

- Merry Widow:

Noranda has started drilling on the Merry Widow gold-copper skarn prospect near Benson lake, optioned from Taywin Resources. A total of 600 metres in 5 or 6 holes are planned before Christmas. They are testing coincident I.P. - mag. anomalies at the Parson Bay - Bonanza contact on both sides of the Merry Widow pit.

- Island Copper:

The main focus of on-property drilling by BHP-Utah in 1990 has been completed at Red Island. The Red island mineralization is immediately adjacent to the southeast corner of the pit. Close-spaced drilling has indicated that the mineralization is all near surface but totals no more than 8 million tonnes, probably not profitable to recover.

- Wann:

Moraga Resources and Acheron Resources have completed an 1867 metre (17 holes) reverse circulation drill program on the Wann (Wanokana) property west of Coal Harbour. The target is copper-gold porphyry mineralization in an area with extensively silica-pyrophyllite altered Bonanza volcanics and prophyllitically - altered intrusives. Various Island Copper - style alteration assemblages were intersected but no ore-grade mineralization. The best target was apparently not drilled due to access problems.

- Expo (Hushamu):

By month-end Moraga Resources had completed 19 drill holes totalling 4267 metres designed to increase measured reserves at the Hushamu porphyry copper-gold deposit optioned from BHP-Utah. Drilling is continuing and will continue into the new year, weather permitting. The most recent published estimate of indicated reserves is 79 million tonnes at 0.30% copper, 0.023% molybdenum and 0.34g/t gold at a stripping ratio of 0.8:1.

NEW WESTMINSTER MINING DIVISION**- Seneca:**

Minnova started a 1000 metre drill program on the Seneca v.m.s. prospect optioned from International Curator and Chevron and located near Harrison Mills. Drilling was suspended after one hole was completed due to an unexpected problem with the terms of the option agreement. Drilling may resume in December.