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**Issues:**

**Turkey Farm Pit, Steve Hepple, Oliver-** MEM has withheld the Mines Permit for >1 year awaiting the ALC decision. ALC has now granted approval and Hepple has paid a \$25,000 bond. When Hepple applied to Okanagan Similkameen Regional District for the subsequent Soil Removal Permit under the Soil Conservation Act, OSRD denied the application stating the applicant could not remove the material within the timeframe specified in the ALC approval, and there were already enough gravel pits in Oliver. Appears to be inappropriate interference in our competitive, free-enterprise system by the OSRD. MEM now faced with the dilemma of whether or not to issue the Mines Permit.

**Western Industrial Clay, Red Lake N. of Kamloops-** has been prohibited by the ALC from conducting exploration work on Bunting's property prior to receiving ALC approval. This extends far beyond the limitations under the Mineral Tenure Act 9.(2) where a free miner may enter mineral lands to explore other than: land occupied by a building; the curtilage of a dwelling house; orchard land; land under cultivation (the land in question is none of these, it is merely ALR land)..... We had previously operated under the assumption that mineral exploration did not require ALC approval, due to the already existing limitations on right of entry under the Mineral Tenure Act.

**Highland Valley Copper- D.O.** involving one of the six Cat 793C haul trucks recently purchased from Finning. As the box was raised it struck the overhead crane and partially knocked the crane off the trolley track. No injuries occurred. The incident is under investigation. HVC has four of the new trucks on site, in the assembly stages. One has been road tested with the second expected to be ready this week. Four trucks are ex-Syncrude with the other two being sourced elsewhere by Finning. It is expected that 6 of these 218 tonne trucks will replace 8 of the 177 tonne 789 trucks.

**Carnahan Placer, Goldstream, N. of Revelstoke, and Winters Placer, Inkanee, Okanagan-** opposed, or not supported, by MELP and DFO, at and prior to SCMDRC meetings. Rationale ranges from critical: moose, to fish, to plants. Is the hope for new placer designations dead in the province?

**Mission Ridge Pit, Kelowna-** controversy continues with additional letters from residents to Minister Miller, and Liberal MLA John Weisbeck now questioning MEM's permitting decision. Residents are seeking written responses to their letters and appear to be avoiding phone conversations- possibly in preparation for court action.

**FYI:**

**Renewed Interest in Platinum and Paladium** - Rumours of claim staking in the Tulameen area due to the rise in platinum group metal prices to record levels. In addition, the **Dobbin Cu-Pt-Pd** property (Minfile 82LSW138) located west of Kelowna is being dusted off by **Verdstone Gold** (a Larry Reaugh company). Drilling in 1997 hit some interesting results giving a gross metal value of roughly US\$11/tonne at current prices. There is also some evidence for enrichment in Iridium, however more testing for this and the other odd PGM elements needs to be done.

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**Issues:**

**Okanagan Shuswap LRMP**- recent staking of seven 2-post claims targeting tufa extraction in the non-consensus Myra-Bellevue PA candidate. Likely to result in criticism of MEM from the LRMP Process Coordinators, and other agencies, given our tactics at IAMC regarding earlier NSR requests.

**FYI:**

**Afton (DRC Resources)** - Good results released for hole 4 (e.g. 190 ft of 2.76% Cu equivalent plus 610 ft of 2.82% Cu eq.). Assays are awaited for Holes 5 and 6 which are reported to have hit the zone over 884 and 882 ft. respectively. The \$5 million financing has still not closed (was to have been the 19th).

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**Goldstream River (Douglas Carnahan)**- B.C. Reg. 276/2000 provides a 60 day opening for additional placer staking by Carnahan- his target is placer garnet for use as a sand blasting abrasive (as a healthier alternative to silica). Thanks to Mineral Titles staff for their assistance in this effort, as the placer designation request was not initially well received by other agencies.

**Continental Lime Ltd.**- changed its corporate name to Graymont Western Canada Inc. on June 30, 2000, reflecting the operational and financial management consolidation of all lime and aggregate subsidiaries owned by Graymont Limited.

**Lyle Morgenthaler, P.Eng.**- is the successful candidate to backfill Bruce Madu's MRO position for the next 2-3 months, while Bruce is in Peru on the CIDA project. Lyle starts Monday. SC Region welcomes Lyle aboard.

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