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ROCK CLAIMS

Robert E. Miller, President of Orion International Minerals Corporation, is pleased to announce it has recently located a significant Barite horizon in a volcanogenic setting on its wholly owned Rock claims in the Bridesville-Rock Creek area of Southern British Columbia. Evaluation to date suggests that the deposit is associated with paleobasins in the Permian Anarchist Formation. The Barite occurs as lenses and pods with extensive sections of massive very finely crystalline Barite.

Initial assays indicate the Barite is of commercial grade and does not contain detrimental metallic elements.

Prospecting, mapping and detailed chip sampling is continuing and information will be reported in a timely manner.

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COMMENTS: RE: BARITE DISCOVERY

ORION INTERNATIONAL MINERAL CORP, BOB
MULLER, PRESIDENT, HAS IDENTIFIED WHAT MAY
BE A SIGNIFICANT STRATIFORM BARITE DEPOSIT
ON ITS "ROCK" CLAIMS ABOUT 5.5 KILOMETRES
EAST OF BRIDESVILLE, B.C. THIS BARITE DEPOSIT
IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE "OLD NICK" NICKEL
AND COBALT DEPOSIT AS WELL AS THE NEW "KET28"
GOLD DISCOVERY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION YOU SHOULD CONTACT
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EXTENSIVE BARITE SHOWINGS ON LAPIN PROJECT IN ROCK CREEK, B.C.

Orion International Minerals has identified two areas of major barite occurrences and one area of anomalous barium in soils as a result of preliminary geologic mapping, rock chip sampling, soil sampling, trenching and drilling at its Lapin Barite Project near the southeastern B.C. village of Rock Creek. The industrial mineral rights held by Orion International comprise 188 units over 4700 hectares. Two significant barite bodies occur within a sampling area of a 900 X 1400 metre soil grid. The barite finds are hosted by graphitic-argillite and continue into the greenstone-argillite contact. The apparent north west trend, supported by soil barium geochemistry, that has been defined over 500 metres on strike and is open ended.

Analysis of barite from outcrops, trenching and drill hole intersections have returned assays ranging from 62.92% to 95.94% with an overall unweighted average of 83% barite on all assays to date. A high grade barite outcrop has returned specific gravities of 4.2 and greater to a depth of fourteen metres over a width of five metres. Local relief and down hole data suggest the known barite occurrences have vertical extensions of at least 64 metres. These highly encouraging findings indicate that a potential resource of up to 450,000 tonnes or greater of commercially viable barite could be developed through continued exploration.

Lapin's favorable geology is conducive to low costs for production, including low environmental costs and a short time line to production due to the simplicity of beneficiation and milling. These factors could enable Orion International to begin barite production later in 1997, should mineable reserves be found. The company is presently completing an application for bulk sample permit to test the mining parameters, beneficiation techniques, and millability and market viability of the barite.

Annual barite usage in the western oil and gas producing provinces is approximately 50,000 to 60,000 tonnes with an average price of \$135.00/tonne F.O.B. mill site. The present demand is strong and the market outlook is positive for a projected five to seven years.

To follow up on the very positive suggestions of a mineable resource, Orion International is recommending the expenditure of \$200,000, most of which is earmarked for a large scale drill program to determine the full dimensions of the tabular, vein-like and podiform barite bodies indicated by the extremely positive preliminary exploration.

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Scott Beley, Director

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- 2 1.0 Km East of Ket 28
- 3 5.0 Km N.W. of Crown Jewel



...oned from Miner R .../Eagle Plains and another 1800m at Panda Basin
...ere it intersected 2.55m of high-grade Zn/Pb/Ag last season. *J. Ash*

Barite is appropriately fashionable this year. WWC Consulting will be 30 to 40 short-holes to assess the continuity of a large barite vein system at Jubilee Mountain west of Spillimacheen, Highwood Resources will be doing more surface drilling adjacent to its Parson mine, and I have heard that an unidentified Calgary company will be optioning the Lapin barite property at Rock Creek and collecting a bulk sample for quality testing.

- The Chamber of Mines (Nelson) cancelled its Basic prospecting course that had been scheduled to start on March 30 due to insufficient registration, but they have now staged two highly successful one-day gemstone courses taught by Dave Barclay of Slocan. Next up is a gold-panning course on April 17/18.
- UPCOMING:
 - Calgary Mineral Exploration Group annual Forum - Calgary, April 8&9
 - I'll be presenting a poster on regional activity & highlights.
 - KEG Conference, Kamloops, April 16/17 - poster and talk - also participating in field trip to Vernon area on the 15th.
 - "Where would we be without mining" mall display all day Saturday, May 2nd at Tamarack Mall, Cranbrook. - working to organize this along with Sandra Walliser of the BC Science Council, Cindy Brunel of Fording Coal, and Dave Lang the Regional Jobs Commissioner - although this is meant to be a Mining Week initiative, we're scheduling it early so not to conflict with the much larger mining Week show by the coal mines in Sparwood - Looks like we'll have good participation from Cominco and other local mining groups as well as from the geology students and teachers from the College of the Rockies.
 - I've agreed to give a talk on exploration activity to the East Kootenay Chamber of Mines, tentatively set for the evening of April 23rd, essentially a repeat performance of the one I gave to the Annual Banquet of the Chamber in Nelson on March 21st.
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