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HIGHLIGHTS:

Afton Mine Area - DRC Resources is courting potential joint venture partners for development of the deep Afton copper-gold deposit. Interested groups are rumoured to include Aur Resources, Phelps Dodge and two South American based copper companies. Meanwhile, Teck Cominco has optioned the surrounding properties, including the Ajax and Crescent pits, to Abacus Mining and Exploration. Teck has retained their ownership of the mill and tailings facility.

KEG Conference (April 9-10, 2002) - Organizers are planning a 100% BC-oriented technical program, along with two politically oriented forums. A Forum on the Future of Geoscience Services in BC (April 9) will discuss various alternative models of geoscience delivery, and the organizers will invite a representative from MEM to lay-out the Ministry's plan. A Forum on Map Selection will be held on April 10 and will include a presentation by Denis Lieutard.

KEG Workshop on Practical Advances in Geochemical Exploration - This day-and-a-half course will be held on April 11-12 and will be led by GSB staffers Ray Lett and Vic Levson, with organizational assistance from Mike Cathro, Teck Cominco and Abacus. The course will include a field component and an exploration problem modeled on the "Goldcorp Challenge". Students will pick drill targets in the Afton area based on proprietary data developed by Teck, the GSB and GSC.

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Princeton Coal (Connaught Energy Corp.) - NoW received for a four-hole, 2400-metre drill program in the Similkameen Coal Basin, west of Princeton. Given that the field comprises only thermal coal, the holes will average 600 metres in depth, and the stated purpose is to "provide structural and quality information on coals", it would appear that this program is actually designed to test for coalbed methane potential. It is doubtful that any company would consider underground mining for thermal coal at 600 metres depth in Princeton! (Note: an internet search on Connaught Energy turned up nothing, suggesting it is a private company).

PDAC Conference (Toronto, March 10-14) - Arrangements made to attend this conference as part of the Ministry team.

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