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From: Beswick, Ed EM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2002 11:20 AM
To: Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Blackwell, Romona SRM:EX; Brown, Derek; Carter, Michael EM:EX; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Errington, John; German, Gerald; Guthrie, Shelley; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Jorgensen, Sharon; Kennedy, Wesley; Lefebure, Dave; McArthur, Gib; McKillop, Greg EM:EX; O'Rourke, Patrick; Parhar, Debbie PAB:EX; Passmore, Kim EM:EX; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Lorna; Ringstad, Norm; Roberts, Steve EM:EX; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Lane, Bob; MacDonald, Ken; McBride, Brian; McIntyre, Ken; Morgan, David; Pardy, Jamie EM:EX; Pittman, Ed; Rivers, Jan; Wood, Nancy
Subject: Prince George Update to Aug 23/02

Issues:

McConnell Placer:

WLAP staff conducting bull trout spawning surveys identified sediment laden water seeping from an active placer operation into McConnell Creek. MEM regional inspector dispatched to enforce permit requirements. Of interest, the operator utilizes a series of settling ponds and a wetland for polishing sediment out of the wash water. The Conservation Officer Service has been contacted.

FYI:

QR Mine: Kinross have advised that Lake Excavating has won the contract to complete a tailings dam lift. Reclamation has commenced around the South Lobe Pit in the West Zone. Approval given by WALP to transfer effluent from the tailings impoundment to the Main Zone Pit and to use effluent from the TSF, Main Zone Pit and the North Lobe Pit for dust suppression. Kinross have forwarded a compliance schedule indicating this years reclamation program will be complete by mid October. Anticipating an exploration program for fall 2002.

Cirque: Accompanied TeckCominco on a site inspection. Access road requires some maintenance (logging contractor expected to complete the work.) Site vandalized by ?. Need to amend or renew their MDC this November. New EA legislation may have implications.

Kemess: Safety audit continues with help from Doug Flynn - Northwest Region. Remaining two crews will be interviewed and reporting out to mine management and the OHSC is scheduled for late Sept. or early Oct.

Mt. Polley Public Liaison Committee: Cancelled September meeting. August Information Letter has been distributed. Partial funding received from NRC to conduct research into heap leach technology.

Sustut Copper: Doublestar Resources in discussion with EAO on Terms of Reference for their application. Meetings and consultation with government and other stakeholders ongoing. Norm Ringstad lead for EAO. Diamond drilling (30 holes) expected to be completed by Sept. 1.

Notices of Work: field season - 2002

field season 2001

Placer:	315 (~150 hand)	349
Mineral and Coal:	99	108
Sand And Gravel:	48	48
Total:	462	505

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From: Beswick, Ed EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2000 11:46 AM
To: Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Brown, Derek; Cheetham, Pat; Cochrane, Marlene; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Harris, Grace; Headley, George; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Jorgensen, Sharon; Kennedy, Wesley; Lefebure, Dave; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Lorna; Ringstad, Norm; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Starkes, Terri; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Blackwell, Romona; Lane, Bob; MacDonald, Ken; McBride, Brian; McGrath, Brian; Morgan, David; Pardy, Jamie; Pittman, Ed; Pow, David; Rivers, Jan; Wick, Patricia; Wood, Nancy
Subject: Prince George Update to June 7/00

ISSUES:

Mackenzie LRMP: After a series of efforts by government staff and stakeholders there will now be more negotiation on the final plan that will be tabled for ratification on June 29. In the meantime, the public review period has begun with open houses scheduled for June 13 and 15 in Mackenzie and Germanson Landing/Manson Creek respectfully. Industry concerns are generally related to process and include; back room deals, overages on PPA targets, "wildlands", i.e. "special special" zonations and the scope of the socio-economic analyses for the LRMP.

Cheni Road: 24 letters created and sent in mass mailing to tenure holders north of the Sturdee strip advising that the Cheni Road will be deactivated this summer. Issue remains for the section of road from Kemess North to Sturdee and who will step forward to assume responsibility..... Expect public and industry outcry if/when it finally happens.

Kemess: Forest Practices Board reports on alleged breaches of the FPC during powerline project. Kemess addressed high priority areas and some lower risk sites during 1999. Conducting additional remediation/road deactivation in 2000. Remains a priority for MEM inspections.

FYI:

Cirque: Teck (Teck/Cominco/Korea Zinc) is proposing to put this fully certified project on "enhanced care and maintenance" until further notice. They have about a 60 day program lined up to fully stabilize the site for a long term. From a historical perspective this project had an estimated capital cost of \$300 Million in 1995, 4000TPD mine - life of 12 years.

Churchill: Dave Pow and MELP(requested) to accompany Teck on an inspection of this closed mine on June 8. The main issues include erosion of historic tailings, refuse (clean up) and some remedial works required at the old mill site. An action plan will be developed after the site examination by Teck.

CIM North Central Branch Annual Spring Meeting (May 26-27) in Williams Lake was a success with 85 registrants and guests; field trip to Mount Polley, Bullion Pit and the Likely Hilton was a hit. Received many positive comments about the meeting. Next years spring meeting slated for Quesnel (last week-end in May?). Speakers included Mt. Polley, Barker Minerals, International Jaquar and International Wayside. Bob Lane, Mike Cathro and Tom Schroeter presentations were all well received.

Prospectors Assistance: Only eight for the region this year.

Mining and Geology Presentations: Bob Lane spoke to two classes (grades 5 and 6) last week several more requests received.

Now's - Mx up by 25%; placer - same

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From: Smyth, Ron EM:EX
Sent: Monday, February 01, 1999 9:21 AM
To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: FW: Stronsay Lead/Zinc project MDC renewal

From: Beswick, Ed EM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 25, 1999 12:07 PM
To: Errington, John EM:EX; Eaton, Tim EM:EX; Koncohrada, Karen EM:EX; Lieutard, Denis EM:EX; Smyth, Ron EM:EX
Cc: Hermann, Fred EM:EX; Starkes, Terri EM:EX; Brooks, Cheryl EM:EX; Ringstad, Norm EAO:EX; Pardy, Jamie EM:EX
Subject: FW: Stronsay Lead/Zinc project MDC renewal

FYI,

Advise if you need paper on this and I'll forward it when it arrives. Otherwise, as indicated in Norms email this should be a streamlined review. Please advise me if you are aware of any regulatory, land use or policy change since 1992 that would direct us not to renew this certificate. Norm and I have discussed how to determine what level of FN consultation would be undertaken and by whom.

Ed

From: Ringstad, Norm EAO:EX
Sent: Monday, January 25, 1999 11:31 AM
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Cc: Wynn, Sheila EAO:EX
Subject: Stronsay Lead/Zinc project MDC renewal

I am sending to you in the mail today, material regarding an application made by the Cirque Operating Corporation (COC) to extend the Mine Development Certificate for the Stronsay project for an additional five years. The company has not put the mine into production and the life of the original certificate has expired.

Similar to our recent review of a similar application made by Placer Dome to extend the life of the Mount Milligan certificate, I would like to discuss with you an appropriate streamlined review process to determine whether or not the certificate should be extended.

I have also sent the material to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Office, DFO and Environment Canada for their input and also to the Fort Ware and Tsay Keh Dene Bands.

As part of our review We need to determine if there have been any policy, land use, or regulatory changes since the MDC was issued in 1992, that would prevent the certificate from being renewed. Reviews of the similar applications made for the Laredo Limestone, Sulphurets and Mount Milligan projects raised no concerns to prevent extensions, although the companies were alerted to new statutory regulations (Forest Practices Code, water quality detection limits and baseline sampling requirements, etc.) and also to the potential for the project to be subject to CEAA, as any previous federal approval was not grandfathered when CEAA was proclaimed in January 1995.

With respect to the above I would like to schedule a teleconference call ASAP to discuss the application. I will have my Admin Assistant Susan Ellis call you next week to determine a mutually convenient time for the call.

As part of the overall review we may wish to provide an update and conclusions to the NEMDRC.

Thank you for your participation

Cheers

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