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## MEMORANDUM

**March 1998 Monthly Report  
for the  
Northeast-Central Region  
by  
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### MINES AND MINE DEVELOPMENTS

**Kemess.** Royal Oak has obtained \$172 million (US\$120 million) from Trilon Financial Corp. to refinance and fund the completion of the Kemess mine. Construction is over 90% complete. Start-up, originally scheduled for April, 1998, will be delayed until later in the spring. Capital cost of the project has been revised upward to \$470 million.

**Gibraltar.** Boliden announced that operations at the Gibraltar copper-molybdenum mine would be suspended by the end of 1998.

### FIELD VISITS

**Crownite.** Investigated the diatomite pit west of Quesnel with co-owner Bill Poole. Partner Dick Files is planning to develop the past producer later this year if the necessary financial arrangements can be made.

**Indata.** Visited the Indata property on Mar. 11 with Ken MacDonald. At the time of our visit, Clear Creek Resources was drilling hole 8 of a proposed 11-hole program. Drilling is taking place immediately east of Albert Lake. The best looking mineralization to date is from hole 4, which intersected narrow intervals of fracture-controlled and disseminated chalcopyrite in weakly propylitically altered fine-grained andesitic volcanics.

### EXPLORATION MONITORING

**Cariboo Gold Quartz.** International Wayside Gold Mines has completed 10 holes of a 14-hole underground program from the 1200 level on the former Cariboo Gold Quartz mine near Wells. Assay results from the first 5 holes have been received. The best drill intersections are from widely-spaced narrow, high grade veins (i.e. 1.2 m grading 28.6 gpt Au) or broad stringer or replacement zones that are only weakly anomalous (i.e. 15.8 m grading 0.036 gpt Au). Drilling will continue from the 1500 level.

**Davis Keays.** Received several NoWs from Reliance Geological (Peter Leriche) who propose surface and underground mapping and sampling programs as well as limited trenching and 3 diamond drill holes on the Key and Okey properties.

**Fawn.** Received NoW from Western Keltic Mines for a 5-hole diamond drill program on this epithermal gold property in the Nechako Plateau.