

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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mt. milligan
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TO: See Below

Subject: Prince George Update to June 26th

Issues:

Pine Valley Coal: Project is delayed while further work is completed on market development. The owners will continue with technical work and continuation of the regulatory process i.e. Mines Act Permit. Environmental Monitoring and Liaison Committee meeting postponed till some future time (September?). Draft permit being sent to PVC for review.

Kemess: Royal Oak announced that US\$120 million additional financing now secured. Production now over 30,000 TPD. First concentrates now shipped from the mine to BCR MacKenzie - final destination - Vancouver. Certification of both Moxy and Volvo trucks, required for tailings impoundment construction, delayed due to inadequate information. Tsay Keh Dene and Provincial Government - B.C. Supreme Court mediation initiative continued June 22/23.

Gravel Pits: Public safety concerns continue to emerge at these pits. Inspections and investigations continue.

Nazko Quarry: Nazko First Nation attempts to assert authority continue. RCMP monitoring situation. AAB lead on discussions with Nazko Band.

Land Use:

Prince George LRMP: Going to ADM's next week.

MacKenzie LRMP: Tsay Keh Dene have submitted a "Land and Resource Conservation and Management Plan" to the table. This is an important and possibly challenging component for the program managers and the overall planning table to incorporate into the LRMP. However, the fact the Tsay Keh are participating is welcome news.

Fort St. John and Fort Nelson LRMP's: Annual review meetings conducted. Concerns still evident respecting whether Bill 12 or the LRMP and the MK Act will take precedence on determining access rights. The system needs testing before any judgment can be passed. Industry has thus far been reluctant to test the plan. Unless something very interesting pops up we don't expect much activity.

FYI:

Mt. Milligan: Placer Dome has completed its review of the pre-feasibility study for the property. Current depressed metal prices results in unacceptable project economics. They plan to retain the property until a

better economic climate prevails. Meantime, MEM has recommended an extension of the Project Certificate to 2003. EA office completing review and preparing referral documentation to ministers Thanks to those who commented on this request.

Colombian delegation toured several placer mines in the Cariboo with Ken MacDonald and EB on June 24th. The delegation toured Bullmoose on the 25th.

Notices of Work till;	July 97	July 98
Mineral Ex.	129	75
Placer	314	294
S&G/Q	46	35
Coal Ex.	2	2

Holidays:

Nancy and Ed P. - July 6-17
Ed B - June 29-July 10
Dave M. - June 29 -July 3

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Cheers,

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> To: Bob Lane; Brian McBride; Cheryl Brooks; Dave Morgan; Fred
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> Rick Conte; Ron Smyth; Tim Eaton
> Subject: FW: Mount Milligan - Certificate Extension - Status of
> Review

> FYI,
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> Ed

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> From: Ringstad, Norm EAO:EX
> Sent: Monday, May 25, 1998 12:48PM
> To: Hart, Bob ENV:MS; Beswick, Ed EI:EX; Francis, Dave G FOR:OV;
> Davis, George W FOR:EX
> Cc: Osborne, Bob EAO:EX
> Subject: Mount Milligan - Certificate Extension - Status of
> Review

> Thanks to all of you for your participation in the certificate review
> process.

> As it currently stands, we will continue to work towards the June 19th
> date to complete the technical, policy and land use review of Placer
> Dom'es application to extend the MDC life for an additional five
> years.

> To this end, I would like to schedule a telephone conference call for
> 10:00 am on June 18th, to provide an opportunity for us to discuss the

> status of review and next steps. could you please respond as to
> whether you can make thi time for the call? I wil have my admin
> assistant set up the provnet conference call.

>
> In the meantime, the EA office (Bob Osborne) is continuing to work
> with Placer and the first nations to solicit their comments on the
> application. I will keep you uptodate on this work.

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> Cheers

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> Richard Booth; Ron Smyth; Tim Eaton
> Cc: Ringstad, Norm EAO:EX
> Subject: FW: Mount Milligan Copper project - Application to
> extend certificate date
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> Hello,
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> Attached is an outline from Norm Ringstad at EAO respecting how he
> envisions the PDNA Ltd. application for extension of Mine Development
> Certificate 93-01 - Mt.Milligan Project be reviewed.
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> If you are based in Victoria and need a copy of the application for
> extension, reasons for decision document or the certificate on the
> project please contact Mr. Ringstad directly.
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> At this point I am confident that we can support a recommendation that
> the certificate be extended. However, if you are aware of;
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> * any policy or regulatory changes since 1993 that would preclude
> an extension;
> * any First Nations issues that would not allow an extension;
> * any other technical issues or matters that should be addressed
> now;
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> please advise me by June 12, 1998.

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> Mr. Ringstad has advised that EAO will be consulting with affected
> First Nations.

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> We expect that in due course PDNA will be requesting approval of some
> modifications to the project. That said, please advise me of anyone
> else within MEM that needs to be part of this or any future Milligan
> review and if you wish to be excised from this "Milligan" distribution
> list.

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> Thanks,

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> Ed Beswick
> (565-4258)

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> From: Ringstad, Norm EAO:EX
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> FOR:EX; Francis, Dave G FOR:OV; Heathman, Rick ELP:MS
> Subject: Mount Milligan Copper project - Application to extend
> certificate date

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> Further to our teleconference of this morning I would like to summarize
> the approach that the Environmental Assessment office proposes for the
> review and recommendations regarding Placer dome's application to
> extend the date of the certificate (93-01) by five years.

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> Ed Beswick, Bob Hart, George Davis and Dave Francis and myself will
> form a "Steering committee" to coordinate the review and to ensure
> that the federal government and first nations are provided adequate
> opportunities to comment.

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> To date, the EA office has completed similar reviews for the Laredo
> Limestone project and the Sulphurets project, and the following
> process is similar to that used for those projects.

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> Background Information

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> I have provided yourselves with copies of the original MDAP Reasons
> for decision document including all of the individual agency comments
> received prior to a decision in 1993 to approve the project under the
> former MDAP. I will provide this material and the original
> certificate to George and Dave.

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> I am faxing to you a copy of the original certificate 93-01 and
> subsequent amendments. As you are aware, this certificate is in good
> standing under the EA Act, until November 3, 1998. Placer is asking
> for the certificate to be extended 5 years.

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> Suggested process and time frames for a review of the application

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> 1. EA office to advise in writing (this e-mail should suffice)
> MELP, MEM, MOF as key review agencies, of the proponent's application
> and the process.

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> 2. EA office will consult with the federal agencies regarding our
> review and acknowledge CEAA requirement if the project is to proceed.
> As you are aware, the original federal approval of the project in 1993
> did not grandfather the project under CEAA. If the project proceeds a
> full comprehensive study report is required.

> 3. EA office to advise local first nations of the application and
> conduct the appropriate consultation. Placer has been very active in
> keeping the first nations up to date on project planning and are
> currently negotiating MOUs with the Nak'azdli and McLeod Lake Bands.

> 4. Key agencies are asked to review the original approval
> documentation and determine whether there have been any land use,
> policy, or regulatory changes that would prevent the recommendation to
> extend the certificate. With respect to land use, I have copied this
> e-mail to Rick Heathman, chair IAMC, and I will follow-up with Rick
> soon. As we discussed, we should have this review completed by no
> later than June 19, 1998. You are asked to contact your technical
> staff for input and advise. Ed, we will discuss how and when to advise
> the NEMDRC of our review. The key agencies on that committee for this
> project will be involved in the review.

> 5. Based on the comments received at the end of the review, the EA
> office will make recommendations to the Minister of Environment, Lands
> and Parks and Minister of Energy and Mines regarding approval of the
> extension. This will occur hopefully before the end of June.

> I will contact Placer and outline our process and timeframes. I will
> keep you all posted as the review proceeds.

> As we discussed we will have a teleconference call on May 12 @ 11:00am
> to discuss the progress of our review. I will contact George and Dave
> to see if they will be able to participate.

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*Regional Mgr.
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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: Prince George Update to Sep 25

Issues:

- * MOF fees and strict enforcement of FPC at several mines and exploration sites is of concern. Expect backlash from the mine operators.
- * Kemess: Over 200 persons now on site with construction coming up to full swing. Main batch plant is up and running. Independent environmental monitor onsite about 70-80% of time. Powerline construction will become focus in November with the flagging and marking of R/W nearly complete. Extremely wet summer has resulted in delays and difficulties in construction at the mine.
- * Wes Walker Gravel Pit - City of PG has rezoned the land to allow extraction. E&I permit will be drawn up in consultation with the city. (credit to DPOW)

FYI:

Land Use and FN demands picking up for the fall.

Gibraltar: On Sept. 18, a mill worker (61 yrs) died after a presumed heart attack while climbing stairs in the concentrator. First Aid (CPR) was applied almost immediately to no avail. RIP

Quintette: Babcock approval granted.

Mt. Polley: Fisheries compensation package ready to be signed. E&I to hold securities.

Mt. Milligan: P. Dome is again evaluating concepts and options and is considering Milligan to be at a "prefeasibility stage". Expect feasibility analysis to be done in 1997.

Admin: B. McBride on holidays

Job offer made for LSO 3 inspector. (out of service)

Interviews for H&S insp. LSO4 - PG, LSO 3 - Kamloops conducted Sept 19/20

After 1.5 years of requests to BCBC, the telephone pole in the parking lot has been moved. (Bizarre!)

Ed



Province of
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Ministry of Employment
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Energy and Minerals
Division

MEMORANDUM

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September 1996 Monthly Report
for the
Northeast-Central Region
by
Bob Lane, Regional Geologist, Prince George

YES → RG
- Pr. Geo

MINE DEVELOPMENTS

Kemess South. Approximately 220 people are currently on site at Kemess. Construction of the permanent camp facilities is progressing well—2 of the housing units brought down from Cheni, are now fully commissioned. They have a capacity for 300 people. Construction of the millsite is in full swing. A large concrete batch plant should be operational by the end of next week. The project requires an estimated 30,000 cubic metres of concrete. Construction of the powerline is expected to get underway by November.

Mount Polley. Two visits were conducted to the mine development to investigate progress at the site. Two benches have been mined from the starter pit and ore has been stockpiled near the crushing facility. The crusher building is roofed and clad and construction of the mill circuit will continue through the winter. The combined concentrator/office building is erected and will be roofed and clad asap to permit interior construction of the plant through the winter. The Central, North and West pits have been renamed the Cariboo, Bell and Springer pits (zones), respectively.

Construction of the tailings impoundment has been hampered by unseasonably wet weather, but a 2 million cubic metre dam, the minimum required for startup, will be completed by the end of the year, allowing the mine to open on schedule and be in full production by October, 1997.

Mt. Milligan. Placer Dome has proposed to drill about nine 20-metre deep, reverse circulation holes, for geotechnical purposes, in the vicinity of a newly proposed tailings impoundment. The company is reviewing all options and is developing a revised pre-feasibility report that should be complete in 1997.

Quintette (Babcock). The permit amendment has been granted for phase one of the proposal.

Multinational B. Sable Resources has nearly completed preparations for mill start-up.

PROPERTY VISITS

Imperial Metals Mitchell Bay project: Quarry showing. The company drilled 4 holes in early July, totaling 411 metres, to test at depth the fracture-controlled Au-Cu porphyry mineralization discovered at surface in a small quarry. The holes intersected either coarse-grained augite porphyry (locally mineralized) and K-feldspar altered monzonite (also locally mineralized). Mineralization consists dominantly of fracture-controlled chalcopyrite and bornite with hematite, malachite and associated chlorite, albite, calcite and K-feldspar. Grade seems to increase with intensity of fracturing and alteration. Several narrow intersections, grading in excess of 1% Cu and several gpt Au, indicate that the prospect warrants further examination and drill testing. Imperial will likely return to the site next year, however, they have several active exploration projects in other parts of the province, including Giant Copper and Poison Mountain, that may become priorities.

Incidentally, the quarry has supplied crushed pink syenite to markets in the lower mainland and was used as a component of prefab concrete blocks used in the construction of the new library in downtown

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— Pr. Geol

**November 1996 Monthly Report
for the
Northeast-Central Region
by
Bob Lane, Regional Geologist, Prince George**

MINES and MINE DEVELOPMENTS

Baker. Sable Resources produced 63 tons of concentrate, grading 24 opt Au, 240 opt Ag and 15% Cu, from the milling of 2577 tons of ore from the Multinational B orebody. In 1997 the company plans to mine addition tonnage from this small open pit development, as well as reprocess approximately 2500 tons of tailings. Further reclamation and a modest exploration program are also planned.

Kemess South. Construction is continuing at a fast pace considering weather conditions. Over 300 people are at the mine site; the airstrip is almost complete—the final surface layer will be added next year and the airstrip access road is complete; development of structures that will divert the flow of Kemess Creek away from the tailings impoundment area, are underway.

Mount Polley. Approximately 750,000 tonnes of ore and waste have been mined from the starter pit, located between the Cariboo and Bell pits. The crushing plant is expected to start up in the spring and process waste for use as road bed material. The concentrator/service/office complex and crusher building are roofed and clad. Interior construction is ongoing and will continue throughout the winter.

Mt. Milligan. Placer Dome Inc. continues to re-evaluate the economics of their bulk tonnage Cu-Au porphyry project in the Omineca. Site work has included test pitting, geotechnical drilling and a fish study as well as public relations meetings.

QR. Third quarter production totaled 14,036 ounces of gold at cash operating costs of US\$220/ounce. Total production for the first 9 months of the year is 30,806 ounces of gold. Current mineable reserves, from the Main, Midwest and West zones combined, total 1.2 million tonnes with an average grade of 4.3 gpt Au. The mine opened in June of last year with mineable reserves of 1.3 million tonnes grading 4.5 gpt Au (visited Oct. 1/96 and Oct. 28/96).

EXPLORATION MONITORING

Beekeeper. Results have been released from a 10-hole diamond drill program on this porphyry copper-gold prospect located 22 km SE of Mount Polley. Three holes returned encouraging assays including 30 metres grading 0.31 gpt Au and 0.20% Cu in B-96-1; and 22 metres grading 0.96 gpt Au and 0.70% Cu in B-96-3.

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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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Dear NEMDRC,

Attached is an email from Tim Eaton that is self explanatory.

Our next scheduled meeting is for March 18/96 at the MOF Regional Office, (Heritage Room), 5th Floor, 1011 4th Ave. at 9:30 am here in Prince George.

I'll see about having Royal Oak at the meeting to provide a project update.

EMPR is working on a communications, First Nations, and public consultation strategy that I hope will also be available to discuss/distribute at the meeting.

FYI;

Mt Milligan is no longer proceeding at break neck speed. Therefore, Placer-Dome will not be attending our meeting.

Pine Valley Coal (Willow Creek) have advised they are looking forward to moving ahead with work on this project in the near future. Press release says a Joint Venture Agreement has been reached between Globaltex, Mitsui Matashushima, and BCR. to develop a low cost coal mine.

Ed B.

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Subject: Mt. Milligan

Just a note fyi.

Met with Doug Fraser yesterday. He advises that PD Cda plans to spend up to a million dollars next calendar year re-visiting the feasibility on Mt. Milligan in the hopes they can re-engineer to improve viability.

Bruce



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January 24, 1989.

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Dear Dr. McMillan:

Re: K-Ar AGE DATING - MT. MILLIGAN PORPHYRY Cu-Au PROPERTY

Enclosed are three (3) samples for possible age dating. As discussed over the telephone, I would very much appreciate your assistance in 'streamlining' this request. As you are keenly aware, the Mt. Milligan property represents a significant new discovery, significantly a porphyry! There are virtually no age dates regionally and other recent discoveries (eg. Tas) will also require age determinations.

I believe the Geological Survey Branch can make a significant contribution to the genesis and further understanding of porphyry systems in this much bypassed part of the Province. Providing a quick age date(s) would make an excellent start.

If at all possible it would be very timely if one date could be obtained by April 5th, THE DATE OF THE GAC-MDD porphyry Cu-Au Workshop in Vancouver.

I would appreciate your opinion of the thin sections of all 3 samples; furthermore, I would ask that you proceed if determination ~~look~~ possible. Ideally I would hope for determinations from TGS-89-1 and TGS-89-3.

Please let me know what STOB I will need to use.

Thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Schroeter
Senior Regional Geologist

cc. R. Smyth

Encls.

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Province of
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NEWS RELEASE

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES
AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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November 24, 1993

MT. MILLIGAN MINING PROJECT GETS GOVERNMENT APPROVAL

VICTORIA - A combined mine development and energy project certificate has been issued to Placer Dome Inc. for the Mt. Milligan copper/gold project which could create hundreds of jobs in northern B.C., Energy and Mines Minister Anne Edwards announced today.

The certificate was granted after a provincial and federal technical review with extensive public and First Nations' consultation and full co-operation from the company. It sets the environmental and public interest conditions the company must adhere to should the project go ahead.

"Having the mine development certificate will allow Placer Dome to take full advantage of future market and financing opportunities," said Edwards. The company's development schedule is on hold due to market conditions.

The Mt. Milligan proposal is for a \$440-million, 60,000 tonne-per-day open pit copper/gold project about 90 kilometres northeast of Fort St. James. Employment during construction would range between 500 and 750, and level off to 350 during the 14-year mine life. Communities in the vicinity of the project, including Fort St. James and Prince George, would benefit from the company's local hiring policy.

The proposed Rainbow Road, connecting the project with the Omineca Access Road and Fort St. James, would be the primary transportation route for the workforce and materials. Ore concentrates would be transported to Prince Rupert for shipments to offshore markets.

A buried pipeline to transport natural gas to an 80-megawatt on-site electrical generation station would connect to Westcoast Energy's main pipeline. A back-up hydroelectric line, in the same right-of-way, would connect to B.C. Hydro's Kennedy substation.

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The mine development certificate includes provision for the establishment of a public liaison committee comprised of local public and resource interest groups, First Nations, key government agencies and the company, to provide ongoing communication opportunities as the project is developed.

Placer Dome would also participate with the Nak'azdli and McLeod Lake Bands in an Aboriginal liaison committee to provide for communication in implementing the company's commitments which ensure that local First Nations benefit from the project development.

The study of Aboriginal communities included the McLeod Lake, Nak'azdli, Fraser Lake, Stellaquo and Stony Creek Bands and the Tl'azt'en Nation. It included socio-economic conditions, employment, labor income, and community impacts. The community impact assessment addressed the environmental, trapline and related issues identified by the Bands.

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For further information contact:

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE MINE DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE, THE 'REASONS FOR DECISION' AND OTHER BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. CALL (604) 952-0152

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