

SUMAC VENTURES INC. (SSV-V)

LEACH OPERATION SUSPENDED - Sumac Ventures Inc. has received a declaration of environmental emergency with relation to regulations regarding its heap leach gold and silver operation 45 miles north of Grand Forks, B.C. The leach operation has been suspended. The company is continuing to cooperate with the Ministry of Environment towards eliminating the problems. The spread of contamination is considered local and analysis indicates the waters of Burrell Creek downstream are clear. During 1988, there

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were 60,000 tons of tailings loaded on six heaps. (SEE GCNL No.242, 16Dec88 and No.208, Oct.28/88).

Sumac continues to negotiate towards agreements enabling exploration of gold and silver vein systems a mile or two west of the heap leach operation.

Legal work towards releasing title to the old Mascot tailings at Hedley, B.C. is also in progress.

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