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WESTMIN RESOURCES LTD. (WMI-V,T,M)  
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PREMIER GOLD PROJECT DOWNSIZING - Westmin Resources Ltd., 60%, and Pioneer Metals Corp., 40%, report due to persistent adverse technical and economic factors, the ore reserve of the Premier gold project in northwest B.C. has been reduced. The milling rate will be reduced from 2,300 to 1,500 tonnes per day by 15Mar91. There will be a work force reduction from 165 to about 100 by that time.

Future viability of the operation is contingent on a reconfirmation of the reduced ore reserves. Mine life could range from less than one year to more than five years, depending on existing reserves and new ore sources. The table overleaf page 1 summarizes operating results from the third quarter of 1990 and the five previous quarters. The figures show the improvement in production up to mid-1990 has leveled off and slipped.  
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**PREMIER OPERATING STATISTICS  
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	1989			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Tonnes</b>				
Ore Mined	0	11,435	148,464	358,601
Waste Mined	0	372,711	2,204,320	1,380,936
Ore Milled	0	75,500	168,394	138,238
<b>Grades (g/t)</b>				
Gold	0	1.20	1.57	2.52
Silver	0	36.11	54.74	31.45
<b>Recoveries (%)</b>				
Gold	0	54.02	86.32	90.44
Silver	0	51.26	50.34	61.57
<b>Bullion Produced (oz)</b>				
Gold	0	608	5,511	8,665
Silver	0	15,066	89,103	74,803
Gold Equivalent	0	823	6,784	9,734
	1990			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	
<b>Tonnes</b>				
Ore Mined	0	146,289	354,679	
Waste Mined	91,800	3,285,651	2,414,126	
Ore Milled	137,583	196,989	215,649	
<b>Grades (g/t)</b>				
Gold	2.46	2.60	1.97	
Silver	62.74	53.47	52.31	
<b>Recoveries (%)</b>				
Gold	90.90	90.36	92.00	
Silver	42.30	44.08	44.20	
<b>Bullion Produced (oz)</b>				
Gold	10,347	13,400	12,754	
Silver	101,457	153,907	156,393	
Gold Equivalent	11,635	15,514	14,739	

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