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## WESTERN CANADIAN INVESTMENTS

**DRAGON RESOURCES LTD. (DGN-V)**  
**GREENSTONE RESOURCES LTD. (GRE-T, N; Nasdaq)**

### PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY - EXPLORATION PROGRAMS REVIEWED SULLIVAN LOOK-A-LIKE SEARCH DRILLS MAJOR SUCCESS

Dragon holds interests and is the operator of 14 exploration projects, nearly all in the Stocan-Kootenay silver lead zinc (gold)-areas of southeastern B.C. (SEE MAP OVERLEAF) and is seeking to acquire properties in Nevada and possibly in Costa Rica. Dragon has assembled a team of 18 key professionals and consultants, several with over 20 years mine operating experience with large Canadian mining companies. The team is headed by Michael Barty, mining engineer, under the direction of Dragon president Robert J. McGowan, mining engineer, who has 10 years underground mine management experience in eastern and western Canada as well as 18 years experience in mine evaluation and project financing.

In early 1988, Greenstone Resources acquired a 50% interest in several properties from Dragon and bought 1,000,000 shares of Dragon at 45¢ each. Ian Park and Jim Anthony, directors of Greenstone became directors of Dragon. On Feb 26, 1989, Peter Loretto, M.B.A., was appointed a Dragon director. One of Greenstone's largest shareholders is Claridge Investments, Ltd., which is controlled by the Broomfield family of Montreal. Dragon and Greenstone have formed an operating company on a 50/50 basis named, South Kootenay Goldfields.

**SIX NEW PROJECTS REVIEWED**  
**MILLIE RUCK:** 80 units were acquired by Greenstone by payment of \$600,000 cash and 200,000 treasury shares valued at \$6.00 each for a total purchase price of \$1,700,000, now fully paid. The property, located 30 km east of Burton, 30 km south of Nahap, Lower Arrow Lake, Stocan area, B.C., is potentially a major, large bulk tonnage, open pit gold-silver project. A production feasibility study is now underway at a cost of \$3,100,000, including \$850,000 being spent on bulk underground sampling and underground drilling. The study is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1989.

Dragon has an option to acquire a 50% property interest by paying 55% of the acquisition, development and other costs to the completion of a feasibility study. This option is exercisable by Dragon for 120 days after delivery of a feasibility study recommending production. The current program is funded by Greenstone Resources. The property has good road access and power is available. The mineralization is in a detachment-fault shear zone of fractured carbonaceous graphitic slate containing quartz pods overlying the Rossland volcanic rocks and underlying slates and argillites of the Jurassic age Stocan group. The shear is 20 to 100 feet thick, dipping at 12 degrees to the southeast, outcropping continuously over 3 miles on all four sides of the mineralization. Previous small, underground production in the late 1800's graded 1.0 oz. gold/t and 50 to 200 oz. silver/t. Recent small scale operations indicate the entire shear zone could be mined at a much higher, 5,000 to 10,000 ton per day range. The main zone covers 269 acres, an area 1 mile by 1/2 miles, which has been extensively trenched, channel and panel sampled.

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**SOLOMON GOLD CORP. (SMT-Alberta)**

**THE VALHALLA GOLD GROUP CORPORATION (VGG-V)**  
**BIG MURRAH GOLD PRODUCTION** - Lawrence J. Bagg, president, has reported that Big Murrah Gold has started discussions to raise \$8,500,000 with which to bring the Alaskan, Big Murrah gold mine into production at 250 tons per day.

Solomon Gold has received the first draft of the mine feasibility study recommending "very profitable" production of the Big Murrah gold property located 45 miles east of Hama and 12 miles from tidewater, Alaska. Valhalla Gold Group owns 45.0% of the issued shares of Solomon Gold. Solomon can earn a 70% interest in the Big Murrah, by spending US \$3,000,000 over three years. When Solomon has earned its interest, **GREENSTONE RESOURCES INC. (GZN-V)** will hold a 17.0% interest and **STANTFORD AMERICAN RESOURCE CORPORATION (SAS-V)** 12.4% interest. The study by Kenneth Engineering Inc. (Vancouver, B.C.) is expected to be finalized in early May 1989.

The Big Murrah open pit, mineable reserves total 400,000 tons grading 0.296 oz. gold/t. (With an estimated recovery of 80.8% and 12.8% dilution, recoverable gold totals 109,620 ounces. A stripping ratio of 2:1 has been calculated but it is anticipated that the ratio will be improved with further pit design.) The open pit would operate from May 1 to October 31 and stockpile sufficient ore to feed a 250 ton per day mill continuously for 12 months of the year. The mill, including and overhaul costs are estimated at \$127.60/ounce of recovered gold.

The capital costs of bringing the Big Murrah mine to production is estimated at US \$8,500,000 including working capital. Payback would be achieved within 2.3 years with an internal rate of return of 30.0%.

The preliminary study results suggest at present gold prices, the project could be very profitable. (SEE GCNL NO. 237, P.1, 9DEC88 for much detail & GCNL NO. 228, 27NOV88, for detail of all 1988 drill hole assays.)

**REYMOUNT GOLD MINES LTD. (RMT-ALBERTA)**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY** - Reymount Gold Mines Ltd. reported that a feasibility study, to be completed by Dec. 31, 1989, has started on the 2,000-acre Longstreet property in Rye county, Nevada. Under a recent agreement with **HAMECO RESOURCES LTD. (HML-Alberta)**, Reymount can earn a 50% interest in the Longstreet project by bringing the deposit to production.

Nearly 500 reverse circulation holes have been drilled in the past four years with three mineralized zones being identified. Drill indicated reserves on the Main zone are currently 4,000,000 tons grading 0.024 oz. gold/ton, 0.53 oz. silver/t. Similar grades are inferred from exploration on the North and Rim zones where the current potential reserves total about 5,600,000 tons.

A positive feasibility study could lead to the start of heap leach mine construction by mid-1990. A heap leach mine for the Main zone reserves would last 5 years, producing about 16,000 oz. gold and 85,000 oz. silver per year at recoveries of 85% and 20% respectively. Mine life could be extended and production increased with additional proven reserves from the North and Rim zones.

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**BRADON RESOURCES LTD. (DSB-V)**

**GROENSTONE RESOURCES LTD. (GRC-T,N;Nesdaq)**

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the average grade is estimated to be 0.08 oz. gold/t, 4.5 oz. silver/t and 1% combined lead/zinc. Assuming a factor of 12 cubic feet per ton and a thickness of 20 feet, potential tonnage in the main zone would be 20,000,000 tons or about 1,000,000 tons per vertical foot, representing a mineral inventory in excess of 1,000,000 ounces gold, 50,000,000 oz. silver. This tonnage is expected to be available to a 7.5 to 1 stripping ratio. Preliminary metallurgical tests indicate conventional flotation and cyanidation will provide precious metal recovery of 80% to 85%. The presence of graphite and arsenic does not appear to significantly affect bulk recoveries.

The current program of bulk sampling is forecast to verify the average grade of contained metal. These results, expected in the next few weeks, will be more accurate than those provided by diamond drilling since much of the drill core was lost owing to the friable nature of the mineralized formation.

The study will consider a 5,000 ton per day operation, producing 104,000 oz. gold, 5,800,000 oz. silver and 12.8 million pounds zinc-lead per year at a cost of \$196 US per equivalent gold oz. for a projected annual operating profit of \$45,000,000 US, giving a 10 month payout on a plus 14 year mine life. If Groenstone and Bregon elect to focus on higher grade areas in the early years to accelerate payback, annual profits could exceed \$45,000,000, assuming operating costs of \$10.00 per ton. While the first objective of the feasibility study will be a 5,000 to 10,000 ton per day operation, the work will also consider the possibility of a smaller tonnage, higher grade production.

**McNEIL** - 13.9 square miles, 20 km southwest of Cranbrook, B.C. A lead-zinc-silver zone and a separate gold zone are hosted in a sedimentary formation. The McNeil is a Sullivan look-a-like. South Kootenay Goldfields Inc. holds an option to acquire 100% of the property by completing option payments of \$100,000 over several years plus the payment of a 25 net smelter return royalty to a \$2,000,000 and price.

The Bregon technical team has extensive experience working with the Sullivan deposit and the lower middle Aldridge formation that hosts it.

The property has many similarities to the Sullivan property and has the potential for hosting significant silver-lead-zinc orebodies of several types. The McNeil is underlain by the middle and lower zones of the Aldridge formation. Sandwiched between these two zones there is frequently a build up of sulphides which is the main characteristic of the Sullivan orebody. On sections of the property, unlike many properties in the area, the contact between the middle and lower Aldridge is estimated to be only 750 feet below surface. The middle lower Aldridge intersection is host to the Sullivan orebody 22 miles to the northwest.

Aldridge formation units on the McNeil property close to the Sullivan horizon contain a geochemical anomaly 7,500 feet long by 600 feet wide with silver, lead, zinc mineralization on surface which could reflect either a large tonnage, which is the first target, or a medium tonnage 'pooled' type deposit found to be related to Sullivan mineralization, which is the second target. At the Sullivan mine, large 'pooled' deposits were found trapped below gabbro sills. A similar sill exists on the McNeil in association with the geochemical anomaly. Radiometric dating has shown that lead samples from the McNeil property are of similar age to the Sullivan ores. Six parallel northwest trending shear zones occur on the property. The shears are up to 16 feet wide and 1,000 feet long with surface showings which assayed up to 55% lead, 12.4 oz. silver/t, and 0.124 oz. gold/t.

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**CONFINCO RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (CRR-V,T)**  
**CONFINCO RESOURCES ACQUIRES OPTION - Confinco Resources**  
**ON 50% OF NICKEL PRODUCTION FACILITY International**

Limited has acquired an option to earn a 50% interest in a nickel production facility and ore stockpile at Riddle, Oregon. The company is participating in an agreement with U.S.A. Investments Inc. The participants are studying the feasibility of re-equipping and re-opening the Riddle, Oregon ferro-nickel plant, which suspended operations in 1985.

Engineering, environmental and marketing studies are underway to determine the feasibility of resuming nickel production during the second half of 1989.

Confinco Resources will provide initial funding of some US \$1,500,000. If further work is undertaken, Confinco Resources will provide the funds needed to complete the start-up of the facility. Confinco Resources will recover its investment before any other distribution of cash flows from the project is made to the parties.

A stockpile containing 6,000,000 tons of lateritic nickel ore grading 0.7% nickel is situated adjacent to the smelter. This material could supply the facility for several years. Preliminary studies suggest that production from the current stockpile could reach approximately 1,000,000 pounds per month of contained nickel in the form of ferro-nickel. The facility could also produce two other saleable products; ferro-silicon for use in the metals industry, plus granular slag for use in sandblasting. Additional information will be released when current studies are completed.

**CHEMI GOLD MINES INC. (CGM-V,T,N)**

**EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE** - On April 5, 1989, certain employees of Chemi Gold Mines Inc. at the

Langer gold-silver mine, represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 115 and the Tunnel and Rock Workers' Union, Local 100, went on strike. The impasse in collective bargaining arose over the unions' apparent unwillingness to recognize certain management rights which the company considers fundamental to efficient operation of the mine. A significant number of employees returning from rotational leave, representing most operational departments, have exercised their lawful right to continue to work notwithstanding the strike. The company intends and expects to continue its operations as provided by the laws of B.C.

**QPX MINERALS INC. (QPX-V,T)**

**PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY** - T.J. Ryan, president of QPX STUDY COMPLETED AT QR Minerals Inc. reported that a \$2,600,000 exploration program at the QR gold deposit, 50 km southeast of Quesnel, B.C., has increased geological reserves in the Main and West zones by 25% and confirmed mineable reserves in the Main zone at 105,000 ounces of gold.

QPX has earned a 20% interest in the QR deposit and may earn 50% under its option agreement with **PLACER DOME INC.** (PDG-V,T,N). To earn the full 50% interest, subject to a 5% net profits interest, QPX must spend \$6,000,000 on the property. Placer Dome has a prior right to proceeds of production of \$8,000,000.

Steffen Robertson and Kirsten has completed a preliminary feasibility study concluding that the Main zone can be mined by open pit methods over 5 years at 400 tonnes per day. The West zone, if geologic reserves of 39,000 ounces can be confirmed as mineable, will be incorporated early in the mining schedule. Preliminary data shows the Main zone has mineable reserves of 814,000 tons at 0.13 oz. gold/t and waste to ore ratio of 4:1 can be mined profitably using a 400 t/day gravity-flotation mill with a capital cost of \$10,000,000.

Underground mining of the West zone with 152,000 tons of 0.26 oz. gold/t (to be confirmed by additional drilling) and the Mid-West zone with 65,000 drill indicated ounces as well as the newly discovered East zone could extend the mine life.

