the last moment, and it is now likely that the project proponents will have to go back to the drawing boards. MEM's review will be put on hold pending clarification from DFO.
- The owners of the Stave Lake Quarry (same neighbourhood as Skibinski) appear headed for another showdown with local residents over a revised mine plan for quarry expansion which has just been submitted for review and approval. Noise and blasting impacts are the key issues here. The quarry owner is expected to resist MEM requirements for further technical studies and noise mitigation measures.

FYI:

- **2002 Activity Forecast for Southwest Region:**
 - 22 projects with expenditure estimates totaling \$3.24 million, including 10 major projects >\$100,000
 - 4 conditional projects with expenditure estimates totaling \$2.62 million, including 3 major projects
 - 26 projects in total with \$5.86 million combined expenditures including 13 major projects, compared to \$3.5 million and 8 major projects in 2001
 - 9 additional undefined projects with unknown budgets not included, but should bring total expenditures to about \$6 million
- J. Houle made a presentation on Vancouver Island Mineral Deposits to summer geology students at Malaspina College on July 31; selected mineralized specimens from the Nanaimo Office Rock Library were also brought along for the students to look at; Nanaimo Geoscape Project spearheaded by Malaspina College has been forwarded to Bob Turner at the G.S.C. in Vancouver to collate and produce a first draft poster, expected in the fall.

ADMIN ISSUES:

- **Records Management:** With the partial update of MMS nearing completion, admin. staff are now making an attempt to organize the Regional Geologist files transferred from the Vancouver office when it closed over two years ago.

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Exploration activity

Current estimate for year is \$10 to \$11 million. Current news items:

- **Bear Coal** project of Compliance Energy Corp - discoveries of additional 'blocks' of Nanaimo sedimentary rocks in areas previously mapped as Karmutsen ~~volc~~ and a discovery of new coal occurrence in one block (Block E) - some of this is still confidential. The Tsable River coal occurrence (39Mt historic resource) might soon be vended into Compliance Energy (confidential). Coal is definitely a high profile commodity in the region.
- **Carolin Gold** project of Century Mining Corp - the company has (finally) designed a small program for this ~~past producer~~. Up to 1200m in 8 holes and portal rehab will be completed this year.
- **Mineral Creek** project (Debbie property) of Bitterroot Resources Inc - the company has optioned this significant occurrence / past producer and must spend minimum of \$400,000 in first year. A large drill program is planned over multi-years. More 2005 program detail later.

Sea to Sky

Govt to Govt negotiators have initiated discussions with Squamish FN for the FN to manage/complete an integrated land and resource management plan in the Indian River watershed as a model / showpiece for 2010. Indian River mineral values are high. Govt negotiators need to address the high mineral values in the agreement/contract for the FN's to complete the plan. I have provided initial input, but follow-up will be important.

Field work

Successful June 9 VIX field trip to Mt Sicker area and Lara property. It was a good study of VMS occurrences in the field.

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The van office truck was vandalized / destroyed by fire early morning of June 11. Reports provided separately and arrangements are underway for short-term rental.

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Subject: FW: South West Update, June 3 2005

Highlights:

- addressed MWLAP and local MLA-elect concerns re: Pan Pacific Aggregates road repair activities, Sechelt; site visit scheduled for June 15
- Completed 4 contracts for ML/ARD Technical Specialists

Permitting:

- expecting Century Mining to mobilize to Carolin Mine in June/July for mill clean up
- permit amendment of Myra Falls seismic berm work for 2005, draft permit conditions; in progress

EA:

- Orca Sand Gravel: EA Referral package complete. Date for referral expected next week. Draft EA Certificate being reviewed. Final Draft of Mines Act Permit prepared.

Health and Safety: Minor issue of plugged outfall pipe at Britannia.

Other Visits:

- reviewed complaint re: possible illegal quarry, Pender Island (complaining unfounded)

Policy / Land Use:

- ADMs meeting on MK Wildlife Mgmt Plan put plan on much more acceptable course; questions remain re: application to mineral exploration/mining; September delivery now anticipated.
- LWBC raising questions re: Mines Act financial security for Wolverine and applicability to Land Act; implications for other mines and areas of province.
- meeting with BCYCM, MABC, MSRM re: Knight Piesold contract researching integration of mineral exploration/mining activities with Ecosystem Based Management
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Upcoming:

- E Beswick, E Taje, S Wushke participating in Mine Rescue Competition, Kamloops
- VIMDRC meeting for Island Copper for June 9; will require a permit amendment in the next several weeks
- Meeting with Placer Dome execs re: security for Equity Silver, June 13
- Ecosystem Based Mgmt / Mining workshop, Vancouver June 17th

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