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**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2000 8:36 AM  
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Derek, sounds great. Let's hope it all falls into place. Tom.

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Gerald, Tom and Ron,

FYI -- George attended the first of three meetings at the Parliament Buildings to stay in the loop. It was attended by MP for the Kootenays (Doyle??), Andrew Whale, Lynne Ewing (for Karen K), Dan Pantella and numerous others from MEM, MEI, FOR and Environmental Assessment.

This is an exciting new project proposal that would help offset some of the job loses expected in 2002 after the Sullivan mine closure. I hope the various government ministries can facilitate the development.

Derek

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**From:** Simandl, George EM:EX  
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RE: G-P MEETING IN VICTORIA , July 25.2000.

Derek:

On July 24, 2000 a meeting took place in Victoria regarding the Georgia Pacific Gypsum Corporation. Present on behalf of Georgia Pacific Gypsum were H.A. Schutte (VP Manufacturing operations, from Atlanta) and A.D. Parker (Regional Manager-West from Tacoma).

A new plant to replace old and obsolete plants currently operating in Edmonton and Surrey, B.C. is planned to be built in south-eastern British Columbia. It will employ 74 people and will cost \$US 65 million to build. Approximately 200 construction jobs will be required for this responsibility.

The main problem at this stage appears to be securing a favourable site (80 acres), in proximity to their Canal Flats mine, rail, highway, natural gas, electricity and water supply that is free of aboriginal claims and subject to acceptable environmental restrictions.

Some interesting facts: electricity represents 4% of the production cost (power for jobs program is only partially applicable), natural gas 10%, paper 50%. Paper will be imported from their Ontario paper plant. The cost of extending the pipeline from Skukumchuck to Canal Flats would be about \$ 2 million.

The company is not worried at this stage about the availability of raw materials. They believe that they have 10 million tonnes proven and 2 or 3 million tonnes probable reserves (enough for 30 years of operation). The B.C. Geol. Survey offered assistance, should there be the need, to find the means for blending of raw materials from different B.C. sources to increase brightness. (Their source of raw materials in B.C. has lower brightness than currently used Mexican imports.)

At this stage, their Georgia Pacific Surrey plant is able to use 18.5% recycled material from the lower mainland. The transportation costs between Canal Flats and the Vancouver area will make it uneconomic to recycle Vancouver area wallboard. Since all the new gypsum for the Surrey plant is currently imported from Mexico, their requirements for B.C. raw materials will increase substantially.

Cheers

George

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**Subject:** Activity Report - 00/06/19

Coyote  
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- visited Coyote Creek project (NTS 82J/3W) of Eagle Plains Resources Ltd. on June 14th. This is the first drill test of Devonian black shales believed to be the source of highly anomalous, multi-element, RGS data. Four creeks draining the Coyote Pass between Coyote Creek and Lussier River, measured in the 99th percentile for zinc, the highest number being 5550 ppm Zn. All four samples were also very anomalous in nickel, vanadium, and molybdenum. The company's plan was to drill two 300m holes at two widely separated sites to transect and sample the shale package, which is recessive and difficult to map or prospect on surface. At the time of my visit, they had aborted the first hole at a depth of 153m after getting into a badly faulted zone which the drill had been unable to penetrate. The drill was being moved to a second location nearby and deeper in the stratigraphy. The first hole had collared in the shale and penetrated a continuous section of thin-bedded, calcareous, black shale and siltstone with several conformable thin seams of pyrite/marcasite and abundant, but unidentifiable, disseminated sulphides. It will require analysis to determine what minerals or metals are present. The company is thinking sedex but there are many similarities to the Nick massive sulphide in Yukon.

Koot

- visited briefly in the AM of June 15th with Steve Butrenchuk who is looking after Westroc's drilling program at its Kootenay West/East gypsum property on the Kootenay River northeast of Canal Flats. They completed 29 holes (total ~1100m?) on the west side of the river and were on the second hole of about 20 planned for the east side. The gypsum resource on the west side (large!) has apparently been fairly well blocked out now, but the size and quality of the resource on the east side is poorly known.

B/W  
Star

- Rod Luchansky (co-discoverer of sapphires in the Slocan Valley) phoned this morning to report that Hampton Court Resources, which has optioned all of the Anglo Swiss gemstone holdings is making its first appearance in the field today. They are talking about a \$250,000 initial expenditure this year. Meanwhile Rod claims that he and his partners are continuing to identify new gemstone occurrences in various parts of the West Kootenays.

- Glen Rodgers reports that Abitibi Mining Corp. is preparing to initiate its drilling at American Creek on the Canam property southeast of Yahk (optioned from Cominco). He feels that the Sullivan horizon has been accurately identified by Doug Anderson on surface in earlier Cominco work and will be the target of their drilling.

- Rio Algom is drilling on the South Findlay property and is believed to be about half way through the planned 2000m, 3-hole program.

- Attended Barry Ryan's annual coal symposium in Sparwood on the evening of the 15th, and presented my usual talk on non-coal exploration activity in the region. As always, Barry had done a superb job of organizing the event and arranging some high-profile speakers on a number of interesting topics (zero-emission coal, coal-bed methane, the oil sands, selenium in coal). The turnout was down to ~30 instead of the usual ~40. Most noticeable to me was the absence of the usual group of enthusiastic summer students. Apparently, in these tough times, the coal mines are employing few, if any, co-op or summer students. What future has the mining industry if it can't find a way to help train the next generation of professionals?

- Have communicated with all but one of the six successful PAP grantees and a couple of the unsuccessful ones. Frank Renaudat and Bruce Doyle have already started work on their programs, with early hints of success in both cases.

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**Subject:** Weekly Report - Dec. 4 /98

SILVANA

- Ed Taje has learned that the proposed deal between Tremingo and Regeena Resources for acquisition by Regeena of the Silvana mine and mill at Sandon has fallen through. Now Klondike Gold Corp., a Richard Hughes company, has reportedly put a deposit on the property and may gear up to do some small scale mining in the new year. Klondike Gold has acquired the nearby Wonderful mine and carried out some rehabilitation and sampling there earlier in the year. The status of the Willa property near Silverton, which had been included in the proposed deal with Regeena, is unknown.

Koot

- Dan Hora tipped us to the fact that Westroc Inc., operator of the Elkhorn gypsum quarry at Windermere, is currently drilling at the Koot gypsum prospect on Kootenay River NE of Canal Flats. The permit issued earlier in the year was for about 3000 feet of core drilling. A significant resource of good-quality gypsum has been known for some time and is important to Westroc as the most likely successor to the Elkhorn quarries in a few years.

Old Nick

- A NoW has been received from Gold City Industries Ltd. for a program of geological mapping, an LP survey, and 1000m of rotary drilling at the Old Nick nickel/cobalt prospect near Bridesville. The work is proposed to be done between now and Dec. 31st - mapping in December?

Sullivan

- Visited for a while on Monday with Ken Pride and his staff at Cominco's Cranbrook exploration office. The staff consists of five geologists counting Ken with one more to come - no support staff. They confirmed that, for now, they are not going to be doing any more work in the Aldridge sedex play but have optioned three of their properties to the Hastings Management group. The one exception is the proposed deep hole at Mark Creek where they hope, in 1999, to do another test of the deep stratiform mineralization on the north side of the Kimberley fault. (CONFIDENTIAL and subject to Directors' approval).

New DISC Regional

Their major interest right now is to pursue new Zn/Pb/Ag reserves close to Trail, i.e. in the Kootenay Arc. They spent about \$250,000 in 1998 on grassroots (they prefer to call it "target development") in the part of the Arc between Kootenay Lake and the U.S. border. This work has generated some very attractive drill targets which they feel will definitely see drilling in 1999. Neil O'Brien, who leads their Kootenay Arc work, mentioned to me, as have two other companies currently active in the area, that he has found major problems with the stratigraphic interpretations and correlations that resulted from the very old mapping of Fyles and Little. He would support any new government mapping initiatives and recommended an initial recce. type assessment of the problem followed by 1:20,000 mapping in key areas, as opposed to 1:50,000 mapping of the whole belt or a specific map sheet.

On the political side, Cominco obviously has strong concerns, at high levels in its exploration group, about the security of mineral tenure, access to land in the long term, and, particularly, the possible negative impact of pending aboriginal land claim agreements, in the region. Ken indicated that he has twice written to Sophie Pierre, Administrator of the Ktunaxa tribal council and Chief of the St. Mary Band, asking for a meeting to discuss the policies and attitude of her organizations toward the mining industry. Neither letter has apparently received even the courtesy of an acknowledgement. If true, that sort of arrogance will do nothing to dispel cynicism and concern within the region's major industry.

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Thanks very much, Paul. Tom.

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1) "On the **Superior** claims, about 8 kms. south of the Black Crystal deposit, International Mineral Resources Ltd. has begun drill testing a geologically similar occurrence of flake graphite disseminated in marble and paragneisses of the Valhalla Gneissic Complex."

2) **Lucky Dog** is an epithermal (?) vein prospect (Ag, Pb, Zn, Au) in the hanging wall of the Slocan "detachment" fault. It is a large block of claims immediately south of Silverton, stretching from Silverton Creek to Vevey Creek. The owner/operator is "Lucky Dog Prospecting" (better known as prospector Ralph Allen of Nakusp and friends). They drilled one deep hole right on Silverton Creek in the spring which went well beyond the projected position of the Slocan fault without hitting any fault (Confidential). Based on the geology seen in that hole, and a geophysical survey in the summer, they are now just beginning a second program of drilling further south on the property where there is a strong anomaly coincident with outcropping chalcidonic breccias (classic epithermal diatremes).

3) **Kootenay West** is the company's preferred project name for Westroc Inc.'s gypsum property on the Kootenay River NE of Canal Flats. You may know it as Koot, which is the name of the mineral claim and the name used last year on their NoW. You'll notice that George has referred to it as the Kootenay West deposit in his report, although there are actually at least two separate deposits on the property.

4) **Four J** is the name of the gypsum quarry SE of Canal Flats owned and operated by Georgia Pacific Canada Inc. The exploration work this year at the property consisted of a closely spaced pattern of short holes (about 30) adjacent to the operating quarry - definition drilling of reserves in the direction of proposed expansion.

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### Quick Questions:

- 1) Superior - graphite, near Black Crystal. Will/can you add a sentence for the "Industrial Minerals" section, pls.?
- 2) Lucky Dog - where is it? who worked on? Most importantly, What is DEPOSIT TYPE?
- 3) Kootenay West - is this a property name or a project area?
- 4) Four J - gypsum - owner/operator?