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- **555 Corporate Ventures Texada Island Loyal/Cortez Cu-Ag-Au Project Update:** 555 Corporate is planning a bulk sample of up to 10,000 tonnes of Cu skarn mineralization from the Cortez claims covering the Loyal (MINFILE 092F265) past producer, pending completion of a JV with a company yet to be named for expenditures of \$1 million over the next year, and fulfilling permit requirements.
- **I.G. Machine and Fiber/Homegold Chilliwack Area Slesse Limestone Project Update:** A 5000 tonne bulk sampling program was completed in July from one of the Slesse (MINFILE 092HSW088,-089) showings, incurring expenditures of \$110,000; test work is in progress.
- **Homegold/Stelling Sechelt Area Duck Lake Kaolin/Germanium/Gallium/Indium Project Update:** Pending completion of JV funding, a \$20,990 trenching and drilling program are planned for this residual kaolin project covering the Lang Bay (MINFILE 092F137) occurrence.
- **Clearview Minerals/Tri-Sil Minerals/Rudy Reipe Sechelt Area Mineral Hill/Sechelt Carbonate Projects Update:** A 6 hole, 1000 meter drilling program completed early in the year by Clearview Minerals on the Mineral Hill (MINFILE 092GNW052) property optioned from Tri-Sil Minerals yielded 91.2 meters of 50% wollastonite and 35% garnets, expending \$100,000; a further \$100,000 is targeted in 2002 for infrastructure development on the site, not included as exploration; also, an MSc thesis was recently completed on the occurrence under the guidance of Prof. Greg Dipple at UBC; at Reipe's Sechelt Carbonate, MC and SN (MINFILES 092GNW031,-35,-48) occurrences prospecting is planned for 2002 totaling \$30,000 and targeting Zn skarn, Cu skarn and porphyry Cu-Mo-Au mineralization; a site visit is planned for the week of Aug 12 to review both projects.
- **Huckleberry Stone Whistler Area Dimension Stone Projects Update:** Combined expenditures of \$200,000 are estimated for road access and 1-2,000 tonnes of bulk sampling of basalt material on 4 claim groups (Freeman, Lok, Rubble and Call) in 2002; Don Fraser of Huckleberry is also looking for a hard sandstone source in the Nanaimo area, for which it was suggested he contact stonemason Bill Child of Thetis Island who specializes in working with Nanaimo Group sandstone; further research to be done.
- **Mountain High Whistler Area Dimension Stone Projects Update:** Combined expenditures of \$120,000 are estimated for 1000 tonnes of bulk sampling and evaluation on 2 andesite/basalt claim groups (Gunsite and Spike) in 2002; Mountain High has also opened a new dimension stone factory in Pemberton where they are installing a hydra-splitter; Neil Finley of Mountain High is also looking for a source of clean, unfractured rhyolite; research to be done on this.
- **Hillsborough/Homegold JV Sayward Area Iron Ross Magnetite Project Update:** Hillsborough and Homegold are finalizing a JV agreement for Hillsborough to fund a \$75,000 trenching and drilling (350m.) program in 2002 at Homegold's Iron Ross Property covering the Iron Mike (MINFILE 092K043) showing in order to test the magnetite mineralization in the Fe-skarn for use in the coal processing plant at the Quinsam Mine; a site visit is tentatively planned with Jo Shearer later this summer/fall.
- **Benson Magnetics Port McNeil Area Benson Lake Magnetite Mine Waste Project Update:** Benson Magnetics is completing permit requirements for construction of a 25,000 tpy processing plant to recover magnetite from old mine dumps in the vicinity of past producers Iron Crown and Benson Lake (MINFILES 092L034,-091); capital expenditures of \$600,000 are planned for the project, to begin with 3 months' lead time after receipt of a permit.
- **Electra Gold/Homegold JV Port Hardy Area Apple Bay Kaolin Project Update:** A \$120,000 drilling (550m.) and mill testing program is planned for late 2002 targeting the epithermal kaolinite resource at the Apple Bay (MINFILES 092L150,-269,-308) Project; a site visit is tentatively planned with Jo Shearer later this fall/winter.
- **Newmex Zeballos Area Privateer Au-Ag-Cu Project Update:** A draft summary report covering Newmex's Zeballos area properties was received from Reno-based geological consultant Randy Hinkle for editing; it includes mineral resources estimates completed for many of the MINFILE occurrences held by Newmex (Privateer 092L008, Prident 092L009, Gold Field 092L011 and Mt. Zeballos 092L012) by Randy, which total 38,613 tons @ 0.40 opt Au in all categories using a dollar-inch grade+thickness modeling method, normalizing vein sampling to a 3 foot horizontal width; Randy has obtained long-forgotten data records from former owners Midal Capital of Toronto, and has used them along with recent work by geological consultant David Pawliuk of Nanoose to complete the report, and to propose exploration targets and programs; he has also incorporated both the replacement Au-Ag-Cu target model as well as the traditional Au-Ag-Cu quartz vein model in his discussions; editing still in progress.

#### Government/Ministry Activity:

- **Whistler Area Callaghan Creek No Staking Reserve Referral Update:** Research completed and comments provided to Dorthe Jakobsen of MSRM regarding the existing and proposed expanded no staking reserves designed to surround proposed infrastructure in the Whistler area for the 2010 Winter Olympic bid; there seem to be no end of excuses for creating new protected areas which reduce the available land base for exploration and mining activities, and that process seems to be accelerating...
- **Southwest Region Assessment Report Relocation Project Update:** The relocation of 111 file boxes of assessment reports from Surrey to Nanaimo is delayed until Aug./Sept. pending payment and processing of the final payment to Iron Mountain.

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