

WESTMIN RESOURCES LTD. (WMI-V,T,M)

PREMIER GOLD - Westmin Resources Ltd. (50.1%) reports MINE REVIEW that since operations began at the Premier gold mine near Stewart, B.C. in late May and Sept. 30, a total of 159,899 tonnes of ore and 2,577,031 tonnes of waste were mined from the Premier, Dago and S1 pits. Capital cost was \$92,000,000.

During the same time period, the mill was tuned-up and operated with 243,894 tonnes of low-grade development ore. The first dore bar was poured in early June. Dore production to 30Sep89 totalled 6,119 ounces of gold and 104,169 ounces of silver, with nearly half the of it in Sept. During Aug. and Sept., recovery averaged 90% for gold and 49% for silver. Mill throughput rate averaged 1,863 tonnes per day, which is approximately 93% of the design capacity of 2,000 TPD.

The mining operation is several months behind schedule, due in part, to equipment and operational difficulties during the first moths of operation which have caused an adverse impact on grade control and high dilution and production costs.

Drilling and underground programs to increase reserves are underway on the 4G, 602, 609 and Power zones on the Premier gold property. (See reserve table)

<u>PROBABLE RESERVES</u>				Similar exploration programs are also underway on Westmin's (65%) Indian property. Previously, several good intersections had been obtained at the Indian property, but no reserves were outlined. On the S.B. property,
Zone	Tonnes	Gold	Silver	
4G	181,760	12.7	48.7	Westmin can earn a 50% interest from <u>TENAJON RESOURCES CORP.</u> , subject to a formal agreement and approval, mineable reserves in the <u>Facecut 35 zone</u> are 105,590 tonnes, with cut grades of 10.6 grams gold/t and 39.7 grams silver/t. Following the completion of a feasibility review on all underground zones, except, 602, Westmin expects to be supplementing its open pit operation with underground ore early in 1990. The underground permit application is in progress.
Power	33,100	11.2	107.4	
602	254,750	6.6	28.6	
609	321,230	5.8	18.2	
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Westmin has also acquired 689,267 shares of BYRON RESOURCES INC. (BYN-V), which brings Westmin's ownership to 15.36%. Westmin is to receive 200,000 shares, in 4 installments as payment for a property option granted to Byron, which will allow Byron to acquire a 45% interest in two Westmin properties in the Nation Lakes area of north-central B.C.

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