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Subject: NW Region Weekly Report to April 14, 2000

Endako
MINING

On April 4 a slide occurred on the "southeast slide" of the Endako mine pit. The slide was identified in advance and there were no injuries and only minor damage. Approximately 10,000 tonnes dropped. Further evaluation has shown that the slide is more significant than initial impression. At the pit rim the arc of the failure zone is about 250 feet across and the surface dropped about 30 feet. Endako has brought in B.A.T construction (Rock scalers from Kamloops used last year on the north wall to ensure it was safe) to scale and stabilize this failure. It is expected this may take two weeks.

Further to Endako, is understood Steve Moonie (Owner of Thompson Creek) is wanting to sell the company. This may be confidential information although Endako employees are aware of the state.

Golden Bear has opened the road into the mine site and is working on site after the winter closure. Work has commenced on development of the Kodiak "B" decline. The heading has advanced about 26 m to date. Conditions at site are still quite cold so it is a struggle for all concerned. Snow clearing in the Ursa pit is scheduled to start shortly. Estimate is at least 4 m of snow in pit bottom. Roads are all open but wind and blowing snow create constant necessity for clearing. Totem Creek recovery plant survived the winter with only minor structural damage to structure. This area is subject to some very high wind loads.

Cassiar is producing fibre at a lower rate than hoped. Target is 50 tonnes per day, current rate is between 35-40 on a monthly average. Still some bottle necks in system. Ore stockpiles at mill are dwindling but company is confident that new reserves can be accessed before reserves at mill are depleted. Currently 58 workers on the payroll. Correction from last report: Cassiar is a dry mill process.

not wet-mill

OHS

In relation to the hydraulic rams that failed at Huckleberry and were reported in the last weekly report, testing has indicated that the failures were likely due to problems associated with the metallurgy of the ram cylinder which may have been compounded by welding as a part of manufacturing. Also, concerns identified in relation to pressure controls and the process for directing pressure to the 4 rams which were being used. Further follow-up to occur.

EXPLORATION

Prospector Assistance- Paul has been responding to numerous inquiries and has commenced to review applications.

Smither Exploration Group is giving an Intermediate level prospecting course for members on deposit models being planned for April 30-May 7 (weekends and 1 evening). To be seminar style, with prospectors to research and give hands-on presentations, using deposit suite rock collections.

The Geological Society of America annual meeting is in Vancouver this year on April 27 to 29. The ministry is considering releasing the Queen Charlotte Islands regional geochemical survey data at the meeting. This should help to give more exposure to the Northwest.

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MINING

Golden Bear mining on schedule. Kodiak B decline has advanced 150 metres and first sub-level development in ore has begun. Gold grade up to expectation. No problems with snow in the Ursa pit. Some waste rock has been removed and first ore blast of the season has occurred.

Endako mine proceeding with installation of in-pit conveyor, with movement of the crusher in to the pit planned for early July. Probably not operative until end of August.

Cassiar is up and running again after maintenance and modification shutdown. Modifications to recover short fibre have been completed to the circuit. Still some work to do but plant can produce now. Outstanding permit conditions are to be addressed over the next month. Company has changed name again. Now called Cassiar Magnesium.

Huckleberry reports increased tonnage and ore grade in the north east corner of the main zone pit. Diamond drilling active on the site to define pit limits and check other areas. Construction underway for 10% increase in mill capacity. Completion by late summer.

EXPLORATION

Morrison drilling program visited May 3 by Paul Wojdak. Hole 99-4 has been deepened from 300 to 454 metres and 2000-5 was approaching 300 m target depth. Falcon is doing the work, on a 1-shift basis. Current drilling specifically targeted areas of better copper grade, as determined from old Noranda drill sections. Some sections suggest copper diminishes at depth, and these are avoided. All contractors on site (drill, excavator, geologists) are working (primarily) for Pacific Booker stock.

LAND USE

Graeme McLaren, Rolf Schmitt, Ed Beswick, David Morgan, Mary Lou Malott and Wally Bergen met in Vancouver on May 12 to identify problems associated with LRMP formulation. Several topic areas identified including sector representation at tables, abstention and when does "no" mean no, role of economics in processes, "value" placed on mineral concerns versus other sectors, etc. Graeme drafting paper from discussions and to circulate for review.

Cassiar Iskut/Stikine LRMP moving closer to completion with Public Open House meetings held in Telegraph Creek, Iskut, Dease Lake and Smithers to review table recommendations. Plan now goes back to LRMP table to consider comments and then to make recommendation to IAMC. Anticipate recommendations to June 15 IAMC meeting. Any comments regarding LRMP should be submitted to LRMP process ASAP.

Work is commencing on a scoping exercise for a North Coast LRMP. This is at the initial stages and is intended to provide information to LUCO regarding the logistics to complete a process in a timely manner. This LRMP is moving ahead in response to concerns regarding forest industry and environmental groups seeking to make agreements outside of government processes to resolve forestry certification issues.

Wally Bergen is now the chair of the Prince Rupert IAMC and joins with Andrew, who is the chair of the Kootenay

Ran- (south of Silvertip) Examined this dormant intrusion-related Ag-Bi-(Pb-Zn-Mo-W) target with JoAnne Nelson on Aug 3 with aim of determining gold potential. Fort Knox or Pogo potential? Explored by CanOccidental in 1980. Extensive area of weak sericite and sparse veins. Geologic environment is Cassiar batholith, near marginal Cassiar fault. Some analytic work and property write-up planned.

Mansfield- (south of Haines Junction, BC extension of Kluane ultramafic belt) Examined PGE project of Santoy Resources with Adam Travis. Also visited Klu property in Yukon with Ron Nichols and Santoy exploration crew. Rocks at Mansfield are poorly exposed and highly tectonized, as the belt pinches out between the Denali and Duke river faults.

Golden Bear- Mining of Ursa pit nearly complete, 9.2 g/t Au average grade to heap (8 g/t was forecast). Underground development (4 sublevels and slot raises) of Kodiak B completed. Company hopes to complete mining this year, and expects to be working into early November.

Hudson Bay Recon- Jason Dunning is leading a helicopter supported team that includes follow up of RGS in 104O. Most of program has been in Yukon with 2 weeks allotted to 104O (Jennings River sheet). Focus is on base metals, despite newly released Au data. Hudson Bay is very interested in the Swift River VMS prospect in Yukon-Tanana rocks (Ram Creek assemblage) in southern Yukon. Recognition of the potential of this prospect could attract attention to correlative felsic volcanic strata in BC.

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MINING

TULSEQUAH The EAO reconvened the Tulsequah EA Project Committee on September 19 to 21 in Richmond to give consideration to the judge's ruling in relation to the adequacy of the Project Report as submitted to the Ministers. The meeting was attended by representatives from the EAO, US Federal Government, State of Alaska, Taku River/Tlinget First Nation, Canadian Federal Government and Provincial Ministries. Considerable discussion regarding the scope of the review, with the EAO interpreting the legal direction to focus on the road route and sustainability issues while others wanted the review to go back to square one and review the total project. Also, the US representatives are looking for a Land Use Plan for the total drainage prior to agreement with mine development. Clarification is being sought by the EAO regarding several issues. Further meetings scheduled to exchange current information and to seek agreement on the scope to the review.

Huckleberry

Bryan Good and Wally Bergen visited Huckleberry on September 26. The site was in excellent condition with the dam construction work completed for this year. Ore is being extracted from the Main zone pit and the pit was in excellent condition.

Paul Wojdak, in separate discussion with Huckleberry, indicates that ore production from the Main zone (year to date) is 4.7 million tonnes at 0.505% Cu, about 30% more than expected with a corresponding reduction in waste rock. This success appears to derive from conservative interpretation of exploration drilling where assays from poor recovery intervals were rejected from the resource calculation.

The GSB (Vic Levson and crew) study of glacial till at Huckleberry found mineralized granodiorite cobbles 2 km west of the Main zone stock. The source might be the Main zone stock or a more proximal, undiscovered intrusion. The mine will drill a fence of holes with an overburden drill, that unfortunately only has a capacity to drill to 100 ft. and may not be able to reach bedrock beneath the till.

At Huckleberry a backhoe struck a buried propane line. No explosion or fire. Propane leaked for about five minutes. Apparently the operator decided not to wait for the supervisor to return to spot or help him.

Also at Huckleberry a worker was using an air jet to clean the upper end of a conveyor belt and the nozzle became engaged in the conveyor belt. The worker hit the emergency stop and started to remove the nozzle. At the bottom of the belt a shift supervisor saw that the belt was not running and turned it back on without checking to find out why it had been turned off. The worker at the top jumped out of the way and in so doing sprained his leg. The situation is under investigation and it may be appropriate to consider a change to the Code.

Further, at Huckleberry, 2 hunters were traveling along the Kemano Reservoir late on September 23 when they struck a log and capsized their boat. Both managed to make it to shore and after a long, cold struggle through the bush made it to the mine site in the dark where they were revived with warm clothing, food and drink. Temperatures were below freezing.

Golden Bear has completed its last year of full production. The site is being shut down for the winter over the next few weeks and will reopen in the Spring to complete processing of final ore and to complete reclamation and cleanup.

EXPLORATION

RED CHRIS On September 25 Don Barker of D.J. Barker and Associates took potential investors in the Red Chris property on a tour of the site. Due to fog the aircraft was unable to stop in Smithers to pick up Paul Wojdak, who had been invited on the field trip. Also WB was unable to meet with Don and his guests.

REDMOUNTAIN

Wheaton River (and Pelly Construction) have examined route options for the Bitter Creek access road all the way to the portal, in preference to a tram line or adit development lower on the mountain.

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Subject: NW Region Weekly Report to November 10, 2000

MINING

Endako Mine is experiencing major financial difficulties at the current price of moly. The mine has gone onto a 12 week lay-off notice for all employees. The mine is going to be working with the Job Protection Commission to try and find relief until moly prices improve. The mine has just completed installation of an in pit crusher and conveyor belt to try and reduce haul costs. If the lay-off proceeds 218 employees will be affected.

Premier Gold: Rock falls into Cascade Creek Diversion have been cleaned up as much as possible for this year. More work to do next spring during low water flow period. Considerably more work to do on slope stabilization if diversion to be accepted for long term.

Golden Bear: Final mucking of Kodiak B ore completed November 8th. Underground stood up much better than expected. Underground development was extended into the small Kodiak C deposit during mining of Kodiak B. Testing determined narrow widths and poor gold leach recovery and it was determined not to mine Kodiak C. This means that oxide reserves at Golden Bear are exhausted. Leaching of ore mined this year will continue in 2001 but gold production will be much less than the 95,000 ounces produced this year. Tonnage and grade were almost exactly to predicted values. Production this year was in excess of 96,000 ounces gold. All employees are to leave site Nov. 11 except for watchmen.

Cassiar: Resumed production Wed. Nov. 8th after a three week shutdown. Cassiar is experiencing some marketing problems which have resulted in high on site inventories of certain length fiber stocks. Mill has been re-tooled to produce a fiber length in demand by Mexico. Mill may close for a period over the Christmas-January, 2001 period.

~~Eskay Creek~~ Tailings pipeline construction has stopped for this year. Pipeline is about 95% complete. Drop section into Tom Mackay Lake still to be completed and liner to be installed in pipeline. Homestake expects pipeline to be operational in July of 2001.

D/O in mine last week resulted from an employee traveling into a heading that had high levels of carbon dioxide gas build-up. Employee was able to leave area and after being checked out by the first aid went back to work. Employee had turned on ventilation fan but did not wait long enough for gas to be expelled.

RECLAMATION

^{Mie} The Premier Power Corporation, who propose to construct a hydro electric generation plant at Long lake in the vicinity of the Premier Mine, has indicated that the company has submitted their proposal to B.C. Hydro and the preliminary feedback is that Hydro is definitely interested in the power. Among the options being examined is one that would provide Stewart/Hyder, Aiyansh and the Nass Valley, etc. with power independently in the event of a major outage on the main line to Terrace and Stewart. Premier Power is negotiating the specifics of an agreement with Boliden to use specific structures and tenures on the Premier site.

Skyline Gold Corp. A small group of company personnel and contractors flew into site in September and started the clean-up and reclamation of this property. Less work than anticipated was accomplished this year due to the late snow melt. Company is expecting to continue next year as early as snow melt permits.

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Subject: RE: Golden Bear core

Good - you've listed most of the properties, if not all. I wonder if the company could provide us with an inventory list (by property name)? Certainly their office core display would be useful if offered. Once we determine which property core is on site, then WE need to research our files and decide an appropriate action. I agree, whatever we select, with the blessing of the company rep., should be stored (criss-crossed) at an appropriate spot on site. Tom.

From: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX
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To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Golden Bear core

Tom,

North American Metals will be in Smithers for Northwest MDRC meeting on April 11, principally to discuss reclamation planning. I will attend. Outlying properties and mineralized zones of interest in preserving core (? means I dont know if property was drilled, can you confirm)-

- Misty?
- Nie?
- Ram?
- Tut
- Tot
- Slam?
- Bandit
- Inlaw?
- Outlaw
- Totem Silica - representative holes or all core
- Grizzly
- Kodiak A, B, C - some representative holes
- Ursa - some representative holes
- Bear Main - some representative holes

And the office core library. Are you aware of any other material I should bring up for discussion. Do you have strong feelings about any particular property and what do you think about Totem Silica. I think best plan is to cross stack the core where it is, any comments?

Paul

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Subject: RE: Goldem Bear - Closure
Sensitivity: Private

Thanks.

Any plan must identify the budget.

As you know we (GSB) has no facility or budget to store core. If this is proposed for Golden Bear it will have to be the responsibility of the regional office.

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Subject: RE: Drill core at Golden Bear

Thanks, Dennis. Paul and I have corresponded recently via email on this subject and we will have an opportunity to further discuss next week in Kamloops at the KEG meeting. I expect your April 11th meeting in Smithers will further our discussions. Obviously, sooner than later, NAMC and the gov't will have to agree on the "wording" for any proposed on-site core storage. Thank you for thinking of the longer term potential scientific value of preserving selected core. As you may or may not know, the Ministry does not currently have any specific policy/regulations pertaining to the 'preservation of geological materials' from a mine once it closes (i.e. only the reclamation/decommissioning regulations). As such, MEM does not have a specific budget or fund to 'tap'; thus each Branch will use its existing budgets.
Paul and I look forward to working with you and your staff in this matter.
Tom.

From: Dennis Bergen[SMTP:dbergen@wheatonriver.com]
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To: Wojdak, Paul EM:EX; Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Re: Drill core at Golden Bear

Paul & Tom

NAMC agrees and has proposed storage of a good deal of the core, especially outside holes and unmined areas. My thoughts were to relocate a storage area above the mill site in a cleared laydown area. That way core would be out of the Bearskin Creek flood plain.

Tom I copied you on this as your name came up in internal discussions as a MEM representative who would see the benefits to retaining the core history.

Do you gentlemen have any suggestions on how we word or approach this to come to the best resolution?

Thanks

Dennis

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- > Dennis,
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- > A "heads up" for the April 11 meeting in Smithers.
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- > I would like certain drill core preserved out of the large core storage
- > beside the Muddy Lake strip. I hope this can fit with Wheaton River's
- > reclamation plans.

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> I am concerned mainly about deposits that have not been mined (Grizzly,
> Kodiak C), Golden Bear property exploration and outlying former claim
groups
> (Bandit, Outlaw etc) which may also be at the site. The core and logs are
a
> great asset to preserve, as best we can, for future explorationists and
> miners. I am less concerned about deposits that are mined out, but it is
> desirable to keep a few representative holes for academics. As I recall,
> there is a location map of the core storage. I would envisage that the
core
> to be kept can just be stacked where it is and (I hope) logs covered off
by
> assessment reports.
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> What do you think? and could you give consideration to a plan in advance
of
> the April meeting.
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Jim Hutter - nearly completed excavator trenching (on July 7) at the Golden Eagle (93L 015) high-grade silver vein prospect 9 km north of Topley. Flag grid for a VLF-EM survey was in progress. Recent work by Don MacIntyre determined host strata are Saddle Hill Formation of Hazelton Group of similar age to Eskay Creek, hence mineralization warrants re-evaluation. Trenching was successful in following/exposing the vein but little tetrahedrite-jamesonite and galena were evident. Core stored on the property (Bishop Resources, 1983-86) from Golden Eagle and nearby Silver Cup is in poor condition but cursory examination suggests veins are related to felsite dikes? (rhyolite described in MINFILE?)

Tab R
MT **RECLAMATION**

Cusac has announced signing of a letter of intent to acquire 100% of 906459 Alberta Ltd., a private oil and gas exploration and development company and producing properties. It is hoped that this acquisition will provide Cusac with the revenue to complete care and maintenance work at the Cusac site. Due to various reasons there are a number of issues which need to be addressed in the near future. The main issues are tailings management, slope stability and housekeeping on the site in general.

Snip: Homestake has a four man crew on site doing final clean-up and re-sloping. Company personal were able to go underground on the 300L to observe the oxygen concentrations and maximum height of the water build-up. Oxygen levels were depleted slightly [19.5-20%] and water level high appears to have been high enough to flow out the 300L portal. It is expected that the "P" trap configuration will work once the holes in the two dykes are plugged.

Golden Bear: Road de-activation is progressing very well. The use of the large excavator plus a very skilled operator has produced very acceptable results. Ursa Pad is undergoing detoxification now. Fleece Bowl Pad has been undergoing rinsing for some time now and is at the point of solution going straight to the receiving environment.

Premier Gold: Company has received some interest in various pieces of mill equipment. Mine manager has been advised on appropriate course of action when dealing with equipment dismantlers. Still outstanding issues related to tailings dam [sinkholes] and Cascade Creek Diversion.

PLANNING

As the Ministry of Sustainable Resources starts to take shape a concern that I have is how much representation mineral values will receive in planning processes. It seem that at this time, as an outsider looking in, there is a lot of focus on forestry and environmental values with little recognition of minerals so far. Will be monitoring to see how "balanced" representation and consideration of mineral values becomes in the future.

GENERAL

Major Drilling Group will close its Smithers office at the end of August. Predecessor J.T. Thomas Diamond Drilling was an institution in NWBC exploration for decades and was bought by Major about 3-4 years ago. Eight employees are affected by the closure. Major will handle any future BC drill jobs through MidWest Drilling (Winnipeg), which was also bought by Major. Britton Brothers, Hy-Tech and Peak remain as Smithers-based drill contractors.

With a mix of sadness and happiness regional staff said farewell to Esther Burchett as she retired from government. Esther will be missed from the office, yet everyone wished Esther much happiness in her retirement. Esther and Will have purchased a house in Vernon and are looking forward to some much needed sun and travel.

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Goldcorp Wins "The Jake MacDonald Mine Reclamation Award"

Vancouver, British Columbia: September 26, 2005 – Goldcorp Inc. (TSX: G; NYSE: GG) is pleased to announce that it has received "The Jake MacDonald Mine Reclamation Award" for its reclamation of the Golden Bear Mine located in northern British Columbia.

This award is presented annually for "outstanding achievement in British Columbia" from the Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR). It was presented by the Right Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of State for Mining.

The TRCR originated in the early 1970's, in response to a demonstrated need in British Columbia for greater government-industry communications in the area of environmental protection and reclamation associated with mining.

Goldcorp is the world's lowest cost and fastest growing million ounce gold producer. Gold production in 2005 is expected to exceed 1.1 million ounces at a cash cost of less than US\$60 per ounce. By 2007, gold production is projected to increase by 40% to over 1.6 million ounces. Goldcorp has a strong balance sheet and no hedging.

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Great, but remember that Goldcorp 'inherited' (took over) Wheaton River Minerals over the past year; the staff of the latter are the ones being recognized (and rightly so).

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MINING

Huckleberry - Due to adverse weather conditions the raising of TMF-2 dam has been curtailed for 2001. The current dam elevation is below the permitted elevation of construction. Huckleberry consultants have estimated that the current dam crest will provide sufficient freeboard until March 2002. To maintain freeboard the dam crest will have to be raised by February or early March 2002 or alternately dewatering of the tailings pond will be necessary to maintain the required water level. Previous winter construction has proven problematic and the company has been asked to identify contingencies to maintain sufficient freeboard.

A draft of the Amended Permit for Huckleberry is expected to be ready for circulation to the company and other agencies by early next week. MEM's initial estimate of reclamation liability considerably exceeds the current bond amount of \$2M. There are concerns associated with operating costs exceeding revenue due to low metal prices and concerns with a major loan payment due in January, 2002. Negotiations regarding bonding are expected to begin within the next few weeks.

Copper prices have been on a roller coaster ride for Huckleberry. On November 8 the price bottomed at US \$0.597 and by November 15 had climbed back to a high of US \$0.667. On November 22 the price was at US \$0.665.

Eskay Creek - Eskay continues to encounter difficulties with its new tailings disposal system to Tom MacKay Lake. The new \$1M pump has reportedly proven incapable of pumping materials above 200 mesh, so slimes are having to be trucked separately to Albino Lake for disposal. TSS levels in Tom MacKay Lake, which had previously risen as high as 22 ppm, have been declining. The latest report was 9 ppm. The reasons for both the rise and the decline however, remain unknown.

Eskay has applied to increase daily production from 550t/d to 750t/day. The implications to the EA certification production level and the site implications are being reviewed. A meeting of the NWMDRC is scheduled for December 2, focussing on Eskay and Snip.

Cassiar - Mill fire remains have been cleaned up by burial around and in the footprint of the mill itself. Outlook for rebuilding the mill appears good but will need involvement of a second party with some money to contribute to the cause. The Regional Fire Commissioner has indicated that the Cassiar Fire Report prepared by Smith Investigation services has been reviewed and the Commissioners Office agrees with the findings. The Commissioner reports that Smith has dealt with the most probable cause as electrical and no one can dispute this determination under the circumstances.

RECLAMATION

Golden Bear - North American Metals are reportedly planning to make application to WLAP in early December to discharge all rinse solutions from the Totem heap to ground during next summer's rinsing. Assuming that this is approved, there will be no further need of either the mill or the tailings impoundment and it will be possible to remove all of the lower valley infrastructure and complete reclamation. It is expected that rinsing will also be completed next summer. The net effect of all of this will be to compress the previously anticipated closure schedule by one year. It will be possible to complete required reclamation for both the main haul road and the mine access road in 2003, rather than 2004 as previously thought. Agencies and groups with an interest in the access road will need to come to agreement on that aspect within the next 6 to 12 months.

GENERAL

Telkwa Coal - Allan Flemming of Luscar indicated in a telephone conversation that the project is still on the shelf. Luscar has other priorities at this time and Allan did not see a renewed interest in the project in the near future. He also indicated that there was also a wait and see attitude in relation to CBM.

On November 7 Wally Bergen was invited to the Northern Forestry Producers Association annual community dinner in Burns Lake. Much concern expressed regarding the soft wood tariff situation, mountain pine beetle infestation and the demand for wood and wood fibre throughout the NW.