

**Remac:** Redhawk Resources Inc. are now planning on a late September start for drilling on their Remac zinc oxide project south of Salmo. The main reason for the late start is that their JV partner ZincOx Resources is going through an IPO in London and they are responsible for funding this year's exploration program. Preliminary reports on the metallurgical testwork are apparently very favorable but no details have been released.

**Prospectors Assistance Program:** Soil and rock sampling on Drew Andrews PAP grant Findlay Creek property is underway between the Vicky Mine, adjacent to Findlay Creek, and the Ivy Mine to the north. Plans are being made to collect a bulk sample from the ~3m thick shallowly dipping quartz vein which reportedly contains high gold content

**Red Mountain (Rossland):**

Work to dewater the pit at which the fatality occurred on July 25 will be done shortly, following notification of surface owner. Although the company Premanco owns the land on which the mill and impoundments are on, surface ownership in the area of the 9 pits is quite complicated. The expertise of staff at BCAL, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, Gold Commissioner, and the City of Rossland, as well as of the Mineral Titles Officer in our office were invaluable in determining surface ownership with regard to this pit. The time it took to contact all these individuals would have been decreased considerably had our office had more direct access to this information. A timely response from us is the right of our clients. Hopefully the new ministry of SRM will facilitate in our being more effective (and we won't be charged to obtain info?).

**Waterloo Mine near Rock Creek:**

We have referred a NOW to dewater an old mine shaft and take rock samples for assay on the Waterloo mineral claim near Rock Creek. The timbered shaft is at present open. The applicants proposed that reclamation could be done by backfilling the shaft with waste rock. This was considered inadequate, due to potential for material to get hung up and later settle, and requirement of 10.5.4 (2) of the Code to secure shaft with concrete cap. The applicants were made aware that backfilling was inadequate. Required bond reflects the cost to secure the shaft with a concrete cap, based on contractor estimates, previous experience. Applicants took concerns to ADM level, concern being bond was excessive.

In an attempt to manage hazards from abandoned mines, Kootenay MB staff have developed a regional policy that all Mines Act permits for reopening old mines must include the requirement to close the mine in an appropriate manner to ensure public safety, whether or not the mine was adequately closed prior to the exploration project. Permits include a bonding requirement to ensure that mine closure and reclamation can be completed if the proponent defaults on reclamation obligations.

Thank you again for everyone's contributions. Please distribute to anyone else who would be interested.

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