

**Mineral Policy Branch**  
Week ending November 7, 2003

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Activity Highlights

- Gibraltar Mine - More progress on the reclamation security review and proposed Qualified Environmental Trust.
- Mining Task Force - Provided ongoing secretariat support, incorporating photographs, graphs, executive summary, rough costing of recommendations and proofing/editing for a final report to the Minister projected for November 14.
- Mineral Titles Online - Provided further policy analysis of proposed regulatory framework.
- Endako Mine - Updated briefing note on property tax issue for Sheila Wynn meeting with Bob De Faye.
- Myra Falls - Updating briefing note on revised company request for hydro grid connection.
- Mineral Exploration Expenditure Estimates - continuing research to support Tom Schroeter compilation for Northwest Mining Association conference.
- Inter-agency Referrals - Draft template completed for response to land use referrals from other agencies to accommodate lack of staff to handle referrals.
- Mineral Tax Act appeals - met with MRev to initiate process for coordinating on appeals under the Act.
- Stewart Omineca Resource Road - Gitksan have awarded McElhanney contract to compile orthophotos to support further definition of road route, using economic measures funds. E. Beswick and S. Guthrie met Takla representatives November 5. Some band members have concerns with Kemess and Sloane connector.
- BC Rail - Western Canada Coal advise that Wolverine project will not proceed if railroad not available.

Heads up

- Gibraltar Mine - potential re-start announcement in early 2004.