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ISSUES:

- * Joint inspections on Queen Charlotte Islands by B. Graff and a BC Lands rep revealed compliance problems on most pit and quarry operations; O'Brien Road Construction was most serious, and was given 2 weeks to comply or face shutdown. Frequency of inspections on QCI will be increased to address this problem.
- * MOF have proposed to cancel Prime Resources' tenure on a portion of the Eskay access road, contrary to the terms of the Iskut Road Settlement Agreement. Prime has requested a meeting of regional managers from MEI and MOF.
- * The Environmental Assessment Office has declared the Iskut Road Extension a reviewable component of the Bronson Slope project, which will likely extend the review period for this project.
- * Taku Wilderness Association are raising opposition to Redfern Resources' plans to cut a 160 km survey line for the Atlin-Tulsequah transportation corridor. The EAO is discussing with the company.
- * The Cassiar Forest Watch are casting critical eyes on activities and helicopter movements on the Red Chris property, even though the work being done consists of wildlife surveys to meet the requirements of the project specifications report.

FYI:

- * Crocodile Resources Ltd. will be meeting informally with MEI and MELP staff in region next week, to discuss their plans to re-open the Summit Lake (Scottie Gold) mine (with ore trucked to premier mill), and to continue exploration of their recently acquired Spectrum property in the Mt. Edziza rec area.
 - * Contractors have mobilized at Equity Silver Mine to complete the decommissioning of the leach plant. Final removal of structures and completion of site reclamation are scheduled for completion by September.

INTEROFFICE MEMCRANDUM Created: 10-Sep-1997 11:18am PDT Sent: 10-Sep-1997 11:40am PDT From: Ron Smyth of EI RSMYTH Title. Chief Geologist Dept: Employment & Investment Tel No: 952-0374 TO: See Below Subject: BCYCM Report on BCYCM Executive meeting Monday Spet 8th. BCYMC and MABC considering a class action suit against Government for expropriation of claims without fair compensation. Both organizations have agreed to commit \$ to the war chest. Suit is on hold for one futher approach to Minister(?). MABC Exploration Spending Survey

MABC is conducting an exploration spending survey with co-operation of BCYCM. The Survey is to be the factual basis for an awareness campaign involving the media and politicians to keep the Mining Jobs 2000 plan in front of them and the public.

Thier message will be "BC is loosing ground to other jurisdictions in exploration spending".

MEI's offical 1997 estimate is still \$126.25 million. GSB and the Regional geologists estimate is \$80 million. This number may be overly optomisitic if planned fall drilling and bulk sampling programs are not carried out, which now seems likley in many projects.

o BCYCM will hire a search agency- either Price Waterhouse or Caldwell - to manage the replacement process for a new Manager. Jack Patterson retires next March.

o Field tour of Spectrum gold Property in Mount Edzizza Recreation Area being arranged by company for the Cassiar-Iskut LRMP Steering Committee.

o Next meeting is October 6th

Ron