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COMINCO LTD. (CLT-V,T,M)

KIMBERLEY OPERATIONS SHUT DOWN - Cominco Ltd. reports closing the Sullivan mine at Kimberley, B.C. for an indefinite period, effective 31Jan90, resulting in the layoff of 700 workers. The recent and on-going financial losses, due to declining zinc prices and high production costs, forced the company to make this decision. It is not known how long the closure will last. The Kimberley operation includes the major lead/zinc/silver Sullivan mine which in 1988 processed 2,246,000 tons of ore, about 9,000 tons per day, grading 5.6% zinc., 5.6% lead and 1.5 oz.silver/ton. Revenue for 1988 was \$110,000,000 for an operating profit of \$28,000,000. Results for 1989 are not yet reported. The Sullivan mine began operations in 1909. The latest measured and indicated ore reserves are 24,900,000 tons at 4.5% lead, 7.1% zinc, 0.85 oz. silver/t.

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