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Subject: Weekly Report - January 16th/98

Ed Taje reported on Monday that Treminco Resources would be stopping all work at the Silvana mine at Sandon and laying off most of the workers on Tuesday. A small exploration drilling program (6 holes, 590m, \$100,000) back in October was totally unsuccessful in adding to the mineral inventory at the Silvana deposit. Over the past half year or so, the company has been high-grading ore from the Silvana and Hinckley deposits, milling it, and shipping the con to Trail. At the end of October, Locke Goldsmith told me that the remaining reserves at the Silvana totalled about 60,000 tonnes but were split among a number of widely-spaced blocks. He felt there was still more exploration that could be done on the main lode between the Silvana and Coronation zones but it would require expensive u/g rehabilitation to access. (R.I.P.?)

Don Rippon (First Gold Resources Corp.) has notified Steve that they have raised some money and plan to continue with the exploration adit started in '96 at the Wildrose gold property (former producer) a few kms WSW of Greenwood. No indication of how soon they'll start but Steve has approved work on existing permit.

POR Contrary to my report last week, Big Blackfoot Resources has not yet begun drilling on the Caramelia (Camp McKinney) property but are expected to start before the end of the month.

- Forgot to mention earlier that Linda Caron sent a Christmas card along with a new business card. She is no longer associated with Kettle River Resources but is available for contract or consulting work, and can be contacted at her home near Rock Creek [(250)446-2487]. After she finished assisting Echo Bay with the work on KRR's properties, she apparently carried out some surface surveys for Don Rippon on another of his properties near Grand Forks. If anyone is locking for a good, experienced young geologist/project mgr. person, particularly in the south-central interior, Linda should be considered. She's highly computer and GPS literate and was always one of our most responsible clients when running projects for KRR.

Tim Termuende has already submitted a NoW for work this season at his new Sullivan-style sedex ms discovery on Greenland Creek. The program includes geochem/geofizz and mapping, a tentative 1500m of NQ drilling, and 7 km of road up Greenland Creek from Skookumchuck Creek. The early submission clearly is an attempt to test reaction to the road proposal. In his favour, apparently, is the fact that the road fits well with future access plans of Crestbrook F.P.

Recent discussions with Ken Pride and Dave Moore of Cominco have indicated that Cominco is feeling a severe financial pinch right now, due mainly to the Asian crisis, and the future of all of their exploration

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# PRIORITIES FOR COMING WEEK

\* Field project presentations by project leaders to review results from this summer (Oct. 6 and 10).

\* Barry Ryan organizing NEDO trainees visit on Oct. 7 to Ministry offices and Roberts Bank. Presentations involve Reclammation, Titles, Environmental Assessment and Policy.

\* Geological Fieldwork '97 titles due.

#### News

\* George Simandl reports that Enertech has purchased the Bradford Enercon glass wool insulation project in Grand Forks and plans to reopen the plant. Based on information provided by George they have staked claims in B.C. to tie up potential local raw materials.

\*As a follow up to the field trip led by Trygve Hoy last spring, Ken Pride phoned him regarding the Cominco drill program on the Duncan property, a Badshot Limestone hosted Pb-Zn deposit (4 holes planned). In the spring Tryg was impressed with the size, thickness and extent of the known mineralization. Apparently one of the holes has an "impressive" intersect. They now also plan work on the Ruddock Creek prospect north of Revelstoke.

\* NWT MINFILE: The NWT has a new system in Oracle and plans for the web are in the works. They will not use the MINFILE name.

## STATUS OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

\* Allan Wilcox has started to update assessment report location maps.

- \* Gerry Ray was a co-leader for the Hope-Lillooet-Watson Bar-Bralorne field trip that attracted 14 industry participants and pointed out interesting exploration potential.
- \* Staff have completed work in the field, although there may be some property visits.
- \* Larry Jones, Garry Payie and Neil Church have developed new web pages on the test site for the Greenwood and Slocan City areas, map areas 82ESE and 82ESW and the Vancouver Island Special Edition of MINFILE and MINFILE/pc 4.5 download with draft of new Users Manual. Laura de Groot has been testing these pages.

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- Yesterday Dennis and I made a helicopter visit with Tim Termuende (Miner River/Eagle Plains) to his new massive sulphide discovery on Greenland Creek where the drilling had concluded the day before (2000: in 7 holes - \$100,000). The "discovery" actually consists of a fresh interpretation of an old, obscure Minfile occurrence (MC - 82FNE107). The showing is a sulphide breccia with scattered, rounded quartz fragments in a massive pyrrhotite matrix with broad, subtle sphalerite/galena bands. The texture resembles a "durchbewegung texture" found in the massive portion of the Sullivan orebody. The zone appears to be stratabound within thin-bedded siltstones of the Lower Aldridge Fm. True thickness is about 0.5 metres and it has been exposed for about 5 metres laterally. Five grab samples have been as sayed

and all were Ag/Pb/Zn rich. The richest ran 130.0 g/t Ag, 9.17% Pb, 5.27% Zn. Short holes in the immediate vicinity of the zone showed it to be narrowing quickly but a longer hole intersected two thin sphalerite/galena layers which appear to be more than 100 metres down-dip from the showing. The core has been moved to Fort Steele and will be logged over the next week. The showing, which may ultimately turn out to be just a "smoke signal", is definitely among the best massive sulphide showings in the Alcridge. The strongest conductor on the entire Findlay block in the recent airborne survey sits less than a kilometre from the showing and an RGS sample strongly anomalous in several metals was collected downstream from the showing on the main trunk of Greenland Creek. The whole upper basin of Greenland Creek looks very promising and Tim has it all staked. Definitely a project to watch in '98!

- As Jim has pointed out elsewhere, Cominco is pulling out all the stops in the Kootenay Arc. It has done MAJOR new staking in the last few weeks around its Duncan mine and southward through the the Arc to at least Sheep Creek. Also, as most of you are already aware, Cominco is mobilizing to drill another deep hole to further investigate the "missing piece" of the Sullivan on Mark Creek. Mother Cominco has suddenly become very frisky in her old age. What's this about majors not wanting to work in BC?
- Ruth Carter (McMahon Resources) called yesterday to report that they have intersected a sulphide-rich (hopefully Au-rich) quartz vein 150' thick(!) in the first hole of a new drilling program on the west side of Fortynine Creek near Blewett. I'm from Missouri on this one.
- Also in the Nelson camp, Saturday PM I visited the drilling project of Geo Resources on the White/MRS claims. The current work is testing the presumed northward extension of the Au/Ag-bearing structures at the former Eureka mine. Earlier soil sampling identified a very strong Cu/Ag anomaly coinciding with the presumed trend. One soil sample returned an incredible 15,303 ppm Cu and 46.7 ppm Ag! (historical contamination perhaps? John Knox believes not). They were just getting started with the second hole

previously recovered". I have no idea at this time who did the drilling or when or what a "lead nod 'e" is.

The East Kootenay Chamber of Mines/MEI industrial minerals workshop being organized by Rick Walker and now firmly scheduled for May 29th to June 1st in Cranbrook has been advertised as a new course in the College of the Rockies' Community Education brochure recently delivered to homes in this area. The fee is \$200 and registration is to be done through the College with a deadline of May 8th. I talked to Rick this AM and encouraged him to prepare a proper notice which can be posted and distributed widely, identifying the instructors. The involvement of the College is important but we are not targeting just a general interest audience of local folk. There's

lots of time yet though - the course is almost 5 months away.

man LR. Drilling at Barkhor's Jodi/Sly Mo/W prospect on Baker Creek and at Cominco's Duncan Zn/Pb property at Duncan Lake was suspended just prior to Christmas. Work is expected to resume at both properties in the near future.

No work has started at Cominco's proposed (and permitted) deep drill hole on Mark Creek, intended to further test the "missing piece" of the Sullivan. Whether the program will proceed at all is still being considered by the company (CONFIDENTIAL).

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