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Mines. He will be attending the first meeting of the reactivated Public Advisory Committee in July.

- Don Vander Horst has completed the first draft of the Callaghan Lake Study Team report. It still contains a lot of biased wording that reflects the opinion of some and not others (I will have to stop going on about the STUPENDOUS mineral potential of the area and its HUMUNGOUS deposits!). The study team meets on 5th July.

OFFICE:

- VIMDRRC Meeting in Nanaimo to discuss developments at Island Copper and Quinsam Coal.

BHP will likely cease mining in the pit in July and exhaust surface stockpiles in December. At that point, it will shut down the mill and reroute acid rock drainage into the pit. The company plans to flood the pit with salt water. There is still some discussion as to whether this should be done through an open channel or infiltration through the dump.

The Mine Manager, Bill Hogan, stated that the company had "no intention of destroying drill core". He is perfectly happy to negotiate some other arrangement with Jordex and/or EMPR. He is also open to any suggestion that GSB might have with regard to preservation of geoscience material. The company intends to dismantle the mill immediately. It expects the site to be cleared in two years.

QUINSAM

Quinsam Coal Mines Limited plans to drill 16 holes and construct two adits in to the 4 South block at Quinsam. It will remove 5,000 tonnes for a test run. If successful, it will use the adits as portals for full-scale production early in 1996. It needs the site to replace production it will lose when it closes the 2 South block at the end of the year. The company also plans more drilling (19 holes) in the 2 North Area. These are to confirm the thickness and quality of the coal in a poorly drilled off part of the deposit. Quinsam Coal is also trying to permit a rock quarry for domestic usage, road construction etc.

- Visited the Lucky/Tog property, near Kennedy Lake, on Vancouver Island. Consolidated Logan has identified a Kuroko-type VMS environment in unmetamorphosed rocks of the Westcoast Complex. It has located a considerable amount of stringer pyrite and a small amount of exhalite chert with sulphide fragments in a package of feldspathic crystal and lapilli tuffs. The discovery suggests that there is VMS potential in the Lower Bonanza formation of Southern Vancouver Island.

- Query from MOF concerning implications of FPC for Mineral Tenure Act and Mines Act. Who takes responsibility for reclamation after claims lapse etc.

- Query from EMPR in Nanaimo regarding a promotional news-release on the Marathon (gold vein) claims near Cowichan Lake.

- Query from LMPB concerning designation of "HIAs" on Vancouver Island.