\*Prime Resources will spend \$6 million on exploration, some outside B.C., but mostly in the Iskut region. The Chopin property has been acquired, east of Snip mine.

\*Rock and Roll drill results rumoured to be sufficiently encouraging to resume drilling in mid-summer.

\*Isk Wollastonite drilling mid-July to mid-August.

\*Bronson Slope drilling is underway. The company plans to complete its Project Report for the EA process by late summer.

Lard\*WL (Watson Liard) drilling is underway by KRL Resources Corp. The target is a magnetic conductor with coincident gold soil anomaly on the Tintina fault near Watson Lake. Only the southern tip of the conductor extends into B.C. Possible deposit targets are epithermal gold (Grew Creek), VMS (Wolverine) or sedex.

> \*Harmony mineable resources estimated at 31 million tonnes grading 2.05 g/t Au at a 1.2 g/t cutoff (2,062,000 oz of gold) plus a lower grade resource of 17 million tonnes grading 0.99 g/t Au (541,000 oz). One development scenario is 7500 tpd. In-fill drilling, geotechnical, environmental, metallurgical and process engineering studies are being planned.

> \*Westmin Resources expects to complete an agreement with a junior company on the Bennett gold project near Atlin.

> \*Underground drilling at New Polaris (32 holes, about 5200 m in 1997) continues to add gold ounces to the resource inventory. Completion of mine de-watering is expected in June and shaft access is to be achieved below the Polaris level. Data review and site visits are being conducted by six senior and intermediate gold mining companies with a view to bringing in a senior partner to develop New Polaris to production.

\*New Zymoetz copper-gold porphyry, owned by prospectors Robin Day and Larry Hewitt will be examined by Placer Dome, Noranda, Kennecott, Eldorado Gold and Hudson Bay.

## **OFFICE ACTIVITIES**

- \*Complete certificates for Gitnayow prospecting course.
- \*Adjust scores to two Prospector Assistance applications, Complete other P.A. paperwork.
- \*Preparation for Minerals North (organize session chairs), prepare/give opening remarks for Hans Smit.
- \*Prepare EA review comments on Telkwa Coal project.
- \*Comments on "below threshold NoW's" submitted to regional manager.
- \*Review activities of Regional Geology in Northwest region with Charles Kang.
- \*Review/edit Northwest mineral land use strategy paper and write section on current exploration.

