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May 5, 1989

Mr. John Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Equinox (J & L) Gold/Silver/Lead/Zinc Project
- Prospectus (December, 1988)

Participants in the Mine Development Review Process (MDRP) have completed their review of your company's December, 1988 prospectus. I attach review comments for your information and necessary action. A Stage I submission will be required for this project. I apologize for the delay in forwarding official comments to you. However, I trust that you have already received the key agency inputs through informal direct contact with review agencies. With respect to the Stage I submission, it is our intention to regionalize review of that report so that, when filed, it will be handled by a locally-based committee, rather than by the Victoria-based Mine Development Steering Committee. Details are provided later in my letter.

The attached review comments should be viewed as terms of reference for the forthcoming Stage I submission. Prior to embarking on the Stage I study program, if it has not already done so, your company is urged to meet with government agencies which have a major interest in your project to fine-tune the terms of reference. If any Stage I advice or information requirements are unclear, please contact the relevant Ministry, or else myself, and I will seek clarification.

A decision on project approval-in-principle will be made after the Stage I submission has been reviewed. Approval-in-principle will be granted if there are no major outstanding policy or technical concerns. It is especially important for the Stage I

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submission to focus on what agencies have identified as the key issues. In this regard, I wish to mention that there is some concern about the potential for impacts to water quality due to the high arsenopyrite and sulphide content of the ore, and the proposed cyanidation methods for mineral extraction.

I should note that the following agencies raised no concerns with respect to your company's project, and decline further involvement in project review:

- the Ministry of Parks;
- the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Archaeology and Outdoor Recreation Branch;
- the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training;
- the Ministry of Education; and,
- the Ministry of Attorney General.

With respect to the regional review of your company's Stage I submission, please note the following. The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, in cooperation with the Mine Development Steering Committee, is planning to establish a Kamloops-based Mine Development Review Committee, to review and assess small, local, relatively noncontroversial mine development proposals. This committee will be chaired by a District Mines Inspector, and will be comprised of regional representatives of key Mine Development Review Process agencies. The Equinox (J & L) Gold/Silver/Lead/Zinc Project has been identified as a candidate for review and assessment by the Kamloops Mine Development Review Committee, on which will sit the same key regionally-based Provincial and Federal Government representatives who reviewed your company's December, 1988 Prospectus. If the Stage I submission is filed prior to formal establishment of the new committee, an existing Regional Reclamation Advisory Committee will handle the review in the interim.

- . Please contact me when your company is ready to submit the Stage I report, and I will provide you with a list of names and addresses for direct distribution of the report for review. In addition to members of the Regional Mine Development Review Committee, a few agencies which either do not have regional representation or which maintain headquarters technical review expertise, will also require copies of the Stage I submission. In any event, we trust that the new regional committee approach will facilitate review and final approval of your company's project.

In closing, thank you for your company's cooperation with the review process to date.
Please contact me if you have any questions (phone: 356-2229).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Ringstad', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Norman Ringstad, Secretary
Mine Development Steering Committee
c/o Engineering and Inspection Branch
Mineral Resources Division

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Attachment: Review Comments on Prospectus

cc: See Distribution List

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October 4, 1991

To: V.A. Preto
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SOUTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT

September 1991

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Chu Chua
* **Adams Lake Area** Minnova Inc. is in the process of completing approximately 4,000 metres of drilling in 9 holes on the **Chu Chua** property. The work has been focused on the north and south extensions of the main Chu Chua horizon. Results seem to indicate that the zone dies out very quickly to the south; but to the north and at depth, significant silicification has been cut, suggesting that the system still has potential in these areas. Drill core for this and other properties will be displayed on Minnova's company field trip, Oct 21st.

* East of **Adams Lake**, the Minnova drilled 15 holes for 2100 metres on the **Plateau** property (**Mosquito King, Spar, Boler Ck**). Targets were well spread out and are related to geophysical anomalies outlined along predicted sulphide horizons.

Jordan River
* **Jordan River** First Standard Mining Ltd. has completed surface exploration work, focused mainly on Frisby ridge. Company personnel stated that the results of drilling carried out in 1990 increased reserves potential on property by 2 or 3-fold. Current published reserves are at 2.6M tonnes @ 5.1% Pb, 5.6% Zn and 35 g/t Ag. The company believes there is potential for 10M tonnes or more.

J+L
* **J & L** Cheni and Equinox have taken a 30 tonne bulk sample from the Main Zone of the J & L deposit for metallurgical testing. Although the results of this year's \$3.4M u/g exploration project has been very encouraging, with major increases in reserves, Cheni has been experiencing cash problems with the Lawyers property and have shut down the J & L project for the interim. The feeling is that another drill program will be undertaken later this fall or winter. (See July91 monthly for details).

ELK
* **ELK** Fairfield Minerals Ltd. is continuing with a further 8,000 feet of drilling on the **Siwash North** zone. Approximately 18,000 feet were completed by early Sept. The vein structure has been intersected in every hole and is now continuous for over 2600 feet along strike and, in shoots, for 835 feet down dip. Intersections at the west end of the system, near the Nicola contact, are narrower, but with gold grades > 1 oz/t. Fairfield's objective is to increase drill-indicated reserves by 60-100% with this year's work. NOTE: Fairfield recently announced that it plans an underground exploration and development program for spring 1992. See attached news release.

Watson Bar
* **Clinton** Commonwealth Gold Corp. has commenced drilling the **Watson Bar** (Second) property, 15 Km SE of Blackdome. Approx. 7500 feet of drilling are planned with a budget of \$400K. Commonwealth optioned the property from Cyprus Canada Inc.

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