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**ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE** - The installation of improved environmental protection equipment at a cost of \$1,000,000 at Placer Dome's Endako molybdenum mine in B.C. will interrupt production of molybdic oxide for the first two weeks of September. Molybdenum markets will be supplied normally from inventory and the concentrator will continue to operate.

The installation of apparatus called a wet electrostatic precipitator is designed to reduce the mist of fine-grain particulates from the roaster smokestack to 50% below the Ministry of Environment permit level. The roaster converts molybdenum sulphide to the more marketable molybdenum oxide. New technology has made the upgrade possible.

While the roaster emissions are already in compliance for sulphur dioxide, the new technology and modifications will improve environmental performance. The roaster will be shut down from September 1 to September 14, 1992 to make the installations.

The Endako Mine at Fraser Lake is Canada's only primary molybdenum producer. A division of Placer Dome Inc., it produces molybdenum products for steel making and as a lubricant.

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