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**MINING**

North Pacific Stone / Laredo Limestone is proceeding with data gathering at their site on Aristazabal Island in preparation for submitting applications for permitting. The company has retained Pomeroy and Neil Consulting Inc. to handle environmental/permitting aspects of the project. Their subconsultants will be C.E. Jones & Associates (TEM, Soil Survey, reclamation planning) and Archipelago (Freshwater Aquatics and Marine). Environmental field programs are planned over the first half of October and additional drilling is planned to begin on Monday (October 4). Pomeroy and Neil will be in contact with MEM and B.C. Environment staff regarding field work and permitting information requirements. Information will be conveyed to the NWMDRC as it becomes available.

Eskay Creek Mine has worked over the summer collecting field data regarding their proposal to use Tom Mackay Lake for under water disposal of tailings. Reports summarizing the field work as well as proposed routes from the mine to the lake are being prepared and will be presented shortly. The mine anticipates making a formal presentation to the NWMDRC in early November.

**FIRST NATIONS**

Paul Wojdak, in conjunction with Dan Ethier, a local geologist/pro prospector, are preparing to give an "Introduction to Prospecting" workshop to the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en First Nations on October 12 to 15 and October 19 to 22. The course provides an overview of geology, mineral identification, prospecting techniques, permitting and includes a field trip.

On October 27 a delegation of 13 Wet'suwet'en elders and chiefs visited Huckleberry Mine to view the operation and to see the tailings dam first hand. This was the first visit by a delegation of the Wet'suwet'en to the site since the mine opened. The Wet'suwet'en have voiced concerns regarding movement within the tailings dam as it is being constructed. Many of the concerns which the Wet'suwet'en had were answered on site and it was agreed that there should be further opportunities to discuss outstanding concerns.

**RECLAMATION**

Reclamation work is complete at the Sulphurets site (100 kilometers north of Stewart). All buildings have been buried or removed, the portal plugged, ARD rock moved and deposited underwater and any hazardous or salvageable material hauled out for disposal and/or disposition. Periodic water quality monitoring is scheduled to occur. At the same time approximately 40 barrels of various petroleum and mine chemicals were hauled out of the Catear Resources site for disposal.

Discussions are ongoing with International Skyline in relation to reclamation of their Johnny Mountain site (120 kilometers northwest of Stewart). The site is currently underscored for reclamation bonding and the company is in the process of conveying the value of above ground equipment to MEM as security. The company is also in the process of preparing a comprehensive reclamation plan. This is the result of an order which was served on the company to proceed with reclamation.

**LAND USE PLANNING**

The Tweedsmuir Recreation Area is still in the process of being resolved. Wording regarding an agreement for referrals and consultation regarding MEM work within the Mineral/Wildlife Management Zone was resolve