

concerns about trucking coal through a residential area. It is waiting for permits to begin preparation of its bulk sample site. It may delay the program until next year when construction of the new Island Highway will have advanced sufficiently to resolve the access issue.

Tex - Minvita Enterprises Ltd. has more than doubled the length of an old nickel, cobalt, arsenic soil geochemical anomaly on the Tex property east of Harrison Lake from 400 metres to 850 metres.

Paula (Marathon) - Ambra Resources Group Inc has completed a short drill program (7 ddh for 560 metres) on the discontinuous Marathon (Paula) quartz vein property north of Cowichan Lake.

Galleon - Americas Gold Corp. has optioned prospector Gary Pearson's Galleon gold property, at Port Renfrew. Like Valentine Mountain (Visited), the property covers free-gold bearing quartz veins in deformed Leech River schist. However, unlike Valentine Mountain the veins are clearly "late" and related to a widespread and impressive felsic dyke swarm. (Visited).

Garibaldi Granite - Garibaldi Granite and Pender Capital plan to expand their "Glacier White" dimension stone quarry in Squamish in order to fill a contract to supply 20,000 square feet of rough-faced granite for the Mount Blanc hotel in Whistler.

Thumb Peak (Smaby) - Sand River Resources has, unfortunately, dropped plans to drill its Thumb Peak VMS property this year. Other casualties of current economic conditions may include Aquaterre (JI) and Verdestone Resources (Salal).

#### LAND USE:

- Minister declined to sign off on 65 new NSRs in the Central Coast.

- Vancouver Island Goal 2 protected areas largely established however at least one, Strathcona Park Addition (Divers Lake), is remains in contention. In the absence of a suitable land-swap agreement, the owner, TimberWest has apparently started logging.

- MOF submitted a monumental "Klaskish/East Creek Coordinated Operational Management Plan" that failed to establish whether it is better to log in an LIA all at once or over an extended period. The issue has been referred to a Landscape Planning process. Mining issues were noted but not discussed in any detail.

- TimberWest submitted an amendment to their Forest Development Plan for Caycuse Creek area southwest of Cowichan Lake for review.

- Forestry Consultant query on tenures in Spuzzum Creek potentially affected by road deactivation.

- MOF and Archaeology Branch have devised a management plan for the Harrison - Lillooet Goldrush Trail which was abandoned in 1867. We can expect "a conditional reserve over the trail... and NSRs over important