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**Subject:** NW Region Weekly Report to October 1, 1999

### MINING

North Pacific Stone / Laredo Limestone is proceeding with data gathering at their site on Aristazabal Island in preparation for submitting applications for permitting. The company has retained Pomeroy and Neil Consulting Inc. to handle environmental/permitting aspects of the project. Their subconsultants will be C.E. Jones & Associates (TEM, Soil Survey, reclamation planning) and Archipelago (Freshwater Aquatics and Marine). Environmental field programs are planned over the first half of October and additional drilling is planned to begin on Monday (October 4). Pomeroy and Neil will be in contact with MEM and B.C. Environment staff regarding field work and permitting information requirements. Information will be conveyed to the NWMDRC as it becomes available.

Eskay Creek Mine has worked over the summer collecting field data regarding their proposal to use Tom Mackay Lake for under water disposal of tailings. Reports summarizing the field work as well as proposed routes from the mine to the lake are being prepared and will be presented shortly. The mine anticipates making a formal presentation to the NWMDRC in early November.

### FIRST NATIONS

Paul Wojdak, in conjunction with Dan Ethier, a local geologist/pro prospector, are preparing to give an "Introduction to Prospecting" workshop to the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en First Nations on October 12 to 15 and October 19 to 22. The course provides an overview of geology, mineral identification, prospecting techniques, permitting and includes a field trip.

On October 27 a delegation of 13 Wet'suwet'en elders and chiefs visited Huckleberry Mine to view the operation and to see the tailings dam first hand. This was the first visit by a delegation of the Wet'suwet'en to the site since the mine opened. The Wet'suwet'en have voiced concerns regarding movement within the tailings dam as it is being constructed. Many of the concerns which the Wet'suwet'en had were answered on site and it was agreed that there should be further opportunities to discuss outstanding concerns.

### RECLAMATION

Reclamation work is complete at the Sulphurets site (100 kilometers north of Stewart). All buildings have been buried or removed, the portal plugged, ARD rock moved and deposited underwater and any hazardous or salvageable material hauled out for disposal and/or disposition. Periodic water quality monitoring is scheduled to occur. At the same time approximately 40 barrels of various petroleum and mine chemicals were hauled out of the Catear Resources site for disposal.

Discussions are ongoing with International Skyline in relation to reclamation of their Johnny Mountain site (120 kilometers northwest of Stewart). The site is currently underscored for reclamation bonding and the company is in the process of conveying the value of above ground equipment to MEM as security. The company is also in the process of preparing a comprehensive reclamation plan. This is the result of an order which was served on the company to proceed with reclamation.

### LAND USE PLANNING

The Tweedsmuir Recreation Area is still in the process of being resolved. Wording regarding an agreement for referrals and consultation regarding MEM work within the Mineral/Wildlife Management Zone was resolve

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**Subject:** NW Region Weekly report to January 7, 2000

**MINING**

Red Mt

Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. announced that its 89% owned subsidiary, North American Metals Corp., has reached agreement with Pricewaterhouse Coors Inc., the interim receiver of Royal Oak Mines Inc., to purchase the Red Mountain gold project. The purchase price is \$413,360. Red Mountain is an advanced gold project located 18 kilometres east of Stewart. The company has indicated that they are investigating milling options in the Stewart area and are also considering moving their mill from Golden Bear, once that project is completed. The project would operate May to October with a projected 5 year span. The project would require EA certification.

Cassiar is moving towards production and is in the process of meeting permitting requirements. The company has been advised of items which need to be addressed and have indicated that they will be resolved.

Laredo

North Pacific Stone (Laredo) are revising their site plans to accommodate concerns identified by Federal agencies. NPS met with DFO and Environment Canada prior to Xmas and apparently identified solutions to many of the outstanding concerns. The company is revising their proposal to reflect these discussions and plan to submit shortly for permitting.

Endako has been on reduced production for the last 5 days due to a breakdown of their crusher. They anticipate completing repairs this evening and being back into full production.

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International Skyline has indicated some difficulties in their restructuring process. The company maintains that they will proceed with reclamation at Johnny Mountain this summer. This will be monitored to ensure that activity starts.

**FIRST NATION**

Further Gitksan discussions were held on December 16 and 17 seeking to arrive at a consultation agreement. The Gitksan have requested information regarding a broad range of topics in relation to the ministry and responses are being coordinated with John Clancy. The Gitksan are interested in being briefed regarding the ministry consultation guidelines and this is being scheduled.

**LAND USE PLANNING**

The Cassiar Iskut/Stikine LRMP is progressing towards consensus from the table. The last round of meetings identified recommendations for substantial areas, although there are several areas with high mineral potential that have not been resolved. Also, there are concerns regarding the % area of land that is being identified for protection. An approximation indicates that up to 28% of the LRMP area (depending on currently unresolved areas) is proposed for protection.

**EXPLORATION**

Silvertip has commenced underground drilling on January 5 as a part of their deposit definition program.

**OTHER**

RockTalk in Smithers is scheduled for February 28 to March 1 in Smithers. Speakers are being identified and a field trip to Huckleberry is planned. For more info contact Paul Wojdak.

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**Subject:** NW Region Weekly Report to November 10, 2000

**MINING**

Endako Mine is experiencing major financial difficulties at the current price of moly. The mine has gone onto a 12 week lay-off notice for all employees. The mine is going to be working with the Job Protection Commission to try and find relief until moly prices improve. The mine has just completed installation of an in pit crusher and conveyor belt to try and reduce haul costs. If the lay-off proceeds 218 employees will be affected.

Premier Gold: Rock falls into Cascade Creek Diversion have been cleaned up as much as possible for this year. More work to do next spring during low water flow period. Considerably more work to do on slope stabilization if diversion to be accepted for long term.

Golden Bear: Final mucking of Kodiak B ore completed November 8th. Underground stood up much better than expected. Underground development was extended into the small Kodiak C deposit during mining of Kodiak B. Testing determined narrow widths and poor gold leach recovery and it was determined not to mine Kodiak C. This means that oxide reserves at Golden Bear are exhausted. Leaching of ore mined this year will continue in 2001 but gold production will be much less than the 95,000 ounces produced this year Tonnage and grade were almost exactly to predicted values. Production this year was in excess of 96,000 ounces gold. All employees are to leave site Nov. 11 except for watchmen.

Cassiar: Resumed production Wed. Nov. 8th after a three week shutdown. Cassiar is experiencing some marketing problems which have resulted in high on site inventories of certain length fiber stocks. Mill has been re-tooled to produce a fiber length in demand by Mexico. Mill may close for a period over the Christmas-January, 2001 period.

~~Eskay Creek~~ Tailings pipeline construction has stopped for this year. Pipeline is about 95% complete. Drop section into Tom Mackay Lake still to be completed and liner to be installed in pipeline. Homestake expects pipeline to be operational in July of 2001.

D/O in mine last week resulted from an employee traveling into a heading that had high levels of carbon dioxide gas build-up. Employee was able to leave area and after being checked out by the first aid went back to work. Employee had turned on ventilation fan but did not wait long enough for gas to be expelled.

**RECLAMATION**

The Premier Power Corporation, who propose to construct a hydro electric generation plant at Long lake in the vicinity of the Premier Mine, has indicated that the company has submitted their proposal to B.C. Hydro and the preliminary feedback is that Hydro is definitely interested in the power. Among the options being examined is one that would provide Stewart/Hyder, Aiyansh and the Nass Valley, etc. with power independently in the event of a major outage on the main line to Terrace and Stewart. Premier Power is negotiating the specifics of an agreement with Boliden to use specific structures and tenures on the Premier site.

Skyline Gold Corp. A small group of company personnel and contractors flew into site in September and started the clean-up and reclamation of this property. Less work than anticipated was accomplished this year due to the late snow melt. Company is expecting to continue next year as early as snow melt permits.

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**MINING**

Eskay Creek Mine has applied to the ministry for approval to construct a road from their mine site to Tom MacKay Lake for the purpose of hauling and disposing waste rock under water. The company has submitted three proposed routes and due to deep snow conditions has not been able to identify a final route. The three proposed routes have been referred with the intention of having preliminary comments so that once a final route is identified a very prompt referral can occur, if needed, and the company can proceed to work on the road prior to winter setting in again.

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The District of Stewart, mining interests, the Northern development Commission and the City of Terrace are sharing the costs of preparing an impact assessment for an Omineca-Stewart connector road. The proposed road would link existing logging roads and build new portions to make a connection from the Kemess Mine site to Stewart. There has been considerable uncertainty regarding this proposal in the Northwest. The Gitksan First Nation has varied considerably, from support to opposition to the project. A comprehensive impact assessment should help to clarify and resolve issues and be catalyst to get a road constructed to provide access to an area with high mineralization.

Golden Bear: Two ewes were discovered dead on the Ursa Heap Leach facility on Tuesday, July 11. Cause of death is almost certainly cyanide poisoning as a small herd of sheep were observed licking the drip lines by at the time the dead sheep were found by a site worker. The company has turned the two animals over to the Conservation Officer service for autopsy. The company has bringing in salt lick blocks to try to keep the rest of the herd away from the heap. They are also installing fencing around the pad. Fencing has been used in the past with mixed results. As well as keeping the sheep out it traps them on a heap when they get by it. Conservation Services is going to try to expedite the autopsies in order to determine actual cause of death.

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Tru-Grit Abrasives/Anyox: Company is still barging out slag from historic smelter operation. Sales of materials are good with long term contracts having recently been signed with Lafarge and Tilbury cement companies.

Kitsault: Phelps-Dodge, the new owner, has approved some seeding and fertilizing earlier this year. Resident manager has not had any approvals for any further work at this time.

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Johnny Mt. Winter snow load has virtually flattened the accommodation building at this site. Our office will be monitoring this situation over the next two months since the material will start to blow all over the mountain if not removed. The owner has committed to being on site in August to clean up.

On Tuesday July 10, Bryan Good inspected a quarry being used by Alcan for repairs to their Skins Lake spillway. The project is to reduce erosion of the banks down stream of the spillway and to undertake remedial work to prevent further undercutting of the spill way itself. An intake point has been located in the wall of one side of the spillway and a trench constructed to enclose a large diameter discharge pipe that will be capable of taking the flow away from the spill way area. Most of the work below the spill way will involve the placement of roller compacted concrete on the sides of the river just below the spill way and in the plunge pool at the end of the spill way. The quarry operation and associated crushing is to provide the material for the concrete. There may be a rip-rap requirement as well. The work below the spillway is expected to start in mid August and be completed by early November. Some 50 workers may be required for this work. Since the reservoir provides water for the Kemano electric generation plant the project is an interesting blend of energy and mines.

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**Subject:** NW Region Report to December 2, 2002 - Additional Items

In my enthusiasm to prepare the NW Report I neglected to include the following:

**RECLAMATION**

**Bell and Granisle Mines** - On November 26, 2002, the NWMDRC met to review the current status of reclamation on the two sites and to review proposed future reclamation work. Generally water discharges from the site are within specification and revegetation reclamation is proceeding, with some areas of die-off due to acidic soils. Projections regarding rate of filling of the 2 pits are ongoing with the anticipation that water treatment will be required in the future. The Lake Babine First Nation attended this presentation as well as the presentations for the next 2 days.

**Snip and Eskay** - On November 27 the NWMDRC met to review the status of reclamation at Snip and proposed reclamation for the future closure of Eskay Creek.

Snip closure is progressing well with discharges within specification. There has been some settling of the tailings impoundment and water is covering a larger area than anticipated. The "P" trap design for closure of the 300 adit has not worked due to excessive leakage and is being redesigned. Vegetation planted on site is doing very well.

Future closure plans for Eskay Creek were presented and discussed. Various aspects of flooding of the mine on abandonment were discussed and discussions also occurred with the Tahltan regarding fisheries studies in the Unik River. As a result of elections in the Tahltan community new representatives were in attendance.

*Reg.* **Johnny Mountain** - During the afternoon of November 27 David Yeager of International Skyline Gold presented a proposed reclamation plan for the Johnny Mountain site. Various discussions ensued regarding costs, timing, ARD, and the best method to use. Skyline acknowledged that they have little money to put towards cleanup and is trying to develop a proposal to re-mill the tailings material to recover gold and pay for future cleanup.

**Premier** - On November 28 David McHaina presented the reclamation plans for Premier. There was considerable focus on dump water flows and concerns around water quality monitoring, cleanup and removal of rock from the diversion channel, tailings impoundment cover, dam safety and "piping" associated with pipes that pass through the dam as well as the timing of future works. There was a general concern that not as much work was done this year as had been committed to and the next years work should start early in the season to get the maximum completed. WLAP and MEM expressed concerns that the bonding for the site may need to be increased given the outstanding liabilities. There was considerable discussion regarding pre-1969 waste dumps and flows from them with the company insisting that they were not their responsibility. WLAP indicated that they would issue orders regarding responsibility and David indicated that they would respond accordingly. Portions of the proposed reclamation plan need to be modified and updated.

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That's great. Thank you for your help.  
Kelly

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Pres. - David Yeager, P.Geol.

Between 1988-1990, and (re-opened) 1993, the Johnny Mountain (Reg) mine produced 2,815,393 grams (90,517 ounces) of gold and 4,348,814 grams (139,818 ounces) of silver, from the milling of 227,247 tonnes. The deposit type is "mesothermal" or "infiltration-related gold +/- copper veins". The company underwent reorganization in 2000. In Canada Stockwatch, Feb. 4, 2003, it was reported that "Skyline Gold has entered into a letter of intent with R&R Enterprises to recover gold from the tailings" at the minesite. Approx. 177,000 tonnes of tailings (stored beneath water) were generated during 1988-1990. Skyline and R&R intend to apply for an amendment to Skyline's reclamation permit for the mine to allow for the recovery of gold from the tailings. I believe the property also has potential for the discovery and delineation of additional lode gold.  
I hope this helps, Kelly - don't hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

**Tom**

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**Subject:** RE: Gold mining companies in British Columbia

Dear Kelly:

My specialty are industrial minerals. I am forwarding your e-mail to Dr. David Lefebure. He is currently the Chief geologist at BC Ministry of Energy and Mines. He was a regional geologist covering the Northwestern BC in the 1980's.

Tom Schroeter (Chief regional geologist) and Paul Vojdak (current regional geologist covering the Northwestern BC ) are also in far better position to help you than me. I am sure that at least one of them will be able to help you.

Cheers  
George

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Dear George,

I hope I am contacting the right person but I am trying to find out about a company called Skyline Explorations Ltd. The company was mining gold in Northwest British Columbia in the 1980s. I know that it owned Johnny Mountain and I think that they opened a mine there in 1988.

I have not been able to find out anything else about the company after 1988 but I think it is likely that it is in some way related to International Skyline Gold Corporation. I have tried to contact this company but that have not got back to me.

If it helps I know that Skyline Explorations address in 1987 was 301-675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 1N2.

I would be grateful if you could get in touch and let me have any information you have on skyline Explorations Limited.

Thank you

Kelly Myles.

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