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ISSUES/NEWS

Subject: Kootenay Review - April 11,97

Bull River * Stanfield's u/g exploration/development well underway at the Galowai-Bul River Mine [the old Placid Oil open pit copper mine south of Cranbrook which operated for about 3 years in the early Approx. 600ft of the proposed 5,000ft 16*14 decline has 70s]. been completed to a high standard. Enerald

PRe4-* Underground drilling completed at the Jersey project {old CANEX mine near Salmo], Paul W. expects encouraging news.

* Draft permit issued to Bow Mines Ltd for processing 2,000tons of ore from the Lexington project at the Roberts Mill [near MGreenwood]. Permit conditions for Britannia Gold's permit to mine the 2,000ton bulk sample at Lexington have to be finalised [ARD issues and mitigative measures were a concern to the proponent and have been the subject of several meetings with MEI ARD staff].

* The regional office has sold another set of the third [and final] set of maps from the geophysical project [to date we have sold 12 and Vancouver have sold 2, about the same level of interest as for the first release].

* We continue the KBLUPIS grind, seem to be going backwards!!

OTHER

* Vacant Reclamation Inspector causing workload problems. This is only manageable because no no major permit applications have been received recently.

* P. Wilton, G. MacKay, D. Grieve attended KEG, MacKay and Grieve also attended land use workshop, Whale attended Rms meeting.

* S. Wuschke has returned from a 4 week trip to the UK.

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Subject: RE: Regional Geologists' Fall Field Meeting

Thanks Tom. I'll keep you posted. I had thought of Jersey-Emerald as a good candidate for a visit by our group, and possibly also the Red Point at Trail. I visited Red Point the day after they finished the drilling. They only had assays for one hole at that time but the implications were pretty exciting - bulk tonnage, low grade gold in Elise Fm. volcanics - no silver, only traces of copper, very little veining - gold is associated with widespread disseminated pyrrhotite, with best grades in coarse "felsic" fragmental units (may be silicified marics). Property has not been mapped in detail so the true nature of the deposit is very much open to Stratigraphic control based on original porosity of the speculation. volcanics seems like a strong possibility - i.e. syngenetic/diagenetic? Likely a first for the Rossland group with major regional implications. The whole balloon may pop when the other holes have been assayed, but, when I last talked to him, Bruce Downing expected to be back in the fall to do more drilling.

As for the Jersey-Emerald, Ed Lawrence told me a couple of weeks ago that Sultan Minerals is having trouble raising funds to do more work (Bre-X impact?). Permits have already been issued for the next phase of drilling and extensive sampling of several new zones were planned. However, the company is actually discussing with MoF the possibility of logging some of the crown grants where they own surface and timber rights as well as mineral rights. The revenue raised from the logging could then be used to continue the mineral exploration. Tough times for juniors, even those with very good properties!

If we're going to include visits in the West Kootenays, we'll probably have to make it a unidirectional tour; start in Cranbrook and finish elsewhere. Otherwise we'd waste a lot of time travelling back and forth. We'll wait and see what the other guys are interested in.

Regards, Paul.

TO:

Tom Schroeter of EI