

WESTMIN RESOURCES LIMITED (WMI-V,T,M)

<u>3 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Gross Operating Revenue	\$47,441,000	\$55,397,000
Cash Flow	12,186,000	15,910,000
Net Earnings	5,257,000	1,555,000
Per Common Share *	3¢	(6¢)
Working Capital	113,041,000	111,006,000

* After preferred share dividend

PROFIT ROSE 3.5- FOLD - In presenting comparative first quarter results, management of Westmin Resources Limited note the sale in February of its 28% interest in Lacana Mining Corporation for \$34,661,000. Proceeds were applied to reduce long term debt and the \$2,758,000 gain on investment is reflected in net earnings for the quarter.

Earlier this year, Westmin announced a 33% expansion of the Myra Falls base/precious metals H-W mine/mill complex near Campbell River, B.C., to 4,400 tons per day at a cost of some \$24,000,000.

A feasibility study, to be completed by mid-year, is investigating open pit gold/silver production from the Silbak Premier/Big Missouri properties near Stewart in NW B.C. Initial annual production of 80,000 ounces of gold and 560,000 ounces of silver is anticipated. At \$390 U.S. gold and \$5.40 U.S. silver, original estimates indicate that, after operating costs, the capital cost of \$62,000,000 for this project could be paid back in about 2 years.

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MULTINATIONAL RESOURCES INC. (MUT-V)

DRILL PROGRAM TO START - Drilling will start about mid-May 1987 to increase ore reserves at the Multinational Resources property in the Toodoggone gold camp 175 miles north of Smithers B.C. Drilling will focus on extending the "B Zone" to the northeast towards the North Quartz zone. Surface investigation of other known gold bearing zones also will be undertaken. Third phase of the Multinational campaign will include underground drifting.

Nissho Iwai Canada Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Japanese trading house Nissho Iwai Corp., will earn a 20% joint venture interest in the Toodoggone project by funding the \$1,000,000 exploration package.

ROJOLL EXPLORATIONS LTD. (RJL-V)

EXPLORATION STARTED - Leonard Clarke, a director of Rojoll Explorations Ltd., announces the start of Phase I exploration on their Randeb claims, a gold prospect some 10 kilometers north of Hope, B.C., as recommended by D. Tully, P.Eng., on 28Apr87. Airborne magnetic and VLF-EM surveys had previously located a target for this program.

INTERNATIONAL SHASTA RESOURCES LTD. (ISR-V)

ESSO PLANS TO DEVELOP - H.C. Faulkner, president of TOODOGGONE PROPERTY International Shasta Resources Ltd., reports that a letter of intent has been signed which provides for Esso Minerals

Canada, a division of Esso Resources Canada Limited, to develop Shasta's wholly-owned gold-silver property in the Toodoggone River district about 175 miles north of Smithers, B.C., through to the earlier of completion of final feasibility or the expenditure of \$10,000,000 to 70% interest in the property.

Mr. Faulkner notes that drill indicated geologic reserves exceed 500,000 tons averaging 0.172 oz/ton gold equivalent or 2,300,000 tons averaging 0.079 oz/ton gold equivalent. Only a small part of the epithermal deposit has been drilled.

ENERGEX MINERALS LTD. (EGX-V,T)

DIRECTOR APPOINTED - Robert M. Buchan has been appointed as a director of Energex Minerals Ltd. He is president of DCC Equities, a resource merchant bank with assets in excess of \$100,000,000, and chairman of both CMP Fund Management Ltd., the largest supplier of exploration funds to the Canadian mining industry, and Western Goldfields Inc. He also serves on the boards of Dynamic Capital Corporation and Novamin Resources Inc.

Energex Minerals will advance the Toodoggone project to the feasibility level. Based on the anticipated availability of overland access by construction of a road to the Cheni Lawyers mine, Energex will accelerate placing the AI project in production.

Energex directors have endorsed an expanded exploration program for 1987 which includes up to 25,500 ft of diamond drilling as well as permitting, design engineering of mill and tailings facilities and final feasibility study. Currently estimated reserves are estimated at 1,000,000 tons grading 0.20 oz.gold/ton including proven/probable reserves of 262,242 tons grading 0.25 oz.gold/ton (uncut, undiluted), which can be mined by open pit methods.

The company has entered into discussions to secure additional funding of up to \$3,000,000 for pre-production project financing. Commencement of production is planned for the last quarter of 1988.

SKYLINE EXPLORATIONS LTD. (SKX-V)

INEL CLAIMS ARE - Reginald Davis, president of Skyline TO BE SPUN OFF Explorations Ltd., reports that, with plans to bring their Reg Group into production, the company intends to avoid diluting its issued shares to fund exploration on their Inel group of claims which lie on the east side of the Reg group.

To this end, Skyline has formed Inel Resources Ltd. as a wholly-owned subsidiary and has granted Inel the right to acquire the Inel claims. It is proposed that Inel Resources would offer Skyline shareholders one Right for each share of Skyline held. Each Right would be exercisable to buy 1 Inel share for 35¢ or for 65¢ on a tax flow-through basis.

In addition, it is proposed that Inel would offer 250,000 shares to the public at 35¢ each.

Subject to regulatory approval, the Rights and the Inel shares would be listed on Vancouver Stock Exchange.

Consultant, Dr. Grove, P.Eng., recommends exploration on the Inel claims in 1987 and 1988 costing a total of \$4,800,000.

PLACER DEVELOPMENT LTD. (PDL-V,T,M)

3 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH	1987	1986
Revenue	\$14,975,000	\$15,319,000
Net Loss	1,184,000	1,141,000
Per Share	10¢	10¢

LOSS INCURRED. CASH - A.J. Petrina, president of FLOW WAS POSITIVE Gibraltar Mines Limited, reports that cash from operations remained positive & a dividend of 5¢ per share was paid on 9Mar87. The cash balance stood at \$12,918,000 at 31Mar.87.

Mr. Petrina says copper production increased 30% to 18,628,000 pounds due mainly to the processing of higher grade ore, improved recoveries and the new output from the cathode copper plant. The benefit of the resulting lower unit costs, however, was largely offset by weaker prices for copper and higher smelter charges. The copper price averaged 63¢ (U.S.) per pound compared to 65¢ per pound in the first quarter 1986. Molybdenum sales were about one-third of those in the 1986 period when inventories were reduced. The Metals Week price for molybdenum contained in molybdic oxide averaged \$3.09 U.S. compared to \$2.68.

The sale of cathode copper made a significant contribution to cash flow. The level of cathode copper production reflected cold weather conditions which, as expected, adversely affected the efficiency of the dump leaching system. Cathode copper production in 1987 is expected to be about 8,500,000 pounds.

Gibraltar is continuing exploration for which it will provide up to \$500,000 by issuing flow-through shares. The program will be mainly off the mine property to evaluate and possibly acquire gold prospects in the Cariboo district of B.C.

LITTLE LAKE RESOURCES LTD. has been renamed I.C.E. - ICE FACTORY INC. (IIF-V) with no consolidation of capital. On 4May87, Little Lake common shs. were replaced by I.C.E. common shs. on VSE. I.C.E. is a Development Co. Of 10,000,000 no par value shs. auth., 2,301,946 are outst. incl. 750,000 in escrow. Transf. agt. is Yorkshire Trust Co.