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Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX

From: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX
Sent: Thu, October 5, 2006 2:58 PM
To: 'Brian Butterworth'
Subject: RE: Bell Mine

Best kept secret in BC! As you know, when the mine was 'forced' to close prematurely because of a sudden spring runoff that was quickly filling the tailings pond, the 'resources' recently identified at the mien were almost 3 times that of startup and the grade was getting better at depth. Unfortunately, to access this 'new' material, there needs to be a 16-month push-back (i.e. \$ up front). Lots of good potential for 'ore' within a 10-km radius of minesite.
Certainly worth making an enquiry with the (new) owners - Xstrata (ex-Noranda).

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Butterworth [mailto:brian.butterworth@westernkeltic.com]
Sent: Thu, October 5, 2006 2:49 PM
To: Schroeter, Tom EMPR:EX
Subject: Bell Mine

Anything going on at Bell Copper?

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From: Gavin E. Dirom [gedpeng@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2004 11:58 AM
To: Lefebure, Dave EM:EX
Cc: Schroeter, Tom EM:EX
Subject: Re: Graphic

Dave:

I was talking with Tom Schroeter this morning and mentioned to him that I had recently learned there has been a No Staking Reserve (Sanctuary Bay Site No. 409651) established over the North Newman zone which lies just north of the Bell open pit as a result of the Morice LRMP. These LRMP processes are hitting close to home as this area on the Newman Peninsula was staked by my crew in the 1960s with claims named after my wife. The first hole I spotted on the North Newman intersected interesting copper mineralization in a feldspar porphyry. While subsequent holes were less encouraging, the geological setting is similar to that found at Bell, Granisle and Morrison with mappable alteration patterns / pyrite halo and structures that trace through the main zone at Bell. Various ministry and CIM papers published on Bell and the Babine area in general clearly show the geological setting and potential. In my view, the potential for mineralization at depth accessible by underground methods or precious &/or base metal targets between North Newman and the Bell pit has not been eliminated. - up to 1000m!

LRMP outcomes such as this never cease to amaze me. In my view the province (MEM specifically) has to take responsibility of ensuring that known subsurface opportunities are not unduly impacted in this manner. I gather there were other identified mineral resources impacted by the Morice LRMP.

eg. Nanika

I should have got back to you and thank you for sending the graphic - much appreciated. It was your comment re Bell that prompted my sending this email to you.

Gavin

----- Original Message -----

From: "Lefebure, Dave EM:EX" <Dave.Lefebure@gems8.gov.bc.ca>
To: "Gavin Dirom (E-mail)" <gedpeng@shaw.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2004 9:42 PM
Subject: RE: Graphic

-----Original Message-----

From: Lefebure, Dave EM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 11:12 PM
To: 'gedpeng@shaw.ca'
Cc: Lefebure, Dave EM:EX
Subject: Re: Graphic

Gavin:

It would be a pleasure to send you the graphic when I get back to the office on Friday. Thanks for the url.

Glad the PWC meeting went well. Maybe we will get somebody to go after the rest of the Bell mine.

Dave

" Away from my desk" - (may explain brevity of this email)

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Gavin

Lost track of this request, my apologies.

Dave

-----Original Message-----

From: Gavin E. Dirom <gedpeng@shaw.ca>
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Sent: Wed May 19 16:46:36 2004
Subject: Graphic

Dave:

Any chance you could forward to me your PowerPoint graphic you used at Roundup showing the major property gross revenues that you generously gave some credit to me.

*TOS
slide!*

The PriceWaterhouseCoopers report today on the Mining Industry in British Columbia 2003 went very well and in my view there were very positive messages going out that mining and equally important mineral exploration in BC is on the rebound. Minister Bell gave a strong positive message as well which I hope will be picked up by the media.

For your information, the link to the PWC release is as follows:

[http://www.pwcglobal.com/extweb/ncsurvres.nsf/0cc1191c627d157d8525650600609c03/5fb81e414b138a2c85256d26004cf34e/\\$FILE/mibc_03.pdf](http://www.pwcglobal.com/extweb/ncsurvres.nsf/0cc1191c627d157d8525650600609c03/5fb81e414b138a2c85256d26004cf34e/$FILE/mibc_03.pdf)

Regards

Gavin

TOS → Reg. Mar. Smithers

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From: Bergen, Wally EM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 25, 1999 1:26 PM
To: Adams, Rick; Anderson, Duane; Beswick, Ed; Booth, Richard; Braidwood, Brian; Carter, Tom; Castillo, Talitha; Cheetham, Pat; EM MB Smithers DL; Errington, John; Finvers, Maija; German, Gerald; Hall, Ted; Hermann, Fred; Hesketh, Joan; Hoffman, Al; Jorgensen, Sharon; Lunam, Charene; McKillop, Greg; McLaren, Graeme; Phelan, Bill; Ross, Paul; Schroeter, Tom; Starkes, Terri; Stewart, Gregg; Stewart, Linda; Whale, Andrew
Subject: NW Region Weekly Report to June 25, 1999

MINING

Endako mine will be closed from June 30 to August 2, 1999, for annual leave, maintenance and inventory reduction. Approximately 25 people will be on site performing maintenance. This temporary closure was a part of the Job Protection package.

On June 18, 1999, the NWMDRC received a presentation from Eskay Creek mine regarding moving sub-aqueous disposal of mine tailings from Albino Lake to Tom MaKay Lake. The mine has identified sufficient ore reserves to extend the mine life until the end of 2008. With expanded ore reserves and increased milling production it is anticipated that Albino Lake does not have sufficient capacity for the volume of material to be disposed of sub-aqueously. The application to amend the EA certificate will be coordinated by Norm Ringstad and it is anticipated that it will proceed in a timely manner, as did the application for Albino Lake.

Silvertip Mining Corporation has announced that they are putting their application to the EAO for certification for the Silvertip Mine on hold until metal prices improve.

At the NWMDRC meeting held on June 17, 1999, the Committee agreed to recommend to the EAO that the EA certificate for Larado Limestone on Aristazabal Island be extended for 3 years.

Emile Brokx has announced that he is retiring as General Manager for Huckleberry Mine. A replacement has yet to be announced.

Verdstone and Molycor (John Chapman) indicated that Thompson Creek Mining - Endako Mine were not interested in pursuing involvement in the Unity moly proposal on Hudson Bay mountain. Discussions are still underway with imperial Metals to see if they are interested in accepting between 500 and 1000 tons per day of Yorke-Hardy ore to Huckleberry.

EXPLORATION

The Harmony Project by Misty mountain Gold, part of the Hunter Dickinson Group of companies, is on hold with the project for sale. Testing of alternative methods for gold recovery were not able to identify practical gold recovery processes. Environmental concerns could not be eliminated; ARD from waste rock, mercury would still be issues.

RECLAMATION

On June 17, 1999, the NWMDRC met with representatives from Silver Standard Resources Inc. to discuss ongoing reclamation of the Duthie Mine site on the backside of Hudson Bay Mountain. The company is proposing to install perimeter diversion drainage ditches to direct ground water away from the historic tailings and to seal and cap the tailings to minimize surface water from passing through the tailings. The proposal is in the final stages of evaluation and work on the tailings clean-up may commence late summer.

Noranda Mines is addressing concerns regarding soil and water quality associated with the loading yards for the now closed Bell Copper Mine. The transshipment point from truck to rail was used for several years and there are concerns that sufficient concentrate was spilled to lead to copper drainage into the upper Bulkley River. Noranda has hired Morrow Consultants to replace an earlier consultant, who had not commenced work on the evaluation.