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Subject: Prince George Summary to May 9/97

Issues:

Kemess: Interlocutory injunction dismissed. Next court date June 16. Sediment control during construction, as usual, remains a high priority for Kemess and Gov't. Workforce at about 375 expected now to reach 800 through summer. Additional marketing initiatives scheduled for June. Hiring of permanent mine employees picking up. Powerline construction should start in June.

QR: Targeted mine plan amendment date of May 31.

NEMDRC met on May 6. Agenda items included:

Quintette: Submitted Babcock plans to 2003. Deal has been struck between Teck and Japanese that secures contracts for Bullmoose and Quintette at 4.5 m tonnes/year until 2003.

Willow Creek: Project Report expected June. Company proposing to permit concurrently with project review. Clearing scheduled for Jan. 98 with production commencing in last quarter 98.

Kemess: Permit amendment for June; sediment control.

Land Use; Issues surrounding PG LRMP, included NSR's. caribou high areas and long term access to the Wishaw Quartzite deposit.

Cheni Mine Road: Cheni appealing to MOF on SUP fee.

Admin: Dave Morgan attended the Mine Rescue course in Nanaimo this week.  
E. Pittman at Ergonomic Training in PG May 7/8  
Trade Shows in McKenzie and Williams Lake May 2-4 attended by B. Lane,  
J. Pardy and K. MacDonald.  
E. Beswick attended CIM - Vancouver Apr 28-30

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Issues:

Sheep Creek Gravel: E. Pittman meeting with First Nations and other government reps Sept. 25. Responses from agencies being received. Permit from Archaeology Br. not needed for removal of stockpiled product but will be needed for topsoil handling/replacement.

Kemess: Mediation between Gov't and the Tsay Keh Dene scheduled for Sept. 23-25. Sediment concerns seem to be being addressed, although the next heavy rainfall will again test the system. Legal investigation by MELP underway for previous exceedances of discharge permit levels. About 1000 people now working on the project inclusive of powerline contractors.

MOF fees: Road use permits, harvesting requirements for non economic fibre, fees for destruction of immature trees.

FYI:

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Pine Valley Coal: EA office has advised company that the project report is acceptable for review. Review period ends Dec. 4. DFO has cleverly said that CEAA may not apply but they think an authorization to alter/destroy fish habitat may be required. The company has made every effort to avoid a CEAA trigger but may still be caught.

Quintette: MELP reports that sediment is being released to the Murray River from a wr slide reported earlier this spring. Public complaints received by MELP from river users.

Mt. Polley: Grand opening on Sept. 13 went very well, great weather and about 300+ people in attendance including Ministers Miller and Zirnhelt. The project was completed in June five months ahead of schedule and 8.5M under budget (123.5M). Average production over the mine life is 71,500 oz Au and 29M lbs of Cu.

Admin: Still waiting to post Regional Planner position.  
MDBC computer shipped to HQ for tinkering.

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Subject: Prince George Update to Feb 27

Issues:

Copper Mines: On brink of closure due to low metal prices!

Willow Creek: EA office hopes to have referral to Ministers by March 9th. ~~Project~~ construction decision expected in two weeks. Company has indicated they are now prepared to sign certificate

West Moberly: MOU negotiations continue with regional leadership from Charlie Lake and PG. Stressing regional co-operation and communication with the First Nation.

Kemess: Takla First Nation has filed in the Supreme Court of B.C. requesting among other things, an injunction against all Defendants (Canada, B.C., Royal Oak) in reference to all resource management activity relating to the Project. Company has notified government that it will layoff about 150 people for an undisclosed amount of time due to lack of water behind the tailings storage facility.

FORT Eastfield - Cunningham Lake: Complaints from Yekoochetan FN. Several band members apparently previously held mineral claims on the ground now covered by the Fort claims. Reports of blasting and trenching were attributed to forest companies working in the area. The company was encouraged to contact the band leader.

Land Use Issues:

Ft. St. James LRMP: Last minute changes to the document without discussion or referral to MEM or table likely will cause significant problems for any development that may impact fish habitat. Revisions without industry representation should cause this plan to cave or at least hic-up at the political level!

Prince George LRMP: "Enhanced" referrals will require more staff time. IAMC briefing note on KAKWA being prepared.

Horsefly: T. Buck Suzuki env. group has requested preferred group status on the technical working group since they represent coastal fisheries workers.

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Subject: Prince George Update to Mar. 20

Issues:

Kemess: Mechanical contractor has left site because lack of payment. Responding to hours of work complaint filed with WCB. Company needs to raise money to finish project. Project over 92% complete with concentrates scheduled to be shipped in mid May. At this point, the key milestone is getting concentrates to MacKenzie. Funding for independent environmental monitor through spring needs to be confirmed. 300 people at site.

Willow Creek: Permit review with First Nations ongoing next week. Gregg Stewart in contact with PVC regarding initial security requirements. Potential for Coal Co-Gen plant being considered. Construction decision expected by end of April.

Capacity for First Nations Participation in projects and permit reviews is becoming a critical issue.

Mt. Polley: <sup>Job Protection Commission</sup> JPC review underway in hopes of keeping this mine operational through present weak markets.

Land Use: Dawson Creek: Major portion of Wapiti Lake PPA staked by miner who is interested in the phosphate occurrences previously evaluated by Esso in 1980. Table should consider this new information. Discussions with the owner ongoing.

*Wapiti - Land Use*

FYI:

DO at Bullmoose - Explosives accessories truck ran away as a result of a transmission failure. Fortunately the wheels were turned towards a berm and the light truck came to rest within 30 meters, without any injury to workers or any significant damage. Under investigation by OHSC.

DO at Quintette: 170T truck lost steering and came to rest on berm. Under investigation by OHSC.

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Subject: Prince George Update to April 24/98

Issues:

Kemess: Powerline energized and commissioning of major mill components underway. Continue to prepare for spring runoff. Scheduled flights from PG are no longer available. Company crew change flights are from Smithers only. "A" - line to be up by mid May @12,500 TPD. Expect to be at design capacity of 47,700 TPD in July.

Willow Creek: Still expecting construction announcement. Brian McBride is working on getting the permit out by the end of May. Dave Morgan setting up Environmental Monitoring Committee as per PAC direction. First meeting tentatively scheduled for the last week in May.

Mt. Polley: Considering temporary closure July 31 due to economic conditions. Report from the Job Protection Commission expected shortly.

Davis Keays exploration program (MK): T8TA have advised they will not respond to the referral and can not respond until a replacement referral staff member is hired. (Cheryl Brooks may be contacted by T8TA). Discussions with Kaska ongoing. Permit decision will be made next week.

Land Use:

MacKenzie: Caribou values are a focus for this LRMP. IPT is currently working with MELP regarding their proposed caribou management strategy.

Prince George: Table had ratification meeting with a mining industry representative choosing not to ratify. MEM remains concerned that this table lacked in adequate mineral industry representation overall. Hence, there may be a need for additional briefing to be attached to the LRMP to address access and mineral resource issues. IPT may still address some of MEM's issues.

Fort Nelson/Fort St. John: Jamie Pardy developing implementation report for the upcoming "update" meetings to be held in June.

Dawson Creek: Selected LRMP participants expect government to compensate the new Wapiti phosphate occurrence claimowners and declare the area protected. Because the claims were staked after the table had come to consensus on the proposed protected areas (ppa's) the expedient establishment of NSR's for ppa's is now crucial to the process. Recommend coincident presentation of PG and Dawson Creek LRMP's to government for approval so that the significance of the proposed Kakwa Park is recognized.

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Issues:

Pine Valley Coal: Project is delayed while further work is completed on market development. The owners will continue with technical work and continuation of the regulatory process i.e. Mines Act Permit. Environmental Monitoring and Liaison Committee meeting postponed till some future time (September?). Draft permit being sent to PVC for review.

Kemess: Royal Oak announced that US\$120 million additional financing now secured. Production now over 30,000 TPD. First concentrates now shipped from the mine to BCR MacKenzie - final destination - Vancouver. Certification of both Moxy and Volvo trucks, required for tailings impoundment construction, delayed due to inadequate information. Tsay Keh Dene and Provincial Government - B.C. Supreme Court mediation initiative continued June 22/23.

Gravel Pits: Public safety concerns continue to emerge at these pits. Inspections and investigations continue.

Nazko Quarry: Nazko First Nation attempts to assert authority continue. RCMP monitoring situation. AAB lead on discussions with Nazko Band.

Land Use:

Prince George LRMP: Going to ADM's next week.

MacKenzie LRMP: Tsay Keh Dene have submitted a "Land and Resource Conservation and Management Plan" to the table. This is an important and possibly challenging component for the program managers and the overall planning table to incorporate into the LRMP. However, the fact the Tsay Keh Dene participating is welcome news.

St. John and Fort Nelson LRMP's: Annual review meetings conducted. Concerns still evident respecting whether Bill 12 or the LRMP and the MK Act take precedence on determining access rights. The system needs testing before any judgment can be passed. Industry has thus far been reluctant to support the plan. Unless something very interesting pops up we don't expect any activity.

Placer Dome has completed its review of the pre-feasibility study of the property. Current depressed metal prices results in poor project economics. They plan to retain the property until a