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Subject: Kamloops update to 8/12/05

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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)

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Highland Valley Landfill: Bruhjell attended the introductory EAO review meeting and site tour. Plan is for a 100 hectare landfill on top of waste rock piles near HVC's H-H (eastern) tailings dam. It would require a change to the HVC reclamation plan. TOR for project report being finalized.

PERMITTING/ENV/RECL

Candorado mine: Copies of AMEC report sent to Candorado, Barrick-Nickel Plate and MoE. Rothman requested an action plan for site clean-up from Candorado by Nov 7.

Whipsaw: Inspection of this Princeton area expl project by Bruhjell found serious problems with mgmt of drill cuttings. Several orders issued.

New Afton: SCMDRC mtg set for Dec 5th. New Gold will introduce project and there will also be an update from Teck/Abacus on their portion of mine site. We have had some enquiries, and expect more, from engineering companies bidding on the New Afton feasibility study (slated to start Dec 1).

Highmont South: HVC will not be ready to apply for a new pit until early to mid 2005.

Randi-Seguin prepared letter for ADM signature responding to public complaint.

HEALTH and SAFETY

New Afton: Dangerous Occurrence: 30 tonne rock-fall in main decline: no injuries. Stabilization is underway and a complete geotech assessment of the workings will be completed by company consultants. (Rothman)

Appel Estates quarry: Rothman ordered no blasting until proper documentation is provided on previous incident. Likely to be action on blasting certificates. This site is more of a housing development than a rock quarry.

Dividend-Lakeview: RFP for closure being finalized. Possible issues around rare snakes and bats being worked on by Hoffman.

GEOLOGY

Craigmont Copper (Christopher James Gold): reviewed core and results from this old mine property. Slowed by difficult drilling conditions. Approx \$750 K spent so far. (Cathro)

FIRST NATIONS

Upper Similkameen IB: productive initial conf call held to begin talks on a consultation protocol agreement. Cathro & Seguin will attend a 2-day session on Nov 17-18.

OTHER

South Kal pit (and adjacent gravel pits) near Oyama subject of a negative article in a local paper. Main concern is visual impact around Kalamalka Lake.

One Stop Permitting Project-Consultant Brian Robinson is ready to start interviewing staff and clients on problems and potential solutions for coincident approvals from other agencies (e.g. cutting approvals).

Activity Tracking-We continued refinement of our tracking of permitting and inspection workload, including discussions with Lewis & Freer.

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From: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX
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Thanks, again!

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Hi Tom

They've drilled about 4000 ft so far, and may continue with another 14000 ft but it is dependent on financing. Let you know when I know

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I will forward a report from Tim H.

Mike Cathro (away from my desk)

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From: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX <Tom.Schroeter@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Whipsaw Work?

Mike - in your latest 'weekly' report you mentioned problems at Whipsaw. Do you know how much drilling was done and expl'n est?

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