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**From:** Hall, Ted EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 1998 1:19 PM  
**To:** Alvarez, Jorge; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Beswick, Ed; Booth, Richard; Braidwood, Brian; Burroughs, Trudy; Carriere, Greg; Carter, Tom; Cheetham, Pat; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Eaton, Tim; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; Forster, Patti; German, Gerald; Hermann, Fred; Hoffman, Al; Koncohrada, Karen; Lefebure, Dave; Lewis, Jim; Lieutard, Denis; Logan, Claudia; Ludwig, Allan; Marsman, Talitha; McArthur, Gib; McKillop, Greg; McLaren, Graeme; Meyers, Rick; Phelan, Bill; Pinsent, Robert; Readshaw, Kerry; Rennie, Lorna; Robertson, Sheila; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Smyth, Ron; Starkes, Tom; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Wishlow, Wayne  
**Subject:** Southwest Region Update - July 31, 1998

ISSUES:

*PUM*  
Great Pacific Pumice Inc. have cleared the site of their proposed pumice processing plant in Squamish and have placed the first load of pumice in stockpile. Mayor Lonsdale has stated she is initiating legal action against Energy and Mines.

*Mac Blo*  
Mac-Blo have totally deactivated roads required for SYMC Resources' Mactush exploration program, breaking an earlier agreement with SYMC, MOF and Mines Branch. Port Alberni forestry officials have indicated they will seek appropriate remedies from Mac-Blo. SYMC is considering legal action to test liability issues.

- A notice that Little Rock Quarries intends to reactivate the Stave Lake Road Quarry has prompted further public complaint regarding the effects of the quarry on groundwater wells and surrounding residences. Regional staff will meet with the operators to ensure proper operating and monitoring procedures are in place prior to start-up.
- Public complaints have been received and followed up with regard to the Mostad pit (Saltspring Is.), Mattison-Patterson pit (Colwood), and Milner pits (Nanaimo) this week.

Fyi:

- The Minister's office has approved the issuance of the Illusion Lake gravel pit permit, in spite of the Nanaimo R.D. moratorium on new pits.
- Ludwig and Hall met with regional forestry officials to discuss fair cost recovery policies for mining companies who are required to cut and deck timber under licenses-to-cut, and then turn the timber over to the province or small business contractors. Little progress made due to the regional priority on maximizing returns from timber-cutting to the province.
- A meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29th with District of Mission and local residents to discuss issues related to Allard Contractors' Ltd. Keystone Pit.

ADMIN:

- Windows 95 has been successfully installed and is operating well in the Nanaimo office.

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**From:** Conte, Rick EM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2000 3:31 PM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Squamish v. Great Pacific Pumice

Tom, fyi.

This ruling may spell the end of Carefoot and may also seriously impact all other provincial titles within municipalities and regional districts.

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**From:** Hesketh, Joan EM:EX  
**Sent:** May 23, 2000 12:17 PM  
**To:** Ebbels, Jack EM:EX  
**Cc:** Lieutard, Denis EM:EX; Hermann, Fred EM:EX; Conte, Rick EM:EX; McKillop, Greg EM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Squamish v. Great Pacific Pumice

FYI

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**From:** Karen Tannas[SMTP:karen.tannas@ag.gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2000 12:08 PM  
**To:** Hesketh, Joan EM:EX  
**Subject:** Squamish v. Great Pacific Pumice

The Court of Appeal has made its decision on the above noted case.

The court found that the immunity granted to the Crown by section 14(2) of the Interpretation Act does not extend to a private commercial party leasing Crown land. Therefore, the court allowed the appeal of Squamish on that point.

There was another issue that arose in this case. That issue is whether municipal bylaws apply to the property or whether it is something other than "land" as defined in the Municipal Act. The definition of "land" in that Act excludes "mines or minerals belonging to the Crown". This issue arose quite late in the proceedings. The court decided that it required further evidence on that issue. Therefore, the court did not give Squamish any injunctive relief until that issue has been dealt with. The court also ordered that the issue be dealt with in a realistic time period and indicated that if it is not, an injunction would be granted.

\* As a result, the decision is quite clear that private commercial parties leasing Crown land are not immune from local government bylaws. \*  
However, given that there is still an issue regarding whether mines are "land" which is subject to local government bylaws, the issue of the applicability of bylaws to mine sites is still unresolved pending further proceedings on that issue.

We will be meeting internally regarding this decision and I will let you know if there is any further update to pass on. A copy of the decision will be faxed to you shortly.

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**From:** Hall, Ted EM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2000 11:38 AM  
**To:** Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Bergen, Wally; Beswick, Ed; Booth, Richard; Braidwood, Brian; Brown, Derek; Carriere, Greg; Carter, Tom; Cheetham, Pat; Cochrane, Marlene; Conte, Rick; Curtis, Ross; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; Forster, Patti; German, Gerald; Harris, Grace; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Hoffman, Al; Houle, Jacques; Jakobsen, Dorthe; Jansen, Penny; Jorgensen, Sharon; Koncohrada, Karen; Lefebure, Dave; Lewis, Jim; Lieutard, Denis; Logan, Claudia; McArthur, Gib; McKillop, Greg; McLaren, Graeme; Munzer, Rosa; Phelan, Bill; Pinsent, Robert; Readshaw, Kerry; Reid, Bruce; Rennie, Lorna; Schmitt, Rolf; Schroeter, Tom; Sedun, Thom; Smyth, Ron; Starkes, Terri; Stewart, Linda; Taje, Eddy; Whale, Andrew; White, Don; Wishlow, Wayne  
**Subject:** Southwest Region Update - May 26, 2000  
**Sensitivity:** Private

**ISSUES:**

- A quantity of stick explosives, detonating cord, safety fuse and Ezze dets was stolen from the Lockwood Creek Quarry between Parksville and Port Alberni. This is the second explosives theft in the area recently, raising concerns from the RCMP that the "war in the woods" may be about to heat up. Regional staff and the RCMP are investigating the theft from the quarry, and an advisory will be sent out to other operators on the Island alerting them to the need for security precautions.
- The VIMDRC met to finalize the review of the Jameson Road Quarry application, however the committee could not reach consensus on a permitting recommendation. The major unresolved issue regards the potential for adverse public health impacts due to noise and erosion of other basic health determinants. The committee did agree, however, to move forward with a "reasons for decision" report which will go to the Chief Inspector for a permit decision.

**FYI:**

MYRA FALLS

- Regional staff met with Boliden Westmin senior exploration managers and geologists to discuss possible custom milling opportunities at Myra Falls Operations, as part of an overall strategy to improve efficiencies at the mine. GC and JH have been touring Boliden around several potential development properties, and the company appears keen on putting at least one application in to test the waters. If successful, this could provide a much needed incentive to the prospecting community on Vancouver Island.

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- The BC Court of Appeal has allowed the District of Squamish appeal of an earlier decision exempting Great Pacific Pumice Inc. from municipal bylaws under the *Interpretation Act*. The court did not, however, rule on the question of applicability of municipal bylaws to mines and minerals under the *Municipal Act*. Further court proceedings may be required to address that question, and in the meantime GPPI will continue to operate their processing site in Squamish.
- Due to opposition from the Cheam First Nation and several local governments, the Cabinet decision to announce establishment of the proposed Fraser Lowlands protected areas is being reviewed, and may be rescinded pending further consultations.

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2001 2:40 PM  
**To:** German, Gerald EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Van. MDO (GSB): Aug. 1-17/01

Gerald, thanks for the info/update. I will let you know re-pumice mine. Tom.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** German, Gerald EM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2001 8:52 AM  
**To:** Schroeter, Tom EM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Van. MDO (GSB): Aug. 1-17/01

*Needs Action!*

Tom, I note that you plan to visit the Meager Creek geothermal site. You may be interested to know that there is again interest in this project and that on Friday I approved a small heli-portable MT exploration program for the area. If you visit the pumice mine can you let me know how the operation is going? You may be aware that Garth Carefoot has an ongoing dispute with Squamish regarding his stockpiling and processing facility. Apparently, as a result, all processing is done at the mine site.

thanks  
Gerald

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-----Original Message-----

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**Subject:** Van. MDO (GSB): Aug. 1-17/01

**1) Priorities For Coming Week:**

- a) Exploration Tracking/Monitoring/Trends: Ongoing.
- b) Fieldwork: i) Bella Coola Area (with Houle) [Aug. 20-22 incl.] - GSB/GSC Targeted Geoscience Project (Diakow/Struik); PAP # 17 (Dan Epp); Property Visits - Nifty [MI93D006] and Cutfinger [MI93D007]; ii) Fernberton Area (with Houle) [Aug. 24] - Pum project (pumice) +/- Meager Creek geothermal; iii) Firestorm Opal [Aug. 25-26].
- c) "Investment Attraction and Promotion Strategy" Committee Follow-up.

**2) Status of Strategic Projects:**

- a) Exploration Tracking/Monitoring/Trends: i) Current estimate ~ \$35M (still hoping for 'significant' increase in Fall); ii) lots of staking/acquiring of properties (see: Item #4).
- b) Fieldwork: (with Bob Lane) - i) TAS [MI-93K080] - Aug. 5/01 - Examined main area where ~1060 grams (35 oz) of gold were recovered in 1993 by Birch Mountain Res. Current owners, Omni Res., plan an exploration program on this gold (shear + porphyry) target NW of Fort St. James.  
ii) LUSTDUST [MI- 93N009] - Aug. 6/01 - Tour by consultant, Jim McGlassen (George Whately not on site) to Alpha Gold. Large diamond drilling project (on 16th hole (last?) - ~ 15,000 feet) testing this large skarn/manro/porphyry target, NW of Fort St. James. Drilling included a deep (~1800 feet) hole under Canyon Creek (south portion of claims). Excellent intersections of both skarn and porphyry-type mineralization

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**From:** Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Mon, October 23, 2006 9:22 AM  
**To:** Simandl, George EMPR:EX; Lefebure, Dave EMPR:EX; Lane, Bob EMPR:EX; Grant, Brian DB EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Former Owner Acquires Canada Pumice Assets

Thanks, George - good news.

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**To:** Lefebure, Dave EMPR:EX; Lane, Bob EMPR:EX; Grant, Brian DB EMPR:EX; Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Former Owner Acquires Canada Pumice Assets

FYI

Brian Wear was the winning bidder for the assets of Canada Pumice Corp. This gentleman owned Canada Pumice Corp before selling it to Crystal Graphite Corp in 2004 and taking a high level management position with Crystal Graphite. Mr. Wear just incorporated a new company called Lightweight Advanced Volcanic Aggregates and plans to reactivate the quarry (following repermitting).

Cheers  
George

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