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TBS - Gibraltar

**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

**From:** Lefebure, Dave EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 2004 2:40 PM  
**To:** Jacobs, Jake PAB:EX  
**Cc:** McDonald, Dianne EM:EX; Aldrick, Dani EM:EX; de Groot, Laura EM:EX; Desjardins, Pat EM:EX; Diakow, Larry EM:EX; Gib McArthur (E-mail); Grant, Brian EM:EX; Jamie Pardy (E-mail); Jones, Larry EM:EX; Lefebure, Dave EM:EX; Legun, Andrew EM:EX; Lett, Ray EM:EX; Logan, Jim EM:EX; Massey, Nick EM:EX; Mihalynuk, Mitch EM:EX; Nelson, JoAnne EM:EX; Nixon, Graham EM:EX; Schiarizza, Paul EM:EX; Schroeter, Tom EM:EX; Simandl, George EM:EX; Webster, Ian EM:EX; Wilcox, Allan EM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Gibraltar Operations

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**From:** Hermann, Fred EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 2004 2:09 PM  
**To:** Freer, Geoff EM:EX  
**Cc:** Lefebure, Dave EM:EX; McKillop, Greg EM:EX; Brino, Karina EM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Gibraltar Operations

Geoff

FYI

Gibraltar has officially restarted operations.

Fred

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Todd Wambolt [mailto:twambolt@gibraltarmine.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 2004 2:05 PM  
**To:** Hermann, Fred EM:EX  
**Cc:** Carr, Chris EM:EX; Errington, John EM:EX; Hill, Douglas J WLAP:EX; John Hoffert; Bob Patterson; Pittman, Ed EM:EX  
**Subject:** Gibraltar Operations

For your information, continuous milling operations at the Gibraltar Mine commenced yesterday Thursday, October 7, 2004.

Thank You

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**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2004 2:30 PM  
**To:** 'Lena Brommeland'  
**Subject:** RE: Where is Gibraltar...

No problem Lena - but please pass my comments on to Ron.

**Tom**

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**From:** Lena Brommeland [mailto:LenaB@hdgold.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2004 2:27 PM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Cc:** Lefebure, Dave EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Where is Gibraltar...

Tom,  
I thought that the reporter might have missed it...it is just that Ron T. brought it up. Anyhow, no worries you are one of the most proactive supporters of our industry and we do recognize and appreciate it!  
Best regards,  
Lena

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX [mailto:Tom.Schroeter@gems6.gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** December 10, 2004 2:09 PM  
**To:** Lena Brommeland  
**Cc:** Lefebure, Dave EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Where is Gibraltar...

Not sure what your question/concern is. I clearly mentioned/highlighted the re-opening of Gibraltar in my "Overview" talk. I don't know where this story came from - I didn't conduct any interviews while at NWMA; simply presented my talk and continued 'promoting'. I suggest you find out who wrote the article and contact the person directly. If you want to ask he/she to contact me, that's fine. I'd be happy to 'enlighten' the person. By the way, did someone from HDI attend my presentation on the Wed. morning? If so, it should have been CLEAR that Gibraltar was a 'highlight'.

**Tom**

2004-12-10

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- Pr. Ges.

**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 07, 2000 8:30 PM  
**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; Headley, George; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Jorgensen, Sharon; Kennedy, Wesley; Lefebure, Dave; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Loma; 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; Pittman, Ed; Pow, David; Rivers, Jan; Wick, Patricia; Wood, Nancy  
**Subject:** Prince George Update to Oct 6/00

**Highlights:**

Willow  
CK.

**Pine Valley Coal:** Preparations underway to begin construction for trial coal shipment this winter. First steps include construction of sediment control works.

**Gold City Industries Ltd: Dominion Creek.** Public presentation to an audience of about 25 Thursday night in PG on their Cariboo mineral exploration projects. Gold City is a company interested in mining high-grade gold-silver deposits. Good follow up by the local paper.

**Kemess:** Powerline deactivation/road reclamation work continuing. EP attempting to schedule inspection with Tsay Keh Dene next week.

**Historic Mine Survey:** Ken MacDonald visited some underground past producers as part of Lisa Barazzoul's intern program to review ARD/ML concerns at abandoned mines. Sites included Takla Silver, Bralorne Takla, Snowbird, Cariboo Thompson, Cariboo Hudson, Jim, Snowshoe, Midas, Saddle, Warspite, Canusa, BC Shaft, Island Mtn. and Cariboo Gold Qtz. MOF Quads borrowed or this work couldn't have been conducted.

**Gibraltar:** Working on getting back into production next spring. Longer term hydro-met initiative being discussed.

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MAR **Cheni:** Toodoggone bridge removed. Road deactivation and reclamation south to the Sturdee continues. (Kemess using Sturdee for 7-10 days while they resurface the Kemess strip.)

**FYI:**

**Fall colors!!! (and some white stuff).**

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- Econ. Geol.

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**From:** Lefebure, Dave EM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 1998 10:31 AM  
**To:** Jakobsen, Dorthe; Logan, Claudia; Beckett, Carla; Brown, Beverly; Hitchen, Linda; Holland, Janet; Aldrick, Dani; Ash, Chris; Brown, Derek; Church, Neil; de Groot, Laura; Fournier, Mike; Hora, Dan; Hoy, Trygve; Jones, Larry; Massey, Nick; Owsiacski, George; Payie, Garry; Ryan, Barry; Simandl, George; Wilcox, Allan; McArthur, Gib; McMillan, Bill; Smyth, Ron; Cathro, Mike; Lane, Bob; Pinsent, Robert; Schroeter, Tom; Wilton, Paul; Wojdak, Paul  
**Subject:** Eco Geo Progress Report Sept. 8, 1998

Highlights

Gibraltar

During a visit to Gibraltar the Mine Superintendent expressed optimism that the mine would be able to remain open after the announced deadline of the end of December, 1998. They are negotiating with the government, employees and contractors to reduce costs to make this possible. The ore would come primarily from the Pollyanna pit (Stage 4) as the Gibraltar East pit is almost mined out. They have started stripping overburden for stage 4 (being used for reclamation) and were stripping waste rock until stopped by Boliden.

The current challenge is for Gibraltar Mines to convince Boliden to keep the operation open. There were 4 Boliden professionals from Sweden on site evaluating the operation while we were there. One possibility is that Boliden will spin the mine off into its own company.

Priorities for Coming Weeks

- \* Barry Ryan is working on his talk for Japan and organizing their visit to BC.
- \* Shift to preparation of Fieldwork articles and Open File maps for field projects.
- \* Preparations for Industrial Minerals in Canada conference.

Operational Issues

- \* Larry Jones updated over 300 occurrences (including 5 new) from coal production June 97-July 98 Clipper and some of Exploration in BC 1996, 1997.
- \* Mitch Mihalyuk provided deposit types for 96 occurrences in 104M and 104N12.
- \* A synthesis of data from the Beaton Camp by Neil Church shows that the fan deformation in the Selkirk allochthon is a major structural fabric through the mining areas that may correlate with the distribution of ore bodies such as found on the Goldfinch, Eva, Criterion, Spider and Beatrice properties (see report by Colpron and Price in the most recent issue of the GSA Bulletin pp.1060-1074).
- \* Provided Cassiar-Iskut-Stikine data for LRMP to Gord Enemark.
- \* George Simandl visited the new Northern Lights opal prospect located 90 km south of Houston. The precious opal is hosted by volcanic rocks and occurs in a similar setting to the Yorke-Hardy occurrence near Vernon.
- \* Mapping in the Gibraltar mine area is largely completed by Chris Ash with another week to two weeks of field work planned. The mine staff are very appreciative of the Ministry's efforts and are optimistic that some of the results may assist them in their future exploration.
- \* Treasury Board submission for the Mining Advocate completed by Branch and in the hands of the ADM's office now.
- \* Revised Eskay Creek sample page; created web industry links in MINFILE page.

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Other Business/Client Contacts

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- P.G.

**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 1998 10:40 AM  
**To:** Andrew Whale; Bill Phelan; Carron Berkes; Dave Lefebure; Denis Lieutard; Don White; Duane Anderson; Fred Hermann; Gerald German; Gib McArthur; Graeme McLaren; Joan Hesketh; John Errington; Kerry Readshaw; Linda Stewart; Lorna Rennie; Maija Finvers; Norm Ringstad; Pat Cheetham; Rick Conte; Rolf Schmitt; Ron Smyth; Ross Curtis; Talitha Marsman; Ted Hall; Terri Starkes; Tim Eaton; Tom Schroeter; Wally Bergen; Bob Lane; Brian McBride; Dave Morgan; David Pow; Ed Pittman; Graham Seal-Jones; Jamie Pardy; Jan Rivers; Ken Macdonald; Nancy Wood; Romona Blackwell  
**Subject:** Prince George Update to Sept. 18

Issues:

Kemess: Chief Inspector's order to Royal Oak that engineering consultant must be on site for Dam construction. New consultant is AGRA.

Baker: Duport balking at requests from MELP and MEM for water sampling program. MEM/MELP responding.

Knox Limestone: Continued review of best way to alleviate public safety and reclamation concerns at this abandoned quarry.

FYI:

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Mt. Polley: Public Liaison Meeting attended on Sept 10. Next meeting scheduled for Sept/99. Mines will prepare a newsletter in May/99. Issues to follow up include employment equity and water management. Job Protection Commission work seems to have proven successful in keeping this mine open for a couple of years during a period of low metal prices. Of interest, concentrates are now being shipped to a smelter in Texas!

Gibraltar Continues to work on closure planning for December. However, restructuring efforts are underway with a view to see the mine continue to operate. The overall concept is variable operating costs tied to world copper prices versus deferral of same.

Cariboo Gold Quartz: Drilling BC vein.

Shasta/Baker: Doesn't look like the mill will turn over this year. They are focusing limited resources on tracking a recent new high grade gold silver float discovery.

MX Notices: Down form last year in both numbers and expenditures. Of concern is the number of companies deferring their 1998 programs to 1999. Going against this trend is Teck Corp. who recently expanded a three hole program to ten holes.

Land Use: Access management planning taking up staff time.

MacKenzie LRMP: NSR request letter being prepared by Jamie Pardy.

Dawson Creek LRMP: IPT recommends Peace Boudreau PPA be dropped. Wrap up meeting Sept. 18.

South Kluskus/Horsefly/Likely SRP's: Gaining steam with Romona preparing for upcoming flurry of meetings.

Ed Pittman helping with OHSC training in the South East Coal Block.

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- Pr. Geo

**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 1998 1:54 PM  
**To:** Andrew Whale; Bill Phelan; Carron Berkes; Dave Lefebure; Denis Lieutard; Don White; Duane Anderson; EM MB Prince George DL; Fred Hermann; Gerald German; Gib McArthur; Graeme McLaren; Joan Hesketh; John Errington; Kerry Readshaw; Linda Stewart; Lorna Rennie; Maija Finvers; Norm Ringstad; Pat Cheetham; Rick Conte; Rolf Schmitt; Ron Smyth; Ross Curtis; Talitha Marsman; Ted Hall; Terri Starkes; Tim Eaton; Tom Schroeter; Wally Bergen  
**Subject:** Prince George Update to Oct. 2nd.

issues:

Kemess: Mediation nearly complete with package scheduled to Government and Tsay Keh Dene by October 20. Next meeting Oct. 29 between respective counsel and Judge only. Concentrate haulage contractor for gearing up for winter road haul vs. using the Transporter. PAG rock handling needs follow up.

Gibraltar: Survival Plan still in the works. Government review of Closure Plan expected to start next week. Power for Jobs initiative is also a key component.

Placer Miner Organizations: Expect further lobby by this industry through the winter respecting their concepts of over regulation.

FYI:

Windows 95 installation and training this week by Nancy Bachand and David Black a big success.

Graham Seal-Jones at Mine Rescue C&C meeting in Kamloops this week.

Ed Pittman attended Peru training in Victoria.

Positive feedback from the exploration community this week respecting the Gitksan Road Proposal to Kemess.

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 1999 12:52 PM  
**To:** Wojdak, Paul EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Gibraltar rumor

You must have the wrong operation - I thought it was HVC! Besides keeping your head up on the ice on Thursday, we'll have to keep our ears open on that busy players bench and that stinkin' dressing room! Tom.

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**From:** Wojdak, Paul EM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 1999 12:43 PM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX; Lane, Bob EM:EX  
**Subject:** Gibraltar rumor

Any truth to rumor that Hunter Dickinson have bought Gibraltar for \$7 million?

See you on the ice!

Paul

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→ P.F. Gen.

**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 1998 3:18 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Berkes, Carron; Brown, Derek; Castillo, Talitha; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Lefebure, Dave; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Readshaw, Kerry; Rennie, Loma; Ringstad, Norm; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Starks, Terri; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Blackwell, Romona; Lane, Bob; MacDonal, Ken; McBride, Brian; Morgan, David; Pardy, Jamie; Pittman, Ed; Pow, David; Rivers, Jan; Seai-Jones, Graham; Wick, Patricia; Wood, Nancy  
**Subject:** Prince George update to Dec. 23/98

**Issues:**

**Kemess:** Reached a level one alert for the tailings impoundment on December 18th. This means they have about ten days freeboard left on the dam without further construction. Construction of core recommenced December 21 but has stopped again due to a cold snap. Complaint on discrimination under investigation. Refinancing still an issue with a corporate deadline of Feb. 15th set to renegotiate debt.

**Gibraltar:** Mill on standby mode effective 8:00 am December 16th. Crew is mothballing the operation. Layoff date Feb. 28.

**SPML 1588 - Martin Mines:** Requires submission of a summary report that sets out the plans/organizational regime for this mine. Referral period is up on January 9th. Production levels proposed at 450,000 BCM Meeting held Dec. 21 @ Roger Allen.

**FYI:**

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OK

**Pine Valley Coal:** Application for 50,000T trial cargo pending. Public meeting scheduled for Feb. 10.

**Cheni:** Reclamation virtually complete. Long and short term monitoring issues include; water quality, site stability, vegetation sustainability and productivity. An inventory of landfills is required.

Dave Pow attended a meeting with the North Cariboo Metis Association regarding reclamation and enhancement work within the Cottonwood water shed. Many of the sites are placer mine areas where the potential for conflict exists. Some of our seized bonds may be applicable for this work.

**DO's:** Quintette: some rubber shavings caught fire at the Mesa breaker, Haul truck struck by shovel, a hoist rope fell off the sheaves when the tag line loop broke and a haul truck broke through a shop door severing a gas line. Bullmoose: Dozer within 4 meters of a loaded mishole.

Discussions ongoing with GSB on proposal to the MK advisory board for regional mappings/sampling program.

**Land Use:**

**Mackenzie LRMP:** MK addition proposal has received strong opposition at the table. Wording proposed for placer mining direction includes; consistent level of forest harvest relative to testing and consideration of timber disposal through existing tenures and harvesting programs. Consensus on Cariboo management strategy. Regional Priority for next few months.

**Prince George LRMP:** Ken Macdonald still submitting info on the Swamp Claim, within the Kakwa PPA. The staking was allowed because of the predesigned and cabinet approved PAS process and not by anything clandestine within MEM that has been rumoured. If the proponent can make a go of this tenure then so be it. Is



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**From:** Smyth, Ron EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 1999 4:20 PM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX; Brown, Derek; McArthur, Gib; McMillan, Bill  
**Subject:** FW: Discuss with Minister meeting

**From:** Hermann, Fred EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 1999 3:06 PM  
**To:** German, Gerald EM:EX; Lieutard, Denis EM:EX; Smyth, Ron EM:EX; Wendt, Bev EM:EX; Starkes, Terri EM:EX  
**Cc:** Wendt, Bev EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Discuss with Minister meeting

Two Issues

**KEMESS**

- Work is progressing well on the dam.
- Last milestone with respect to dam crest elevation was met.
- Current freeboard is 5.5 meters an increase above last weeks freeboard of 4.86 meters.
- Mill throughput averaged 50,000 tonnes over last three days which helps cash flow.
- Other creditors have applied to Ontario court to get priority call on money.
- This may result in a delay in releasing the next installment of the interim financing money. MEM will continue to monitor to ensure dam construction meets schedule.
- The federal government also applied to the court to reinstate it's powers with respect to environmental considerations
- Continued presence on site of MEM inspector to monitor dam construction.

**GIBRALTAR**

- New Management Group (NGMT) has obtained backing by Taseko Mines (Hunter Dickenson Group) to purchase Gibraltar Mine Site
- The intent would be to put mine on care and maintenance basis while waiting for metal prices to turn around.
- Will not mean immediate employment but could leave mine in position to operate when metal prices recover.
- Boliden is willing to entertain sale of property but would be contingent upon same conditions as before i.e. capping of environmental liability.
- Taseko and Boliden have arranged a meeting with MEM for next Thursday March 11 at 1:30 to discuss potential sale.

Fred

**From:** Starkes, Terri EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 1999 2:50 PM  
**To:** German, Gerald; Hermann, Fred; Lieutard, Denis; Smyth, Ron; Wendt, Bev  
**Cc:** Wendt, Bev EM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Discuss with Minister meeting  
**Importance:** High

Any hot issues? Fred, what about a Kemess update?

**From:** Burkhardt, Arla EI:EX

**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 1999 10:50 AM  
**To:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Van. MDO (GSB): March 7-12/99  
**Sensitivity:** Private

Ed, sorry for the delay - just got back from the PDA. Am FAXING you the info now. Cheers, Tom.

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**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 1999 4:51 PM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Van. MDO (GSB): March 7-12/99  
**Sensitivity:** Private

Tom,

Could you send me the March 5 th report from Fred please that mentioned Taseko.

Thanks

Ed

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 1999 1:43 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Beswick, Ed; Brown, Derek; Cathro, Mike; Cattermole, Christy; Conte, Rick; Errington, John; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Jakobsen, Dorthe; Jones, Larry; Kilby, Ward; Koncohrada, Karen; Lane, Bob; Lefebure, Dave; Lewis, Jim; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; McMillan, Bill; Pinsent, Robert; Smyth, Ron; Whale, Andrew; Wilton, Paul  
**Subject:** Van. MDO (GSB): March 7-12/99  
**Sensitivity:** Private

1) Priorities For Coming Week:

a) PDAC: Major promotion opportunity (vs "the world"). Talks, displays, core shacks, BC Reception, NETWORKING.

b) "Gold in BC" Project: data revision/updates to Masterfile.

c) Exploration Tracking/Monitoring/Trends: ongoing.

d) MEG: preparation for last meeting of season - Pogo, Alaska (Mar. 24th).

2) Status of Strategic Projects:

a) "Gold in BC": data revisions/updates, particularly 'camps'.

b) PDAC: Arrangements made for Minister to meet (one on one) with 14 major, international mining companies while in Toronto - cancelled on Mar. 9th "due to scheduling difficulties". Most companies were very interested in meeting with the Minister; only one declined.

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- Pr. Geo.

**Schroeter, Tom EM:EX**

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**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 29, 1999 3:36 PM  
**To:** Adams, Rick; Allinson, Shelley; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Brown, Derek; Castillo, Talitha; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Lefebure, Dave; Lunam, Charene; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Lorna; Ringstad, Norm; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Starks, Terri; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Blackwell, Romona; Lane, Bob; MacDonald, Ken; McBride, Brian; Morgan, David; Pardy, Jamie; Pittman, Ed; Pow, David; Rivers, Jan; Seal-Jones, Graham; Wick, Patricia; Wood, Nancy  
**Subject:** Prince George Update to Apr. 29/99

**Issues:**

**Bullmoose:** Due to backlog of coal inventories in Prince Rupert they have laid off 69 people, reducing the workforce to 246. Reduced strip ratio was in the plans for this summer. Operations suspended for 14 days starting April 26 to allow for repairs to the raw coal breaker station. Worker dismissed by manager due to possession of an illegal drug at the mine. RCMP investigating.

**Kemess:** Financing in place until June 30. Float cells from Afton have arrived and are being installed in the circuit. Intent is to increase recovery. Concern on haul road widths at dam.

**Martin Mine:** Contesting ownership of trees on SPML 1588

**No Shooting Areas around Mines:** Needs request to MELP to ensure that no shooting areas around must continue to be included in the hunting regs. Possible Mine Code revision.

**Gibraltar: Taseko Mines:** Taseko Mines Limited has executed a purchase agreement to acquire the Gibraltar assets and liabilities. Mine to stay on care and maint. until mine is economic.

**FYI:** B. Lane, Romona Blackwell attending Cariboo Forestry and Mining Show.

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- Pr. Geo.

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**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2000 9:57 AM  
**To:** Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Brown, Derek; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Harris, Grace; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Jorgensen, Sharon; Lefebure, Dave; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Loma; 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 Jan 14/00

**Issues:**

**Logging and Placer:** Investors in logging ventures on placer leases continue to surface in the office trying to find ways to recover some of their investments.

**FYI:**

*Willow* *ck.*  
**Pine Valley Coal:** Completed 24 shallow rc and 16 core holes on their Willow Creek Project. Two tonnes of sample were collected for test marketing for the 50 000 + tonne trial cargo expected this year. Public meeting being scheduled for Feb/Mar.

**Round-Up:** Bob Lane and Ken MacDonald working towards completion of respective poster displays

**CR11:** Proposal for South Kluskus regional geochem mapping completed - contact Bob Lane

**Quintette/Bullmoose:** Entering OHSC competition. Interviews will be conducted in early Feb. Quintette Permit review ongoing with target of end of Jan. for amendment.

**Mt. Polley:** - DO - Millright fell from a 12' ladder onto the mill floor. Diagnosed at the hospital with bruising. OHSC training by E. Pittman for incident investigation was timely.

**Placer Project:** B. McBride wrapping up details and is working on the report for the Cariboo portion of this project. (presentation/display material) Manson Creek area is priority for 2000.

**QR:** ARD review nearing completion. Meeting with company scheduled for Monday. Concerns that permit issuance overdue.

**Gibraltar:** Continue to examine feasibility for resuming production based on present markets.

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- P. A. Ed

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**From:** Beswick, Ed EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2000 8:54 AM  
**To:** Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Brown, Derek; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Harris, Grace; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Jorgensen, Sharon; Lefebure, Dave; Lieutard, Denis; McArthur, Gib; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Rennie, Loma; 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 Jan. 21/00

**Issues:**

**Kemess:** Transportation options review. Information exchange meeting between Takla First Nation and Northgate is a sign of improved communications. Final paperwork on Northgate assumption of the Kemess operation expected in the next three weeks. In the interim, Northgate has signed a management agreement with the receiver and is in full control of the operation. Headaches for January included a one week power outage, tailings line freeze up, moisture content in the cons and the BCR lockout. Notwithstanding, the production target of 60,000 tpd was achieved. 36 workers laid off due to tailing dam operations downsizing.

**Placer:** Quiet on Martin Mines. Notable clients griping about unnecessary and "additional" paperwork regarding the notice of completion requirement. Over time most operators should see the completion cycle as a natural extension to the NOW.

**FYI:**

**QR:** Permit amendment meetings including CMDRC. Big Valley Resources is proposing a 200,000 tonne heap leach project to begin with.

**Mt. Polley:** Audit review conducted by E. Pittman. Things seem to be on track with the audit response - OHSC will be meeting again to provide input.

**Gibraltar:** Taseko Mines plans to resume copper production in the fall of 2000. The company will also aggressively explore their mine leases with property-wide IP and diamond drilling. Presently in the process of procuring production equipment.

**DO:** Quintette, light vehicle struck by haul truck under tow. A service truck was following when the tow truck and haulage truck started to slip backwards. Violent U turn ended up with the truck lodged on the left hand berme. Minimal damage - no injuries.

**Endako:** Ed Pittman conducting Accident / Incident Investigation training. Four - 1 day sessions.

**Land Use:**

**Mackenzie LRMP:** Continued discussions with Nina/Jackaroo tenure holders. Some positive advances, but all indications are that the Jackaroo will succumb. Continues as a regional planning priority.

**Kluskus SRP:** Draft text being crafted this month, for final public review. MEM participation required to ensure that access to mineral resources is maintained.

**Williams Lake SRP:** Initial stages, with an open house/information session this week. Romona reports a

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**Subject:** Prince George Update to April 12/01

**Issues:**

**QR:** Reclamation work being scheduled. Supervisors in for exams this week for certification.

**FYI:**

**Gibraltar:** Preparations continue for the production of 300 tonnes of concentrate for shipment to the CESL demonstration plant in Richmond. Anticipate that the mining program will take about 10 weeks while the milling program will take about a week. The intent is to run one section of the mill. Other plans at Gibraltar for the year include some additional exploration and continuing with the reclamation of the # 5 rock dump. Of interest is that only 28 people of the original 200+ remain on the recall list for work at Gibraltar. Many former Gibraltar employees have found employment at Mt. Polley, Kemess, the tar sands and at some of the local sawmills. It is anticipated that some recruiting will have to be done when the CESL test campaign is fully underway.

**Placer:** NOW's coming in at about 20 per week. Total so far for 2001 is 116. Gearing up for spring OCPS meeting.

**Sand and Gravel:** Supervisory certification session held in MacKenzie for 20 supervisors from MOF, Forest Licensees and their contractors. Sessions for Ft. St. John, Chetwynd and Quesnel scheduled for next week.

**Basic Prospectors Course:** Week of April 30 scheduled for Basic Prospectors.

Seminars on mining were conducted by Bob Lane and Ken MacDonald at a local elementary school.

Computers are up and running for the Office 2000 upgrade.

**Prospectors Assistance Program:** Lots of calls being received and over 20 guidebooks have been distributed so far.

**Peru Mission(s):** Ed Pittman and Ken MacDonald have returned from their three week mission. Ed was developing training packages and providing insight on the use of inspection guides while Ken developed a placer mining operational checklist, proposed implementing management practices for placer and lectured on the use of mercury!

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**Subject:** Prince George Update to Sept. 24.

**FYI:**

**Kemess:** Northgate announced last week the "best intersection to date" at Kemess North, reporting 248 meters @ .4% Cu & .91 g/t Au. Drilling is expected to continue until the end of October. Feasibility studies continue to look at methods of ore transportation to the Kemess South concentrator including an overland conveyor system. Powerline inspections continue.

**Baker.** Sable Resources has completed mining and milling of 1400 tons of ore from the A and B veins. Average head grade is a reported 1.3 ounces/ton gold-equivalent. Approximately 800 tons were mined from surface on the A vein and about 600 tons were recovered from the open cut on the B vein. Several lines of IP were added to B zone and a couple of targets will be drilled in the next weeks. Orders issued to remove access to the glory hole area.

**Lorraine.** Eastfield Resources is about to begin another phase of diamond drilling on the Lorraine. Ten holes totaling 1808 meters have been drilled on three zones (Lower Main, Upper Main and Bishop) in an attempt to connect the zones and develop more tonnage. The present resource stands at an estimated 32 Mt grading 0.66% Cu.

**Burnt River:** Western Canadian Coal is continuing discussions with MEM and the EAO wrt developing the Burnt River Coal Project formerly owned by Teck. The company is considering options that could allow production as soon as possible.

**Teko Pit:** Project meeting this week to start this significant crushing project.

**QR:** Pit spillway construction complete. Perseverance by B. McBride and E. Pittman contributed to this compliance item. Inspected last week by D. Morgan and E. Pittman.

**Gibraltar:** Plans to produce concentrate sample for pressure oxidation tests on hold. Still conducting public consultation on the proposed regional land fill concept.

**Mt. Polley:** Announce last day of production is Oct. 13/2001. Facility will be remain on care and maintenance until economic conditions improve. Public Advisory meeting scheduled for Sept. 2002. Continues as priority for inspection until shutdown (KMcl).

**NEDO:** Bob Lane in Japan over the next two weeks to present a paper on Coal in Western Canada with a focus on B.C. coal mines.

**MSRM:** Minister Hagen visited the North and Central regions last week. Most of his attention appeared to revolve around logging (beetle kill) and land use planning issues. Message was one of efficient economic development while maintaining high environmental standards. Function of IAMC's is expected to continue.

**Placer:** Follow up audit conducted with WLAP/MSRM/DFO. Interpretation(s) of what constitutes a stream is a good topic for future discussions. Orders will be issued for some sites. Water Management was the common issue. Most sites were in reasonable condition with minor work required to improve them. There were only two sites that were operating at the time of inspection, Steve Kocsis and Frank Nestel. Discussion was held with Murray G. and Kevin B. in regards to flood protection of Williams Creek. DFO said that they are letting the province look after the situation but feel that too

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**Subject:** PG WEEKLY JAN 25/02

**GIBRALTAR** Land fill proposal for Gibraltar has received the go ahead and request to amend their permit should be received shortly.

**ENDAKO** In pit diamond drilling to extend reserves

**PINE VALLEY** North American on site doing mining for the 100,000 tonne bulk sample

**KEMESS** Powerline deactivation plans received, work is progressing with some spot seeding required as well as culvert salvage and disposal of waste to be completed..

**PLACER** DFO is pushing for a 15m leave strip vs. the current 10m and will be wanting to go to the FPC setbacks. Possibility for problems as it has been agreed in the past to have a 10m leave strip and the placer miners have been working with the policy for years. As the DFO is a higher level of government there may be problems this summer, clarification is required. We will be approving work using the 10m leave strip and if DFO has concerns in specific areas we will be notifying our clients or putting a warning note in their approval letters.

Receiving inquiries from clients as to the need to have permits or reclamation security, they have heard that there may be upcoming changes. Some clarification as to the future plans are needed in order to answer questions. Right now operating on the premise that it is business as usual.

**ROUNDUP** Beswick, Lane and McGrath in attendance

**COPING WITH CHANGE** Most personnel have attended the sessions with mixed feelings as to the value of this one day course.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF SUPERVISION** Excellent course that should be mandatory for all people in a supervisory role.



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**Subject:** Lane Weekly for the Northeast-Central Region, to August 1, 2003

Weekly Report for the Northeast-Central Region, August 1, 2003

### Mining Update

**Kemess South (Northgate Exploration Ltd.).** Northgate has released its second quarter results from operations at the Kemess South mine. Metal production for 3-months ending June 30 totaled 69,226 ounces gold and 19.5 million pounds copper. Average daily throughput averaged 50,500 tonnes per day. Metal recoveries in 2003 have averaged 72% for gold and 85% for copper.

### Exploration Update:

**Kemess North - Nugget (Northgate Exploration Ltd.).** Northgate and its engineering consultants have developed a new plan that would accelerate the development of the Kemess North deposit. The pre-feasibility study has outlined a 250 million tonne deposit with an average grade of 0.392 g/t Au & 0.207% Cu that would operate over a 12-year mine life. The conceptual plan would see stripping begin at Kemess North in mid-2005 and mining begin in mid-late 2006. Both Kemess North and Kemess South would be mined simultaneously for a period of 4 years with mill throughput rising to 75,000 tonnes per day. Reserves at Kemess South would be exhausted by 2009. Mining would continue at Kemess North until 2017.

**Gibraltar (Gibraltar Mines Ltd./Taseko Mines Ltd.).** Drilling of phase one targets is well underway on this porphyry copper-moly mine, currently on 'standby-by', near McLeese Lake. A total of 14 holes have been drilled on the 98 Oxide zone, about 1 km ENE of the Pollyanna pit-the objective is to outline an oxide copper deposit that could be heap leached and processed in the near future using Gibraltar's existing SX-EW plant (10, M lb Cu annual capacity). Another 9 holes have tested an unnamed IP anomaly to the SE. A recently imposed mid-day ban on activity in the bush, due to the extreme forest fire hazard, has slowed day-shift drilling progress.

**Bonanza Ledge, Cariboo Gold Quartz (Int'l Wayside Gold Mines Ltd.).** Drilling on 20 foot centers continues at Bonanza Ledge. A total of 19 holes have been drilled to date. Another three ~100-metre holes will complete this phase. Planning for a 10,000 tonne underground bulk sample at Bonanza Ledge continues.

**Mosquito Creek (Island Mountain Gold Mines Ltd.).** First exploration drill hole (IGM03-05) of the season has been completed at Mosquito Creek. Trenching continues to identify auriferous veins in several areas. A new quartz vein, some 700-800 metres SW of the Mosquito headframe, is up to 8-9 metres wide and has become a priority target. Sampling of the structure is proceeding.

**Woodjam (Fjordland Explorations Inc.)** Prospecting and sampling on this porphyry Au-Cu property near Horsefly has identified a prospective area 600 metres E of the area previously drilled last year. Float assaying up to 0.48% Cu was located on the southern margin of an IP chargeability anomaly. Fjordland is planning to drill the new discovery area in September.

### Other Activities

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**Subject:** Lane Weekly Report for NE-Central BC to November 7, 2003

### Mineral Exploration News for NE-Central BC to November 7, 2003:

**Mount Polley.** Imperial Metals has released more impressive assays on its completed 3221 m, 16-hole phase 1 drill program on the Northeast zone. Hole WB03-15, the furthest hole to the SE, intersected 135 m averaging 1.16% Cu & 0.35 gpt Au. The zone has a minimum strike length of 275 m in a NW direction, but its width is unknown. Plans for phase 2 are being developed.

The first hole completed on the Springer zone, drilled to test beneath the current pit design, intersected 466.3 m grading 0.49% Cu and 0.36 gpt Au. The bottom 267.5 m of the interval is below the pit design and averaged 0.61% Cu and 0.49 gpt Au. Imperial has recently raised \$10 million for exploration, the bulk of which will go toward further work at Mount Polley. With early success at both the Northeast and Springer zones, the company will likely have two drills turning on the property in the near future.

**Gibraltar.** Staseko Mines has begun a third phase of drilling on the mine site east of the Pollyanna pit. The focus of the exploration program is the 98 Oxide zone, where the company is intent on developing sufficient tonnage to support the resumption of its SX-EW plant.

**Cariboo (Most Likely), Cantin Creek and QR.** Cross Lake Minerals and JV partner Gold Giant Minerals have initiated a 6-hole diamond drilling program on the Cariboo epithermal gold property located immediately east of the QR mine. Two holes are planned for the Cantin Creek epithermal gold prospect and a series of holes will be drilled at QR to further evaluate near surface skarn/propylite mineralization.

**Nina.** Dave Haywood and Gary Lee have mobbed into their Nina VMS property north of Germansen Landing to investigate (drill and blast) a coincident VLF-mag-Cu anomaly.

**Star.** Minterra Resource Corp. has optioned the Star property, centred 13 km NE of Aiken Lake in the Lay Range, from Ursula Mowat. The company is proceeding with an 8 line-km IP survey asap that will assist in the identification of drill targets. Mineralization consists PGE-bearing cpy and po within olivine clinopyroxenites and pyroxenites of the Polaris Ultramafic Complex.

**3Ts.** Southern Rio Resources is energized to initiate an approx. 20 hole diamond drilling program focused on establishing a resource for the Ted vein.

**Laidman and Holy Cross.** Bard Ventures is proceeding with small 3D Inversion IP surveys on the Laidman and Holy Cross epithermal gold prospects, located in the Nechako Plateau.

**Bonanza Ledge.** International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. was forced to temporarily abandon development of its decline (by DFO order) and focus entirely on sediment & erosion control issues with respect to its upgrading of the Scouts Gulch road, the proposed haul route for the Bonanza Ledge bulk sample. Shut down resulted in the loss of 4-5 days of underground development.

**Nuggett/Cunningham Creek.** Consolidated Pacific Bay Minerals completed a trenching and sampling program on its Cunningham Creek area property in search for high grade gold veins and replacement zones.

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