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Subject: Week Report

Exploration Activity

Copper Star (formerly WG or Chisholm Lake) - Doublestar Resources Ltd. and Gold-Ore Resources Ltd. have entered into an earn-in agreement with the Hunter Dickinson Group on this porphyry copper prospect 60 km south of Smithers. Program of 7 drill holes (1500 m) at about \$100,000 will commence in late Sept.

RDN Second round of drilling by Newmont to proceed in September, to follow up on encouraging results (geological and geochemical) from July drilling on this Eskay-type prospect near Bob Quinn.

Homestake Ridge (Teck)- Stewart area project visited with Graeme Evans. Good case being built up from geology and geochem data for drilling next year. Elements of Eskay model are present except no pillow basalt.

Praxis- Program completed on this Stewart area Eskay target. Examined by Teck but not by Homestake. No regional work or property exams by Homestake this year.

Lucky - Several companies, including Teck-Cominco and Hyder Gold, are examining this "new" copper-gold find by prospecting partners Rick Kasum and Gerry Morrison, near the head of American Creek north of Stewart.

Swamp Point- Kasum and Morrison (of Stewart) claim to have an agreement with Lafarge Cement to test quality of gravel from this deposit on the Portland Canal.

Prospector Assistance

Peter Ross completed his program in the Surprise Lake "specialty granite" looking for Ta-Sn. Staked 16 claims.

John Hope staked 4 claims on Hazelwood Creek in the Blue River ultramafite. Examined John's target on Aug 21- a mineralized fault zone near the structural contact of the complex with (a pendant of ?) Sylvester volcanic rocks. Creek is named for disseminated hazelwoodite (nickel sulphide) in peridotite that was explored by Falconbridge in the 1950's. Current thinking is that nickel sulphides formed during contact metamorphism of serpentinized peridotite by the nearby Cassiar batholith (which produced talc, amphibole and re-generated olivine). Hope is testing chalcedonic quartz and sulphide in the fault for platinum group metals.

Shawn Turford/ Ralph Keefe - Hudson Bay will examine the Dani and Bell claims in the Ecstall belt on Sept 10.

Other Activities

Participated in (excellent) joint BC Geologic Survey - Geologic Survey of Canada field trip in the Rancheria area along the B.C. / Yukon border. Co-leaders were JoAnne Nelson, Mitch Mihalynuk, Charlie Roots (GSC) and Rob Stevens (BCIT). Focus on stratigraphy and correlation, geologic evolution of continental margin. Felsic metavolcanics are key component for mineral exploration.

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Highlights & Issues

Dease-Liard SRMP - Meeting with BCYCM, company reps and SRM / EMPR went well. Kaska Dene strongly support first phase of the plan (around forestry issues) and want to extend it to include mining, oil & gas, access and tourism. Kaska desire to protect Horseranch Range for spiritual values is not a contentious issue for industry because of low (known!) mineral values. Process needs placer (gold and jade) representation.

Tahltan - EAO workshops - Meetings in Dease (modest turnout, constructive), Iskut (most challenging) and Telegraph (largest turnout, constructive) identified areas for follow-up around need for local direct communication and participation (eg - Golden Bear site visit to endorse reclamation work).

Tahltan area Reclamation - located exploration and placer sites on a map with Ed Asp that need to be addressed.

Schaft Creek - Plans to enter EA process by early 2006.

Environmental Assessment a) Metal Mines

Davidson - Project Report targeted for April 2006; Blue Pearl's Smithers office official opening on Nov 3. Regular office hours on Mon, Wed, Fri.

Galore - Project Report anticipated Feb 2006. Power req'd for 65,000 tpd mill is 80 mW. Capital cost estimate of \$958 million, forecast 500 production jobs (700 in construction). Pre-feasibility released (see below).

Klappan - Fortune Minerals announced feasibility study (see Geology section). Target date for Project Report is Aug 2006.

Kutcho - Tahltan will not participate in EA - complaint to Gov't re funding.

Morrison - After 1 year delay, Pacific Booker deposited security to allow geotech drilling to proceed. Company under new management.

Red Chris - Mines Act permit required, outstanding issues to resolve.

Ruby Ck - Terms of Reference being drafted for 20,000 tpd open pit mine. Propose to use diesel power or connect to Yukon grid.

b) Aggregate

Swamp Point (Portland Canal) - Project report estimates capital cost at \$25-40 million (depending on whether mining equipment is purchased or contracted) and 20-50 full time jobs (depending on production rate and number of shifts) to produce up to 3.3 million tonnes of sand per year. Reserves are sufficient for 18 years at the maximum production rate. Ships up to 70,000 dwt (Panamax class) would be scheduled at 7-10 day intervals to carry product to California. Crew and supplies would be transported by boat and barge respectively, from local ports (Stewart, Kincolith, P. Rupert).

Permitting

Davidson - Blue Pearl 5000 meter underground drilling about to begin. A pilot hole for the new adit was included in their NoW may not be approved due restrictions under the Environmental Assessment Act. DWF in discussion with EAO and Blue Pearl.

Regional Geology

Poplar - Second phase drilling on Cu-Mo porphyry south of Houston to begin tomorrow (10 days behind schedule).

Lucky Ship - Second phase drilling underway with new contractor. (Porphyry Mo project south of Houston)

New Polaris - Drilling begun.

Klappan - Feasibility released based on reserves are 60.8 million tonnes of clean coal and mining of 1.5 to 3 million

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Bennett hopes new molybdenum mine is just the tip of the iceberg – CBC Radio – 7:30 AM – June 23, 2006

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It's the first new metal mine in B.C. in almost a decade. Vancouver-based Roca Mines will open a new molybdenum mine near Revelstoke before the end of the year.

B.C.'s Minister of State for Mines, Bill Bennett, says it won't be the last.

Bill Bennett: I'm hopeful that this is just the tip of the iceberg. There's a lot of other mining projects in the pipeline right now, and we should see other new mines opening up as well.

Bennett says there are now more than 20 major mine projects going through B.C.'s environmental assessment process.

Roca Mines says its new mine will be profitable, even if the price of molybdenum falls dramatically. The metal is used in stainless steel and is in great demand in China and India.

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SWAMP POINT AGGREGATE MINE RECEIVES APPROVAL, Ministry of Environment, June 23, 2006

VICTORIA – Vancouver-based Ascot Resources Ltd. has received a provincial environmental assessment certificate for a proposed aggregate quarry and ship-loading facility at Swamp Point on the Portland Canal following a comprehensive review by B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). The project site is located 50 km south of Stewart. The project's lifespan is

anticipated to be 18 years, with a maximum production capacity of 3.3 million tonnes of aggregate per year. Ascot Resources (the proponent) anticipates that the aggregate will be shipped as far south as California. The environmental assessment concluded the project will have no significant environmental, social or health effects on the surrounding area. In addition, the proponent will still need to obtain the necessary provincial approvals and leases following receipt of an environmental assessment (EA) certificate. The provincial EA certificate contains 78 commitments that the proponent must implement throughout the various phases of the project. Some key commitments include:

- Locate in-pipe flow regulating valves at strategic locations to help control the volume of water

diverted from Steep Creek to Reservoir Lake and the volume of water withdrawn from

Reservoir Lake.

- Prepare a surface erosion prevention and sediment control plan prior to construction.
- Appoint an Environmental Coordinator who will be responsible for implementing and monitoring all environmental programs.

Capital costs are estimated between \$27.5 million and \$44 million. The project is expected to create 20 to 50 direct, non-seasonal jobs. There will also be opportunities for contractors to provide support services to the operation and to provide or deliver supplies to the site. Ascot Resources intends to maximize

local employment and contracting activities, primarily from the Nass Valley communities of Stewart and

Prince Rupert

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