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Subject: Kamloops update to 8/12/05

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Amarc Resources (Hunter Dickinson Inc) has staked a large block of claims for gold in the Vidette Lake area NW of Kamloops.
- * HVC Highmont East Pit - expect Mines Act application any day for pit re-opening this fall (~14 million tonnes over 20 months).
- Craigmont inspection (MC & Ed Taje) on geotech and H&S issues. New Mine Manager is Sheldon Henry.
- J&L - former operator BacTech suffering from financial difficulties; likely to require seizure of bond and some site clean-up.

OFFICE/PERSONNEL/CONTRACTS

- SR in northeast region all week.
- Contractor Ludwig in PG office this week, returning on 15th.
- MC met with AMEC to discuss possible services.
- Working on 6 week Temp Appt for trainee mine/reclamation inspector.

PERMITTING, INSPECTION & RECLAMATION

- Some files moved along - see stats below.
- Dust complaint at Heffley gravel pit handled by trainee mines inspector MC - even did an inspection report!
- Candorado - awaiting analytical results and report from AMEC; received files from Victoria with previous legal compilations.
- Lakeview-Dividend - awaiting word on bid process for closure plan.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Appel Estates Quarry (Penticton area) - probable unreported case of flyrock into housing development; requested details and report from mine manager.

GEOLOGY

- * MC discussed Ashcroft area geology with Don Bubar of Avalon Ventures (Toronto), who have optioned Teck's Red Hill property and intend to drill this fall.
- * Drilling underway on Whipsaw Creek property; application expected for another 5000 m drilling.

FIRST NATIONS/COMMUNITIES

- Preparing for meeting on Monday with Ts'kw'aylaxw FN regarding GSB field program and hiring of a field asst.
- Strongly negative response from Lytton band on exploration project referral; company to meet with band on 15th.
- 2 members of Xaxl'ip FN to attend Blustry field inspection on 17th with JS and SR.

NATURAL RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES CENTRE ("NROC" - formerly Single Point of Contact)

- "Soft opening" this week; Steering Committee meeting on 10th. (AB attended)
- AB reviewed Service Level Agreement
- PG and Nanaimo offices to be opened in December

UPCOMING

- Aug 15 - JS returns from vacation
- Aug 16-28 - MC on vacation (JS acting Director)
- Aug 16 - AB to train NROC staff on Mineral Titles Online
- Aug 16 - Boss Mtn reclamation inspection (SR)
- Aug 17 - Helicopter inspection tour Lillooet area (JS and SR)