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3) WESTMIN RESOURCES LIMITED and CAW Union 3019 representatives met to discuss the ending of the lockout at the company's mine at Myra Falls. The company offered to table a package of wages and benefits if the Union would allow employees to vote on it. Negotiations broke within a few days.

4) NORANDA EXPLORATION LIMITED optioned an additional two mineral claims immediately adjacent to the Dragon "volcanogenic massive sulphide" property, north of Gold River, on Vancouver Island. The move is encouraging as it suggests a determination to continue exploration on the property despite two somewhat indifferent drill holes earlier in the spring.

UP-COMING EXPLORATION ACTIVITY:

1) NEW GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED submitted a prospectus concerning the development of its "geyserite" silica property at Monteith Bay, on Easy Inlet, on the west side of Vancouver Island (see attachment).

The company shipped a 9,000 tonne bulk sample this summer. It has identified a geological reserve of 2.0 million tonnes of pure (hot-spring derived) "geyserite" silica suitable for the manufacture of Portland cement. New Global is seeking the permits required to quarry, crush, stockpile and ship between 70,000 and 100,000 tonnes of silica per year to the Tilbury Portland Cement plant at Delta, B.C.. It will displace silica currently imported from the United States.

There are no obvious environmental concerns. The substance is chemically inert and the site is close to tidewater. The operation will take up very little space.

2) LAFARGE CANADA INCORPORATED plans to reactivate the Vananda (limestone) Quarry on Texada Island. The company has scheduled a 30 hole drill programme in-and-around the existing pit, immediately southeast of the Community of Vananda.

3) ORVANA MINERALS CORPORATION plans to drill four holes to test an IP geophysical anomaly on the Madhat (Copper-gold) property at the head of the Mahatta River, southwest of Port Alice.

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Subject: SOUTHWESTERN REGION WEEKLY REPORT 19TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER

EXPLORATION:

- Conducted field visits with prospectors operating on Sechelt Peninsula, Texada Island and at the North end of Vancouver Island. In the course of the trip I visited (1) the Teishum Creek epithermal gold property, at the south end of Victoria Lake, (2) a new discovery of magnetite +/- sulphide skarn on Nimpkish Mountain, (3) the Angel shear hosted gold deposit mid-way down Texada Island, (4) the Victoria gold showing near Vananda, (5) the Bolivar Mill near Vananda and (6) the Mineral Hill wollastonite property near Sechelt.

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- MEIP Grants have yet to make much impact in the Region. Only two companies (Quinsam Coal Corporation and Braddick Resources Limited) out of eleven recipients have sofar implemented their exploration programmes.

- Athabaska Gold Resources has optioned the Carolin Mine property near, Hope. According to the Northern Miner, the company must issue warrants to the vendor (New Global Resources?) and spend \$1.0 million on the project in the first year. Subsequently, it may maintain its right to explore the property for an additional three years by spending an additional \$1.0 million per year and issuing more shares. The property has known, albeit low-grade, reserves. The company plans an "aggressive exploration programme to increase reserves prior to reactivating the mill. Underground drilling is to begin before year-end".

TEXADA ISLAND - Marlat Resources terminated an agreement to purchase Metals Research Corporation's "hard-rock" interests on Texada Island and "placer" interests at Port Douglas at the head of Harrison Lake.

The Texada Island property was explored by Rhyolite Resources in the 1980s. It includes the Yew gold-copper skarn occurrence and the 250 ton per day Bolivar mill. Metals Research transported approximately 4,000 tonnes of ore to the mill last fall. It is only now processing it. The ore is finely crushed and tabled. There is no flotation circuit. The

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EXPLORATION:

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- Athabasca Resources announced the results of its McMaster zone drill program at Ladner Creek. It extended the zone for an additional 160 metres and generated an open pit reserve of 186,000 tonnes grading 1.89 g/t gold and an underground reserve of 240,000 tonnes at a diluted mining grade of 4.42 g/t gold. The zone is still open. The "ore" is very similar in grade and appearance to that found in the mine. The additional reserve will help justify reopening the mine. *350,000 g/t
or 3400*

- First Choice Industries has confirmed the presence of coarse and fine gold in its sulphide-veined rhyolite breccia deposit at Knob Hill. It appears to have located a large, subeconomic, mineralized system with plenty of room to explore for an economic deposit. *1 m g/t*

- Westmin Resources drilled four holes on the Dragon property, near Gold River, and then elected to drop it. Presumably the company felt there wasn't room for a major deposit near surface and the deeper rocks weren't sufficiently encouraging.

Westmin has cut back its staff at Myra Falls as a result of near completion of the new underground haulage drift and uncertainties concerning the price of copper. It cut 50 employees.

Debbie
- White Hawk Ventures has had its purchase agreement with Westmin approved by the TSE. In the first instance, it intends to complete the bulk sample project proposed for the Debbie 900 zone and drill five surface holes into the Debbie 1050 zone.

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- Vananda Gold has purchased a ball mill and concentrator with a view to producing magnetite suitable for use at the Quinsam Coal operation (2,500 tonnes/year consumption) and elsewhere. It has also reopened the Lake Adit magnetite mine on Texada Island - although it likely won't be producing for a while. The company intends to process surface material first.

- LEH Ventures Inc. changed its mind about working on the Iron Cop property, near Brooks Peninsula. It will work on a gold property in

Hall - Feb. 13/98

* T. Hall is meeting today with RDN, MOTH and MMAH to develop terms of reference for an aggregate study to be completed by end of 1998.

* A permit has been issued to T'Sable River Coal Corp. for a 90,000-tonne bulk sample project on the T'Sable River coal property; it is not expected that work will commence before April '98.

* B. Bone reports that Lafarge Canada is doing due diligence with respect to the possible purchase of the Holnam Industries limestone quarry on Texada Island.

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area. I await with interest!

IMA Resources Corp. has arranged a private placement of \$345,000. A fair portion of this will likely be spent on the Bacon and Cobalt Star skarn copper-gold properties, near Campbell River. They are both interesting properties.

SNOW
Snowfield Resources Ltd. plans to spend \$215,000 drilling quartz and carbonate bearing gold veins on the Snow property along the Taylor River west of Sproat Lake. This program resembles that at Tay last year but the targets are nearer the main fault and may have more going for them.

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Consolidated Van Anda was caught in a cash crunch and finally sold some equipment to finance completion of its magnetite processing circuit on Texada Island. It hopes to displace Craigmont as Quinsam's supplier of magnetite. *IM*

Elsewhere on Texada, Canada Lafarge Inc. is looking to take over Holnam West as means of controlling limestone supply for its upgraded cement plant in Richmond. This could make a bit of a splash when it occurs.

Stirrup Creek Gold Limited has optioned the Rox property, where Navarre Resources ran a small drill program a few years ago. The claims have been expanded to cover a massive sulphide target and Stirrup Creek must spend \$250,000 over two years to hold the property. I would expect something this year.

Sand River Resources Ltd. has arranged a private placement of \$100,000 for work on the Thumb Peak massive sulphide property this year. It will probably be a reduced version of the drill program they proposed last year.

Consolidated Logan and CanQuest Resources also arranged private placements of \$100,000, although they may or may not be destined for the Lucky Toq and O.K properties as both companies have other interests.

Heritage American Resource Corp. has arranged a private placement of \$75,000. Most of this is probably destined for the Lewis Lake "porphyry" property, near Powell River.

These are the principal announced projects. Other companies are looking for funds and are promising "aggressive programs". They include Wild Rose Resources on the Nifty massive sulphide property near Bella Coola and Beau Pre Explorations on Valentine Mountain. They may not happen.

Another interesting revival is Inspiration Mining Corp's interest in the Candol dolomite/limestone property on the Sechelt Peninsula. The company has plans to spend \$800,000 on field work and engineering studies but I doubt if they have the funds to do it all at once.

There has been a bit of staking. Doublestar Resources is picking up lapsed properties. It has acquired ground in the Upper Adams River

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