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**Subject:** Houle Weekly Report for June 1-8, 2001  
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**Prospectors Assistance Program:**

- **David Pawliuk P.16 PGE Exploration, Zeballos Area:** Tentative plans made to visit Dave Pawliuk in Zeballos on June 12-13, 2001 in conjunction with visit to Newmex's Privateer Project; David began his field project on June 7, and may have some consulting work with Newmex on the Privateer Project as well during the summer.
- **Gary Thompson P.14 PGE Exploration, Sooke Area:** Field project start deferred from June to July due to a suddenly acquired consulting contract in June.

**Mineral Exploration Activity:**

- **2001 Activity Forecast:** First pass completed on forecast, with 31 active exploration projects totaling about \$6.5 million (\$3 million in 2000) anticipated in the SW Region for 2001, of which 15 could exceed the major project threshold of \$100,000 in expenditures (there were only 3 major projects in 2000!); additional major industrial mineral projects planned as follows:
  - **Homegold Resources Lang Bay Germanium-Gallium Project, Powell River Area:** \$200,000 expenditures planned, pending acquisition of a partner.
  - **Paul Watt Matrix 1 Dimension Stone Project, Abbotsford Area:** \$150,000 expenditures planned, including 10,000 tonne bulk sample.
  - **Rock of Salvation "Salvation" Talc-Magnesite Project, Lytton Area:** \$250,000 expenditures planned, including stripping, trenching and product testing.
  - **Tilbury/Electra/Homegold PEM100 Silica/Kaolin Project, Port Hardy Area:** \$100,000 expenditures planned for quarry development, pending resolution of potential ARD issue.

**Newmex Privateer Au Project, Zeballos Area:** Tentative plans made to visit underground workings and surface grid areas of Privateer project on June 12-13, 2001; spectacular gold samples have recently been extracted from the 3A Vein underground workings; Newmex has indicated that they may be looking to sell or find a partner for the Privateer Project.

**SYMC Mctush Cu-Zn-Mo-Au-Ag Project, Port Alberni Area:** Press release made on June 7 by SYMC regarding trench bulk sample results and the status of diamond drilling of several Au-Ag-Cu-Zn bearing quartz veins on the Mctush Project; a 50 lb. composite bulk sample from trenching yielded head grades of 0.425opt Au, 1.74opt Ag, 0.05% Cu and 3.1% Zn.

**Alan Francis Rock Cu-Pb-Zn-Au-Ag/Jasper/Travertine Project, Chemainus Area:** Site visit made June 6 with prospector/owner Alan Francis of Nanoose Bay to undocumented showings of pyrite-sericite schist, possible sulphidic exhalite, jasper and travertine hosted by Paleozoic Sicker Group volcanics and located 10km northwest and along strike of the Lara developed prospect (Minfile 092B 129), immediately northwest of Falconbridge's former Chemainus Joint Venture Project (re. Falconbridge files from Vancouver MDO?); 5 select grab samples taken for multi-element analyses, including 2 for cutting and whole rock analyses (jasper and travertine); numerous large unreclaimed trenches created by a previous owner exist in the pyrite-sericite schist showings; spectacular exposures of jasper have minor trenching by a previous owner; travertine showing is of possible dimension stone interest; also, open shaft discovered by Mr. Francis along River Road near Chemainus.

- **Wayne Baas Akunamatata Au-Ag-Cu-Pb-Zn Project, Cowichan Lake Area:** Site visit made on June 7 with prospector/owner Wayne Baas of Cowichan Lake to the site of an existing manual hobby mine extracting sulphidic quartz dump material from outside an old exploration adit which could be at or near the Gold Dyke showing (Minfile 092C 042); the adit is open and extends horizontally from a hillside for about 10 m. ESE with a crosscut of 5m. and a caved and flooded winze near the portal apparently driven on vein at an inclination of 50 degrees SSW; the 2m. thick polymetallic quartz-chalcopyrite-sphalerite-galena vein tested by the adit appears to be truncated by a fault along the crosscut; the workings are allegedly date from the time of the Crofton smelter, and material may have been hand-cobbed for visual copper content and shipped to Crofton; the vein is hosted in probable Jurassic Bonanza