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**Subject:** Houle Weekly Report for February 20-27, 2003

**Industry/Client Activity:**

- **Northstar Mining/Imperial Limestone Texada Island Limestone Au Project Update:** Field visit completed February 20 to Imperial Limestone Quarry (MINFILE 092F394) with Daryl Clark and Bob Duker of Northstar, who have an exploration agreement with Imperial on metallic minerals on the Imperial Limestone property; seven samples of variably altered and mineralized Quatsino limestone and one of Jurassic quartz diorite intrusive were taken from the quarry faces, walls and floor; the limestone samples were sent for multi-element analyses; two occurrences of visible gold were noted in the quarry faces; meeting held with Ed Liebich of Imperial Limestone to discuss both limestone operations (business is booming) and metallic exploration (very interesting); apparently the metallic mineralization (Cu,Zn,Pb,Au) is associated with high-Mg zones (possibly metasomatic) in the pit; this material is unsuitable for production and is treated as waste.
- **Western Prospector Group Southwest Region Project Acquisition Hunt:** George Norman of Western Prospector Group (John Brock & Wayne Roberts company) inquired about both Better Resources' Mt. Washington and Imperial Metals' Giant Copper projects, as a result of review and follow up of Gold Opportunities in SW Region brochure given out at Roundup.
- **Leader Mining International Inc. Hope Area Cogburn (MINFILE 092H081) Mg Project Update:** Successful presentation held at the February 24 meeting of the Fraser Valley Branch of APEGBC; Feasibility study still scheduled for completion March, 2003 with 3 years of mine and plant construction and commissioning planned for commercial production in early 2006.
- **Priority Ventures Ltd. Nanaimo Area Nanaimo Basin Coalbed Gas Project Update:** Public open house hosted by Priority at the Cedar Community Centre (just southeast of Nanaimo) attended on February 24; Excellent compilation of land holdings, past exploration wells, and historical mine workings presented, along with handout folios with current brochures.
- **Howard Turner Sumas Mountain Area (NTS 092G.020) Golden Dimension Stone Project:** Notice of work received from Howard Turner of Kamloops for a 9000 tonne bulk sample of dimension stone for decorative purposes from his Golden Claims at the east end of Sumas Mountain, commencing in April, 2003.
- **Darin Vander Kooi Chilliwack River Area (NTS 092H.012) Devon Dimension Stone Project:** Notice of work received from Darin Vander Kooi of Chilliwack for 5 test pits in limestone as potential decorative dimension stone from his Devon claim along the south side of the Chilliwack River, commencing in March, 2003. *new!*
- **Newmex Minerals Inc. Zeballos Area Privateer (MINFILE 092L012etc.) Au-quartz Vein Project Update:** The directors and officers of Newmex have resigned again for the second time in a year; it is not known how this will affect the Privateer Project.
- **Clearview Mineral Resources Corp. Sechelt Area Mineral Hill (MINFILE 092G052,-053) Wollastonite/Garnet Skarn Project Update:** Clearview raised \$260,000 in a public offering to partially fund exploration on the Mineral Hill Project in 2003.
- **Northern Continental Harrison Lake Area Abo (MINFILE 092HSW092) Au-Quartz Vein Project Update:** Northern Continental is planning to raise up to \$450,000 in a brokered private placement to fund exploration drilling on the Abo Project in 2003. A Technical Report on the Abo Project by Barry Price, P.Geo. is available on the SEDAR website.

*no mention for TJS!*

**Government/Ministry Activity:**

- **Southwest Regional Geology Issues Update:** Proposal for Regional Geology Service for Southwest BC for 2003-2004 issued by Dave Lefebure to Regional Geologists for comments; Inquiries in progress regarding possible future home for the Regional Geologist's hard copies of the assessment reports, but none found yet.
- **Exploration and Mining in British Columbia - 2002 Update:** All 5 Part A papers and 2 Part B papers edited by Bill McMillan and desktopped by Janet Holland, and cover and table of contents completed by Janet, with only final reviews and signoffs of some papers by authors remaining before being sent to the printers on the deadline of