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Subject:	Mining and Exploration Update for NE-Central BC to October 24/03

Mining:

Kemess South. The Northgate Exploration Kemess South mine produced 84,132 ounces of gold and more than 17 million pounds of copper during the third quarter of 2003. Production for the first nine months of the year are: 215,365 ounces of gold and 54,012,000 pounds of copper.

Exploration:

Mount Polley. Imperial Metals has released more excellent assay results from its 16-hole phase 1 program on the Northeast or Wishbone zone. Highlights from holes WB03-04 to WB03-08 include <u>212.9 m</u> averaging 0.98% Cu & 0.32 gpt Au in hole 07 and <u>204.1 m</u> averaging 1.02 % Cu & 0.40 gpt Au in hole 08. Trenching continues and a 60-hole phase 2 drilling program is expected to commence later this fall.

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Lloyd 2. Immediately north and adjoining Imperial Metals ground, not far from the new Northeast zone and the promising Road showing, is the Lloyd 2 claim of Glengarry Developments. One of the principals of the company is the 'Cariboo Charmer' himself, one Lloyd Tattersall, former president and founding director of Big Valley Resources, the company that once owned & explored the Lloyd 2 zone (outlining a 'geological resource' of 2.93 million tonnes grading 0.53% Cu and 0.40 gpt Au). A late fall exploration drilling program is anticipated.

Chu. Nustar Resources Inc. is currently evaluating this molybdenum prospect located south of Vanderhoof. Core mineralized with molybdenite and pyrite, from a 1970 Rio Tinto drilling campaign, is being sampled and analyzed. Mapping, geochemical sampling and geophysics are also proceeding.

Clisbako, Laidman & Holy Cross. Bard Ventures Ltd. conducted detailed geophysical and geochemical surveys and completed bedrock mapping on the Clisbako and Laidman epithermal gold prospects, located in the Nechako Plateau, and have generated drill ready targets. Similar work is expected to proceed at Holy Cross this fall.

Bonanza Ledge. International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. has <u>collared the portal</u> to access the Bonanza Ledge zone on its Cariboo Gold Quartz property and has begun to drive a <u>140-metre decline to access a high grade</u> portion of the zone and extract a <u>10,000</u> tonne bulk sample that will be trucked to the Mount Polley mill for processing.

Westport.) Williams Creek Exploration Ltd. has completed 2 holes of its 5-hole drill program on its Westport property (adjacent to International Wayside's Bonanza Ledge project). Program is targeting a possible SE extension to the Bonanza Ledge gold zone.

Lustdust. Alpha Gold has released encouraging assays from its 2003 drilling program on the #1 vein/breccia, # 3 manto and Canyon skarn zones. An Oct. 16/03 News Release details the intersections. Each of the zones offers excellent potential and further drilling is planned.