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## WayMINES

On September 23 the initial meeting of the Silvertip Mine EA Project Committee was held in Smithers. The intend of the meeting was to formally commence the EA process and covered an overview of the EA process, operation of the Project Committee, overview of the project, presentation by Silvertip Mining Corporation, evaluation of the Public Notification and Consultation Program and the next steps in the Review Process. The meeting was well attended, with representation from the Kaska First Nation. Norm Ringstad is the EA Project Director. Paul Wojdak is acting for MEM to coordination input into the preparation of material for the Project Report Specifications.



The Taku River Tlinget First Nation has indicated that, as a result of a Joint Clan meeting, they are temporarily withdrawing from discussions regarding acceptance of the EA permit for Redefines' Tulsequah Chief project. The TRTFN have indicated that they wish to investigate the options associated with a judicial review of the project Redfern has indicated that they will proceed with submitting an application for a SUP for the construction of the access road.

#### EXPLORATION

A new opal find of potentially gem grade material has been identified. New residents and prospectors in the area were successful at their second road stop.

## RECLAMATION



Between September 15 - 28 remediation of health, safety and environmental concerns were completed on the Dome Mountain property, a joint venture between Timmins Nickel Inc. and Dome Mountain Resources Ltd. MEM posted an invitation to tender and D&L Ventures Ltd. was chosen as the contractor. The level of remediation work was for semi-permanent deactivation of the mine site. This included: sealing 2 portals, 4 vent raises and a crown pillar; semi-permanent (6 km) and permanent (2 km) road deactivation; managing and reestablishing proper drainage (creating over 50 water bars and cross-ditches); and appropriate removal and disposal of debris from the site. The work was completed to a very high standard. Thanks to Bruce and Catherine for managing this project and to all other staff who assisted.

## LAND USE PLNNING

Various concerns have been raised by MEM staff and others regarding the <u>Iskut/Stikine LRMP</u>. These focus on the <u>lack of consensus</u>, vague draft language, proposed zoning designations, <u>Special Management Zones</u> and the need to consolidate and clarify the work of the table to date. Graeme, Marylou and Wally have been working with LUCO and the project coordinators to clarify and resolve concerns. The next IAMC will also be addressing concerns.

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	interesting sam Location confic Group lunch ta	in the <u>Ootsa Lake Group</u> - Dennis and Lois Schaefer of Burns Lake stopped into the office with pples. New residents and prospectors in the area who were successful in their second road stop. <u>Iential</u> as I recommended they stake more ground. Invited them to the initial Smithers Exploration Ik on Nov 4 on " <i>Opals in the Ootsa Lake Group</i> ", which I will give. Based largely on visit to Northern Lights prospect with George Simandl, and on reference material coming with assistance is.
	near Terrace.	AP recipient was visited on Sept 22, at his project in the <u>Copper River/ Treasure M</u> ountain area Came to same conclusion as Mike Cathro when Huck had a grant in the Kamloops region in 1997. Accomplishing much.
nduray	mineralization to underlie the drilling. I will be	neeting in Smithers attended. <u>New realization</u> by the company of potential for <u>manto/chimney</u> in <u>underlying dolomitic Tapioca sandstone</u> , which <u>underlies</u> the McDame limestone and was found proposed tailings pond area. This has important implications for assessment/condemnation e coordinating comments by MEM staff to the EA office on this project. Held post-EA meeting a Steve Robertson, Imperial Metals.
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Hamblin in the Houston area during logging road construction. Huckleberry Mines has made an examination, I discussed other companies for the claim owners to target.

Discuss NW region properties worthy of acquisition (option) and exploration with Jim Miller-Tait of Cross Lake Minerals.

Organize\_joint participation of Smithers Chamber of Commerce and Smithers Exploration Group in display booth at Cordilleran Roundup.

Office discussions with PAP recipients Steve Bell and Larry Hewitt (the latter is just beginning his program).

Consolidated Magna has completed the first ddh at Big Onion.

Busy wrapping up loose ends from Alteration course, Huckleberry field trip, Golf tournament.

Del Santo drill core- still trying to find time to log 4 holes.

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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.

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, surplused 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.

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.

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#### MINING

Endako mine will be closed from June 30 to August 2, 1999, for annual leave, maintenance and inventory <u>reduction</u>. Approximately 25 people will be on site performing maintenance. This temporary closure was a part of the Job Protection package.

On June 18,1999, the NWMDRC received a presentation from Eskay Creek mine regarding moving sub-aqueous disposal of mine tailings from Albino Lake to Tom MaKay Lake. The mine has identified sufficient ore reserves to extend the mine life until the end of 2008. With expanded ore reserves and increased milling production it is anticipated that Albino Lake does not have sufficient capacity for the volume of material to be disposed of sub-aqueously. The application to amend the EA certificate will be coordinated by Norm Ringstad and it is anticipated that it will proceed in a timely manner, as did the application for Albino Lake.

Silvertip Mining Corporation has announced that they are putting their application to the EAO for certification for the Silvertip Mine on hold until metal prices improve.

At the NWMDRC meeting held on June 17, 1999, the Committee agreed to recommend to the EAO that the EA certificate for Larado Limestone on Aristazabal Island be extended for 3 years.

Emile Brokx has announced that he is retiring as General Manager for Huckleberry Mine. A replacement has yet to be announced.

Verdstone and Molycor (John Chapman) indicated that Thompson Creek Mining - Endako Mine were not interested in pursuing involvement in the Unity moly proposal on Hudson Bay mountain. Discussions are still underway with imperial Metals to see if they are interested in accepting between 500 and 1000 tons per day of Yorke-Hardy ore to Huckleberry.

#### EXPLORATION

The Harmony Project by Misty mountain Gold, part of the Hunter Dickinson Group of companies, is on hold with the project for sale. Testing of alternative methods for gold recovery were not able to identify practical gold recovery processes. Environmental concerns could not be eliminated; ARD from waste rock, mercury would still be issues.

#### RECLAMATION

On June 17, 1999, the NWMDRC met with representatives from Silver Standard Resources Inc. to discuss ongoing reclamation of the Duthie Mine, site on the backside of Hudson Bay Mountain. The company is proposing to install perimeter diversion drainage ditches to direct ground water away from the historic tailings and to seal and cap the tailings to minimize surface water from passing through the tailings. The proposal is in the final stages of evaluation and work on the tailings clean-up may commence late summer.

Noranda Mines is addressing concerns regarding soil and water quality associated with th<u>e loading vards</u> for the now closed Bell Copper Mine. The transhipment point form truck to rail was used for several years and there are concerns that sufficient concentrate was spilled to lead to copper drainage into the upper Bulkley River. Noranda has hired Morrow Consultants to replace an earlier consultant, who had not commenced work on the evaluation.

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**Rimfire Minerals** announced results from its 9-hole program at **RDN**, an Eskay Creek target. An Eskay stratigraphic setting was confirmed by holes in the Marcasite Gossan (submarine felsic dome cut by sulphide stockwork and overlain by mudstone with clastic sulphide) but there were no exciting intersections that could lead to a 100 hole program next year, as suggested in a local radio broadcast. Two holes in the Jungle gold-arsenic soil geochem anomaly, located along strike of the Marcasite Gossan, were lost well short of target depth (best assay- 5 g/t Au over 1 m).

Silvertip Mining plan a \$1.1 million program, scheduled from October to early 2000, to de-water the exploration decline and conduct diamond drilling from the existing workings to explore the Silver Creek South area. A prime target is follow-up of the 31.4 m intercept drilled in early September that graded 331 g/t Ag, 8.65% Zn, 5.53% Pb.

Visited Endako with Bob Lane on Oct 4. The mine is relying on mill feed from its low grade stockpile to lower its mining costs during this period of low moly price, until the in-pit crusher is installed in 2000. The stockpile grades about 0.056% Mo and is blended/upgraded with pit ore grading 0.078% Mo. Pit ore with low haulage cost is being supplied from a small pocket of ore on the upper benches at the northeast corner of the Endako pit (very close to the mill). In early 2000 pit ore will come from the long-inactive Denak West pit, despite its higher Pb and Bi content. Work on the in-pit crusher and conveyor ramp continues.

**Freeport Copper** drilled 6 holes on the Zymo porphyry copper prospect, and are assessing results to determine if more drilling will occur next year. Frank Nelson wrote a very nice letter complimenting Ministry staff and stating "contrary to negative rumors and recent gloomy press statements concerning expected delays and impossible red-tape in trying to conduct mineral exploration in B.C. I found a very positive welcome from all of you and from the general public in Smithers."

Mansfield Minerals will begin a 5-hole, \$100,000 drilling program on the Fireweed silver-zinc-lead prospect northeast of Smithers on Oct. 15.

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Silvertip visit Dec 1 with Doug Flynn. Underground program budget increased from \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million because of ground stabilization problems in the Earn Group shale (Tom: 50% to be spent in 1999). Drilling postponed till early January. Reviewed proposed drill layout with Chris Rees (ex-GSB). Also reviewed underground geology with Chris who is mapping structures underground with the aim of determining ore-control for chimneys in the footwall McDame limestone.

**Cassiar** visit Nov 30 with Doug Flynn. Crew of 56 hard at work but start-up of dry mill scheduled for Dec 1 will probably not happen until early January. Reviewed chrysotile resource and production plan with Barney Kovacs (COO of Cassiar Mines and Metals Inc). Ore stockpiles on surface are estimated to total 4 million tonnes with a recovery grade of 5% fibre. At the planned production rate of 720 tpd (360,000 tonnes/yr) this represents an 11 year life to the operation with a planned workforce of 44. (It is amazing this surface material was not utilized in 1992 to buy time when difficulties were encountered in the switch to underground mining.) The new plant is 1/5 the size of the old plant. Precise topographic mapping using old and new air photos is in progress to improve the size/tonnage estimate of surface stockpiles whose origin dates back to when mining began in 1953.

Prospector Assistance program- Two reports reviewed and final payment approved for Dennis Schaefer (Burns Lake area precious opal) and John Hope (follow up of 1996 RGS in 104I, east of Dease Lake).

Northwest exploration review presented to Ministry staff in Victoria (Nov 23) and to Smithers Exploration Group (Dec 3).

Presentation at Eskay Creek workshop on Nov 25 in Vancouver on Eskay Creek VMS potential in the Smithers area.

Represented Regional Geologists at Technical Liaison Committee (TLC) meeting in Vancouver Nov 26. Purpose of TLC is to provide industry input to new GSB programs and feedback on previous efforts. I reported on Prospector Assistance program (with Dave Lefebure) and status of *Mining and Exploration in B.C.* 

Coming Events: Minerals North- May 17-18 in Tumbler Ridge Rock Talk- during week of Feb 28-March 3, exact date to be determined ASAP.

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#### MINING

Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. and Kit Resources Ltd. announced approval in principal to a business combination of the two companies pursuant to which they will merge by way of a court approved plan of arrangement. This may assist Wheaton Rivers efforts to acquire properties in the Northwest to move onto as Golden Bear reaches depletion.

Cassiar Mines and Metals Inc. are putting the finishing touches to the revamped dry mill. Production will be about 30 tonnes/Hr through the mill. The company is hoping to be in production by January 1st. Ore stockpiles on surface are estimated to total 4 million tonnes with a recovery grade of 5% fiber. At a planned production rate of 720 tpd (360,000 tonnes/yr) this represents an 11 year life to the operation with a planned workforce of 44. The new plant is 1/5 the size of the old plant. They already have an order to fill from Iran. The latest news release [Vancouver Sun; Saturday, Dec. 4th] suggests that the company and the Aluminum Co. of Korea are planning a magnesium plant for Cassiar at a cost of \$733 million. News item suggests plant could be up and running by 2003.

Endako- Work is progressing on the in-pit-crusher project. The crusher assembly is <u>nearly complete</u> and development of the conveyor drive station is complete. It is expected about 1300 feet of conveyor will be in place before year end. Project is not expected to be completed before late next spring. Mining of low grade stockpiles continues to provide about half the mine production.

An front page article in the Smithers Interior News indicated that the Telkwa Coal Project is majorly behind schedule. Allan Flemming is quoted as indicated that the project report will not be competed early in the new year, as forecast, but may be available later in the year. Declining coal demand, amalgamation of Manalta and Luscar, weak coal prices and financial losses experienced by Luscar are sited as possible causes for the delay.

Huckleberry has completed mining in the east zone pit and are now producing exclusively from the Main zone. It is understood the company is also looking at an increase in capacity of about 10% in the mill through some relatively inexpensive additional equipment. Tercon and North American have completed work on the dams for this year.

#### EXPLORATION

The Silvertip project has had to delay their underground drill program to the new year due to unexpected higher deterioration of the existing ground support. The area to be drilled has to be totally resupported due to existing screening and split set bolts rusting so bad to be of no use for ground support. Underground program budget increased from \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million. Also, the concept of an open pit mine leading to an underground operation is being re-evaluated. Concerns that an open pit would act as a funnel for water into underground workings.

#### FIRST NATIONS

The provincial proposal for settlement of the Gitanyow land claim was tabled with the Gitanyow First Nation. The proposal sought to identify settlement lands in each of the Gitanyow territories, rather than a central land settlement. Initial indications are that the Gitanyow were not satisfied with the proposal.

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Silvertip-Imperial Metals concept of an open pit mine evolving to underground operation seems to be comatose (if not dead), due to concern over the pit acting as a large funnel for water into the underground workings. Project is still at the exploration stage- needs more reserves.

Ace claims- look for KRL Resources to try and ride interest in upcoming Silvertip drill program to explore for similar style mineralization. Strong silver geochem and good geophysical signature.

Rock Talk (Smithers Exploration Group)- recruiting speakers. Looks like date will be Feb. 29 and Huckleberry trip on March 1.

Begin work on preliminary version of *Mining and Exploration - 1999* and planning Roundup display.

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Hi, Craig. Sorry. I only recognoze the person on the left - Murray Morison (Consultant) from Kelowna. Tom.

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<<File: rdup.tif>> Hi Tom

I am inserting the following photo into the next issue of GEOLOG as submitted by the BC/Yukon Chamber of Mines and doctored by me (I had to remove a light pole). Can you tell me who the other individuals are and what their affiliations are so I can make a caption.

Thanks,

Craig

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Silvertip- discussed summer program (or lack of one) with Pat McAndless (Imperial Metals VP-exploration). Decision in hands of funding partner Peruvian Gold, who have completed their commitment under their agreement with Imperial Metals and can now sit on the project until Sept. 2001. Peruvian got involved with Silvertip for stock market appeal but the relatively successful underground drilling program did nothing for their share price. Peruvian is contemplating a switch from mining to the technology sector, and that does not bode well for exploration at Silvertip this year. Imperial wants to carry out new underground development as part of its exploration strategy but may be lucky just to do a shallow surface drilling program of manto/chimney targets within the McDame limestone.

Atlin placers-49.7 ounce gold nugget recovered!! (reported by Daryl). Confirms placer mining is still economically rewarding!

Huckleberry- will drill 8 percussion holes in a 1.5 km long fence, 2.5 km west of the Main zone, to test for a continuation of porphyry mineralization along the 110/290 structure, believed to be the most important structural control, in an area of deep overburden. The company will also drill 4 core holes in its nearby Whiting Creek porphyry prospect, in the fall.

**Morrison-** Pacific Booker Minerals has stepped across the fault which bisects the Morrison porphyry copper-gold deposit and begun re-drilling the eastern half of the mineralized zone.

**Prospectors-** Field visit to PAP grantee F. Yacoub in the Kitsault area. His target has evolved from volcanogenic massive sulphide to an <u>epithermal</u> silver-gold deposit, perhaps a Dolly Varden-type vein. His site at headwaters of Lahte Creek has been previously explored (briefly!) by Hudson Bay in 1981 and Rubicon (following the RGS gold release) in 1997.

Land Use- BCYCM open house and public meeting held in Smithers on June 29, conclusion of northern tour that also went to PG, Mackenzie and Fort St James. Smithers event was well attended, both afternoon open house and 35 at the evening presentation. Good discussion arose between people who have participated in LRMP's, those representing the mining industry and those representing other sectors. Strong reconciliation statements made by Telkwa mayor Sharon Hartwell and guide-outfitter Redge Collingwood, veteran of Ft St James and Iskut-Stikine LRMP's.

**RGS Release** (Atlin/ Jennings River/ McDame sheets)- <u>None</u> were sold in Dease Lake or Smithers on the release date, June 29.

**Cordilleran Roundup-** MEM will partner with communities and businesses in funding BC Night in 2001, organized by Smithers Exploration Group. This is a great development, thanks to Ron Smyth and Joan Hesketh.

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Craig, further to my answer by e-mail Mar. 11/00, I add the following details: The photo was taken at the Core Shack @ Roundup - Peruvian Gold Limited/ Imperial Metals Corp. display on the SILVERTIP project. Photo: Left to Right - Murray Morrison (Consultant, Kelowna, Tom Schroeter, MEM, Vancouver, and David Henstridge, Peruvian Gold, Van.) Cheers, Tom.