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MINES

Alan Flemming and Roger Shaneman, Project Representatives for Telkwa Coal and Ken Crane of Luscar Coal met with Regional staff on November 20. The purpose of the meeting was to reiterate Luscar's intention to proceed with the Telkwa Coal project. The company is continuing with preparation of the Project Report and anticipates submitting it in the latter part of March.

Silvertip A Project Committee meeting for the Silvertip Mine EA review was held in Vancouver on December 4. The project will proceed to Stage 2 and the EA office is in the process of preparing Project Report Specifications. Numerous comments were provided from reviewers regarding the lack of information in the application and the need for more thorough data presentation in the Project Report.

The Mine Rescue Station in Smithers will be closing effective the end of the fiscal year. Regional staff will arrange for material currently stored in the station to be forwarded to the appropriate "owners", stored regionally, surplus or discarded. A list of surplus material will be circulated in case it can be of use to other offices.

RECLAMATION

On November 30 a NWMDRC meeting was held with representatives of Snip Mine to discuss and confirm closure planning and reclamation. A series of outstanding items were identified to be addressed at the next meeting. Also, the mine agreed to work on and complete accelerated ARD testing to compliment current ARD assessment work which is underway.

On December 2 a NWMDRC meeting was held with representatives of Endako Mine to discuss the closure plan for the next 5 year period as well as long term closure planning. The Mine is committed to ongoing progressive reclamation, where ever possible, and also to ongoing research regarding long term reclamation procedures and processes. The Mine Manager indicated that although the mine may close due to depressed Moly prices, they will continue with reclamation work during the closure period.

EXPLORATION

Eveready Resources, a private Calgary company, plan an aggressive exploration program next year on Ag-Pb-Zn prospects which extend north and south of Cassiar. There may be a link with Imperial Metals and the Silvertip deposit for advanced exploration and potential development. Paul Wojdak has facilitated contact between the companies.

QUILL Prospector Assistance Success Story: Grantee Allan St. James has optioned his Quill property on McQuillan Ridge in the Iskut district to Petra Resource Corp. Cu-Au-Ag high grade float in a Snip type vein.

On November 23, Paul presented the Northwest B.C. Mine and Exploration Summary for 1998 to the Yukon Geoscience Forum in Whitehorse. Registration was 240, down from the usual 300-350 people. Exploration dollars and drilling are way down in the Yukon, as in B.C., but Alaska is essentially unchanged at about \$57 million. Major companies are the main players in Alaska.

Consolidated Magna released its Big Onion drilling results. Two holes intersected altered and mineralized zones. This opens significant exploration potential and more drilling is likely.