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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2001 1:22 PM
To: Simandl, George EM:EX
Cc: Smyth, Ron EM:EX
Subject: RE: Jade West -CONFIDENTIAL

Thanks, George. Mum is the word. FYI - This past weekend I visited the (new) discovery of precious opal at the FIRESTORM property, SW of Burns Lake. The company has poked in a 700m access road off the main logging road and has exposed some very good looking material in two large trenches and pits (i.e. opal in both subcrop and outcrop). Apparently the precious opals are very stable and are as good as, if not better quality than the Australian opals. This is in the area of Dennis Schaefer's small (float) discovery a few years' ago. Sampling will continue for another month. This could create a 'regional' play, as well as attracting some attention (public/media?).

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From: Simandl, George EM:EX
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To: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Cc: Smyth, Ron EM:EX; Grant, Brian EM:EX
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Tom:

The information below, was a part of the press release which was pulled back, by the company at our (Ministry) request. Therefore I consider it highly confidential. Marketing and timing of the information release is extremely important for the gemstone and IM companies.

The Polar mine is located 50 kms east of Dease Lake, British Columbia. Gem quality "boulder" was discovered at that site. The jade boulder, already named "Polar Pride", has been cut into two pieces, one of approximately 10 tons, the other 8 tons. The two will be probably displayed in Vancouver in late September. Jade West will auction this and many of the smaller pieces in mid-October. Jade West anticipates a bid in excess of US\$1,000,000 for the 10-ton piece.

I have seen photographs, and sent sample of the boulder for thin section (It was sent out before the freeze). I hoped to look for unusual trace mineralogy of this rock to constrain its P-T conditions of formation. I am familiar with the mine site, and planned to produce a short technical paper on this subject.

To make sure that there is no leak, I am not talking about this at all. Beside Ron and Brian nobody knows about this.

George

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From: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2001 11:42 AM
To: Simandl, George EM:EX
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Subject: Jade West - New Discovery

Details? [Confidential]. Tom.

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From: Bergen, Wally EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 1998 4:01 PM
To: Beresford, Eric; Beswick, Ed; Booth, Richard; Braidwood, Brian; Carter, Tom; Castillo, Talitha; Cheetham, Pat; EM MB Smithers DL; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Geraid; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Hoffman, Al; Jorgensen, Sharon; McKillop, Greg; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Ross, Paul; Schroeter, Tom; Starkes, Terri; Stewart, Gregg; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew
Subject: FW: NW Region Weekly Report to December 23, 1998

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To: Bergen, Wally; Burchett, Esther; Daniel, Catherine; Ennis, Sandee; Flynn, Doug; Good, Bryan; Graff, Bruce; Hanson, Daryl; Korschuth, Elaine; Malott, Mary Lou; Pardoe, Jill; Price, Bill; Wojdak, Paul
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MINES

On December 16 Tim Eaton and representatives from Huckleberry Mine provided a briefing to MELP staff, Glenda Ferris (member of the Huckleberry Mine ARD Committee) and ministry staff regarding movement within the two retaining dams for the tailings and ARD storage impoundments at Huckleberry Mine. Concerns regarding movement are being addressed through buttressing and improved monitoring of the placement of till and rock material as the dam is being constructed. Increased monitoring is occurring and the movement is anticipated to stop once dam construction is complete. Ongoing monitoring will occur.

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On December 18 Bruce McLeod of Newhawk Gold Mines Ltd. and Vern Betts of Homestake Canada Inc. presented to the NWMDRC Newhawk's plans for reclamation at the Sulphurets property. Although the company has an extended Mine Development Certificate they do not anticipate going into production in the near future due to depressed gold prices. They propose to dispose of approximately 50,000 cubic metres of acid generating waste rock subaquously into Brucejack Lake and to remove all exploration and mining material from the site. The company was asked to provide additional information in regarding the potential impact on Brucejack Lake and the receiving environment and they are moving to collect this information. If all concerns are resolved it is anticipated that reclamation work will commence this summer.

Two unusual occurrences at Eskay Creek. In the first a grader operator was clearing the heater in the cab of a grader and accidentally turned the unit on leading to lost time due to lacerated fingers. In the second a rock fall occurred in an idle heading. No injuries or damage. Both incidents are being investigated.

Cassiar
Approximately 50 tonnes of jade was recovered from the Cassiar waste rock dump by Jedway Enterprises in 1998. No jade mining was done at Serpentine Lake (by Polar Jade) or at Kutcho Creek (by Jade West).

FIRST NATIONS

On December 15 the Gitksan First Nation, the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and line resource ministries met for the first time in 3 years discuss mutual respect, understanding and consultation. The meeting was a result of **A Reconciliation Agreement Between Her Majesty the Queen In Right of British Columbia and The Hereditary Chiefs of the Gitksan**. The parties agreed to prepare Terms of Reference for future discussions, a mandate statement for the intent of the table and priorities for items to be discussed. Further meetings are scheduled for January.

EXPLORATION

On December 17 Paul provided a presentation to NW staff of an overview of mineral exploration in the NW during 1998. This was the same presentation that he gave to the Yukon Geoscience Forum in Whitehorse. Staff found the presentation very informative.

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From: Smyth, Ron EM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2001 2:28 PM
To: Grant, Brian EM:EX; Schroeter, Tom EM:EX; Brown, Derek EM:EX; Lefebure, Dave EM:EX; Massey, Nick EM:EX; McArthur, Gib EM:EX
Subject: FW: jade
Importance: High

Mum's the word

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From: Murphy, Maureen EM:EX
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To: Simandl, George EM:EX
Cc: Smyth, Ron EM:EX; White, Elaine CSE:EX
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Sorry George, I can't approve this. The Premier's Office does not want to see quotes from Ministry staff in news releases (government- or company issues) and media reports. I'd appreciate it if you would ask the company to remove your quote from the release.

Regards,

Maureen Murphy

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To: Murphy, Maureen EM:EX
Cc: Smyth, Ron EM:EX
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Maureen

Jade West wants to make a press release (attachment bellow) about their new Jade discovery. Since the Survey is mentioned, Ron suggested to send it to you for comments. Could you please tell me if we can Ok this press release as is? They would like to release it on Monday.

George

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