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Subject: Southwest Region Update - May 29, 1998

ISSUES:

- \* Cutbacks to the 1998/99 regional operations budget will result in four inspection vehicles being parked for the remainder of the fiscal year unless additional funding is found.
- \* Whistler Developments/Parkhurst gravel pit has obtained MOTH approval for highway access; recommendations to exclude Parkhurst from draft Soil Removal Bylaw and to issue mine permit will go to Whistler Council June 15th for ratification.
- \* The Forest Land Commission has indicated that they will be approving the Englishman River gravel pit within weeks, which will move the project into the enhanced VIMDRC review process. Voices of the Englishman River promise to make this a long hot summer for the review committee.
- \* Over-excavation of the Mattison-Patterson Pit in Colwood resulted in enforcement action by regional staff.
- \* Hillbank Pit remediation project has been completed subject to confirmation of final site survey; however some of the unsuccessful bidders are now complaining about unfairness, claiming the backfill material did not meet contract specifications.

FYI:

*Mactush*

- \* SYMC Resources (Herb McMaster) reports that the initial public offering of 800,000 common shares was completed on May 21st, and the shares are now posted for trading on the VSE. A \$120,000 work program is planned for the Mactush property this summer.
- \* The GSB mapping project in support of the Regional District of Nanaimo aggregate study is proceeding on target; additional funding from Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Transportation & Highways has been confirmed.

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ISSUES:

\* A weekend spill from the Steelhead Aggregates/Lake Errock gravel pit into Lake Errock has raised suspicions of sabotage. The incident was reported to MELP CO's and the media by local residents before the company was informed; this happened in the midst of a strong letter campaign by local residents opposed to a proposed permit application for pit expansion.

\* Only five weeks into this year's FRBC Watershed Restoration Program (WRP) regional contract, close to one-quarter of the allocated funds have been spent on 6 referrals, without any reports being submitted by the contractor to date. This is raising fears that the funds will be depleted long before all proposed WRP programs have been referred.

\* Copcan Contracting are raising questions of legality and fair play in response to possible permit rejection for Jameson Road quarry under an Official Community Plan. Regional staff recommend the final permitting decision be subjected to legal opinion.

FYI:

\* Regional staff have learned that MELP have been issuing Section 9 Water Act permits for gravel extraction from Lower Mainland river bars, without referral to Mines Branch. The need for Mines Act permits has now been clarified and will be included in all future MELP permits.

\* The Vancouver Placer Miners Association have submitted a formal request to the Mines Branch to consider issuance of dredging permits on the Leech River in 1998. Regional staff will undertake to coordinate an interagency review of the issue.

\* R. Pinsent reports that SYMC Resources has finally been listed on the VSE, which should provide the company with funding to carry on meaningful exploration on their Mactush, Dauntless and other mineral properties in the Port Alberni area.

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Subject: Southwest Region Update - May 2, 1997

ISSUES:

\* Pipeline Road gravel pit issues have taken the spotlight this week: (i) Coquitlam S & G application to divert Fulton Creek hit regulatory roadblock at MELP; regional office may approve diversion as part of mine plan instead; (ii) attempts to broker a deal between Coquitlam S & G and Allard for remediation of Pit A have been unsuccessful so far; legal action may be only recourse; (iii) erosion of Cewe's M-Pit has resulted in complaint of public safety and trespass issues from Westbild subdivision; again legal action has been threatened; (iv) FOI requests and media enquiries being dealt with.

\* Regional staff responded to complaints of noise, dust, traffic and hours of operation at Lake Erroch Quarry; pit was being operated in compliance with permit; residents have threatened civil disobedience.

*Macktush*  
\* Road deactivation activities on the Macktush property have led to allegations of damage to exploration trenches, drillsites and equipment owned by SYMC Resources; meeting of MEI, MOF, MacMillan Bloedel and SYMC planned for May 5th to review issue.

FYI:

*Tsable*  
\* VIMDRC met with Tsable River Coal Corp.; application for 90,000-tonne bulk sample from Tsable River property is expected in 2 weeks.

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smith  
coal*  
\* VIMDRC also met with Pacific West Coal Ltd.; application for mining of old coal waste on Mac Smith property in South Wellington is progressing; revised application with additional detail is expected in 6 weeks.

ADMIN:

\* Carol Howell visited Nanaimo office to review permitting and other admin procedures with regional staff.

I N T E R O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

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Subject: SOUTHWESTERN REGION: MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER I

EXPLORATION:

- Ladner  
CK. - Athabasca Resources drilled eight holes into the McMaster zone north of the Ladner Creek mine. It encountered promising thicknesses of typical mineralization in the sheared footwall of a shallow-dipping serpentine lens intruded along the McMaster Pond fault, a structure that cuts and off-sets the "main" East Hozameen fault. The step-out has positive implications for the extent of mineralization on the property.
- Knob  
Hill - First Choice Industries drilled ten short holes and reported finding a very encouraging fine-grained sulphide stockwork in brecciated rhyolite underlying part (800 m x 250 m) of its large gold-arsenic soil geochem. anomaly at Knob Hill. The first assays results should be announced next week. The rocks look as if porphyry (Cu) mineralization has been overprinted with epithermal (Au, Ag, As, Pb, Zn) mineralization. Note the property received an Explore BC MEIP grant last year.
- JJ - Aquaterre Resources is completing the second of two holes into what was thought to be a VMS target on Jervis Inlet. Given a look at the maps and core, I rather suspect it is actually drilling the flank of a porphyry copper system (visited).
- Verdestone Resources announced encouraging molybdenite assays from its drill and surface sampling program at Salal Creek. It is currently exploring a target area 2,500 metres by 460 metres centred on Float Creek. Next summer, it plans to deepen the second (shorter) of this year's holes.
- Tay - Dalmation Resources has completed a 1,106 line-km helicopter borne (em, magnetometer and radiometric) airborne geophysical survey on the Tay vein-gold property, near Sproat Lake. The program appears to have generated a few targets and a gremlin who munched the reference in last month's report.
- MackHush SYMC Resources has cut some more trenches at Macktush and exposed more of the Fred and Dave veins systems. The veins contain remarkably consistent gold values of between 0.3 and 0.6 oz/tonne as well as appreciable silver and copper. The mineralization is probably linked to

a very large por. Cu system.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: SOUTHWESTERN REGION MONTHLY REPORT: JUNE I

EXPLORATION:

There are several projects on-going at present. Remarkably, five are probably related to Tertiary intrusive activity in the Coast Plutonic Complex.

- Flame Petrominerals Corp. is drilling a vein system on the west side of Harrison Lake. Name?

- Navarre Resources is drilling a narrow, strongly discordant (NE/SW), gold-rich "deep epithermal" sulphide-quartz vein system close to the Don "porphyry" deposit in the coast mountains west of the Brittain River (visited). ROX

- Menika Resources is drilling a copper-gold breccia associated with strongly discordant (NE/SW), deep epithermal (veins very similar to the above) near Egmont on Sechelt Peninsula. There are indications of "porphyry" mineralization on the property (visited). Name:

- CanQuest Resources is drilling a late chalcopyrite-quartz cemented breccia at the south end of the O.K. "porphyry" deposit near Campbell River (visited). The company hopes to confirm legal ownership of the property this year and restart systematic exploration (visited). TY 200

- Imperial Metals Corp. has flown an EM/Mag survey over the Giant Copper property, near Hope. It is now following up with geology and geochemistry. It expects to start drilling next month (if it can get cutting permits from MOF....).

Elsewhere:

Mactush

- SYMC Resources has started trenching on the Mactush property near Port Alberni. The company is still plagued by road reclamation issues.

- Inspiration Mining Corp completed a grid geochemistry/geophysical program on the Jasper property (one of last year's "prospector's grant properties") near the Nitinat River, last February. It located felsic volcanic centres and mineralization in a good VMS environment and hopes