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NEWSLETTER

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MINERALS SOUTH 2006 CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Who should attend the Minerals South Conference Oct 24th in Nelson? Prospectors, Geologists, Junior Exploration Companies - everybody that is interested in Exploration and Mining in Southern B.C. Investors are welcome to view the booth displays of companies at the Trade Show for free.

B.C. has vast Mineral Wealth and great potential for more discoveries. It is common knowledge that the best place to look for a new mine is right beside an old one. Mining built Southern B.C. and there are plenty of known showings to re-evaluate with modern models and techniques. Most of B.C.'s Coal mines are in Southern B.C. and the first new Metal Mine in a Decade will be in Southern B.C. as well. The Infrastructure in Southern B.C. is second to none, Teck Cominco's Metals Ltd. Trail Smelter is one of the world's largest fully-integrated, Zinc and Lead refining complexes.

Minerals South will feature talks by top notch speakers from Government and Industry. One unique talk will be an overview of the Smelting Process by the Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. Ore Buyer. This talk is a real eye opener as to how the process works and the type of concentrate a Smelter wants or does not want. This unique talk will be of interest to Junior exploration companies and to those who invest in Junior stocks.

Following is a summary for each day of the conference. For more detailed information about the Short Course, Technical Sessions, Field Trips, Accommodation and Registration, please visit our website at www.cmebc.com and check out our brochure.

Tuesday October 24th - 8:30am to 4:00pm

Short Course: "New Mapping, Research and Exploration Targets in Southeast B.C."

Tentative Speakers:

Terry Turner, Retired Geologist
 Bob Thompson, Geological Survey of Canada
 Don MacIntyre, Consultant
 John Lydon, Geological Survey of Canada
 Frederick Cook, Kris Vasudevan, Heather Ainsworth, University of Calgary
 Mike Thomas, Geological Survey of Canada
 Ward Kilby, Cal Data Ltd.
 Rob Shives, Geological Survey of Canada
 Colin Dunn, Consultant

Tuesday October 24th - 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Icebreaker Session - Beverages sponsored by AMEC

**** EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 16TH ****

Wednesday October 25th & Thursday October 26th - 8:30am to 4:30pm**Technical Sessions: "New Data – New Targets"****Tentative Speakers:**

Dan Jepsen	President and CEO	Association of Mineral Exploration BC
Margaret Stacey	Acting Mayor	City of Nelson
Fred Hermann	Chief Inspector of Mines	BC Ministry of Energy, Mines & Pet. Res.
'Lyn Anglin	Geoscience BC	Update of Geoscience BC Activities
Brian Grant	BC Geological Survey	Update of BCGS Activities
Bob Thompson	Geological Survey of Canada	Synopsis of Short Course
Warner Miles	Geological Survey of Canada	Natural Resources Canada Data Sources
David Hjerpe	Newmac Resources Inc.	Fox Molybdenum-Tungsten Project
David Hjerpe	Newmac Resources Inc.	Newmac Porphyry Copper-Gold Project
Nick Massey	BC Geological Survey	Greenwood Camp
Bob Anderson	Geological Survey of Canada	Porphyry Project Results
Larry Jones	BC Geological Survey	Minfile and Other MEMBC Databases
John Lydon	Geological Survey of Canada	Selwyn Basin in Southeast BC?
Tom Schroeter	BC Geological Survey	Provincial Update
David Grieve	BC Ministry of Energy and Mines	Kootenay Regional Update
Scott Broughton	Roca Mines Inc.	Max Molybdenum Project
John Mirko	Stikine Gold Corp.	Sullivan Deeps Lead-Zinc-Silver Project
Al Gerun	Gerex Developments Ltd.	Gerex Flagstone Property
Tom Schroeter	BC Geological Survey	"Moly Talk"
Speaker TBA	Teck Cominco Metals Ltd.	Ores Prospectors Should Be Looking For
Ron Coombes	International Bethlehem Mining	Goldstream Property Copper-Zinc VMS
Ron Coombes	Consolidated Venturex Holdings	L J Zinc-Lead-Silver Massive Sulphide
Ron Coombes	Columbia Yukon Explorations Inc.	Barnes Creek Gold Project
Linda Caron	Consultant/Watson & Associates	Eholt Copper-Gold Project
Regan Churnish	Manson Creek Resources	Meridian Gold-Silver Project
Chuck Downie	Eagle Plains Resources	Coyote Creek Gypsum Property
Doug Hurst	Stock Analyst	Mine Financing - "A Billion Dollars a Month!"
Kevin Ross	COO, New Gold Inc.	New Afton Copper-Gold Project
Dave Terry	Astral Mining Corp	Jumping Josephine "JJ" Gold Property

Wednesday October 25th & Thursday October 26th - 9:00am to 4:00pm - Trade Show

AMEC	IRL Supplies
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B.C. Geological Survey	Placer Gold Design
Columbia Basin Trust	Roca Mines Inc.
Geological Survey of Canada	Stikine Gold Corp.
Geoscience BC	Sultan Minerals Inc.

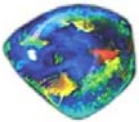
Wednesday October 25th - Banquet:**Happy hour from 6pm to 7pm - dinner at 7pm & Entertainment to follow****Thursday October 26th - 4pm to 7pm - Chamber of Mines of Eastern BC Hospitality Night
Complimentary Snacks & Beverages at the Chamber****Friday October 27th - 7:00am to 5:00pm - Field Trips****3 tours are being offered - Lunch will be provided**

1. Pend Oreille Mine Tour
2. Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. Trail Operations - Smelter & Refineries Tour
3. Tour of Southern Portion of the Valhalla Complex - Slocan Valley Graphite & Gemstones

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OCTOBERS BIRTHSTONE – OPAL

Opal has been a popular gem for many centuries and has a very interesting structure. Opal is considered a mineraloid because this structure is not truly crystalline. The chemistry of Opal is primarily SiO₂ and varying amounts of water. The amount of water varies from 5 -10% and greater. This water can help geologists determine the temperature of the host rock at the time the opal formed.

Although there is no crystal structure, (meaning a regular arrangement of atoms) opal does possess a structure nonetheless. Random chains of silicon and oxygen are packed into extraordinarily tiny spheres. These spheres in most Opals are irregular in size and inconsistent in concentration. Yet in Precious Opal, the variety used most often in jewelry, there are many organized pockets of the spheres. These pockets contain spheres of approximately equal size and have a regular concentration, or structure, of the spheres. This has the effect of diffracting light at various wavelengths, creating colors. Each pocket produces a different color, with a different intensity depending on the angle from which a viewer sees it. The multicolored flashes of light that Opal emits gives it a truly beautiful and valuable look.

The name opal probably is derived from the Sanskrit name for precious stone; upala. It has been mined for centuries, at least since Roman times when they extracted the opal from areas now within the Czech Republic. The Aztecs made use of local Mexican sources as did the Spaniards when they exported the material back to Europe. Today most precious opal comes from Australia with significant sources from Mexico and the Western United States.

For detailed info on our conference check out our website at www.cmebc.com

**News Release 06-15****MERIT UPDATES GREENWOOD GOLD PROJECT RESOURCE BASE****October 3, 2006 – Vancouver, BC.**

Merit Mining Corp. (**TSX-V: MEM**) is pleased to announce that P&E Mining Consultants Inc. (“P&E”) has completed updated independent NI43-101 compliant resource estimates on the Company’s Lexington-Grenoble deposit and the Golden Crown deposit, both located near Greenwood, British Columbia.

These updated resource estimates form the basis for the previously announced Preliminary Assessment for the Greenwood Gold Project, which is in the final stages of completion.

Updated Resources

The updated resource estimate on both Lexington-Grenoble and Golden Crown resulted in a higher proportion of Measured and Indicated categories over Inferred categories from previously reported estimates (NR 05-07). In addition, the overall grades of these categories increased in both deposits. <http://www.meritminingcorp.com/newsrel0615.htm>

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Astral Discovers High-Grade Gold Zone at Jumping Josephine "JJ" Property

News Release 2006 Number 10

Astral Mining Corporation (AST-TSX.V) is pleased to announce the first set of trench results received from the Company's Jumping Josephine "JJ" property in British Columbia. Assays demonstrate that Astral has made an exciting new discovery of high-grade gold mineralization in a zone that extends over a strike length of 150 metres (m) and is open to the north and south. Highlights of channel samples from the first three of six trenches are listed below (also see Table 1), and an expanded trenching program will begin within the next two weeks.



3.99 g/t * gold over 3m in Trench 1 (0.12 opt** over 9.8 feet)

21.43 g/t gold over 5m in Trench 2 (0.63 opt over 16.4 feet)

5.00 g/t gold over 10m in Trench 3 (0.15 opt over 32.8 feet)

**grams per tonne **ounces per ton*

The JJ property also contains a number of other exciting new gold showings and Astral is planning a greatly expanded work program that will include continued trenching, soil sampling and rock chip sampling. The Company has applied for a drilling permit and is seeking a drilling contractor.

Astral's JJ property is located in the West Kootenay region of southeastern British Columbia in a mining district that has had historical production in excess of 9 million ounces of high-grade gold, yet has remained under-explored since prior to World War II. New gold showings were discovered in several areas of the JJ Property during 2003 by Kootenay Gold Inc. through intensive prospecting and after road building for logging activity exposed new mineralized structures. They subsequently assembled a claim position in the area surrounding and including several small past-producers in the Granville Mountain (Bonanza Pass) area. Astral is earning a 60% undivided interest from Kootenay Gold in the 11,785 hectare project.

<http://www.astralmining.com/s/NewsReleases.asp?ReportID=152089& Type=News-Releases& Title=Astral-Discovers-High-Grade-Gold-Zone-at-Jumping-Josephine-JJ-Property>



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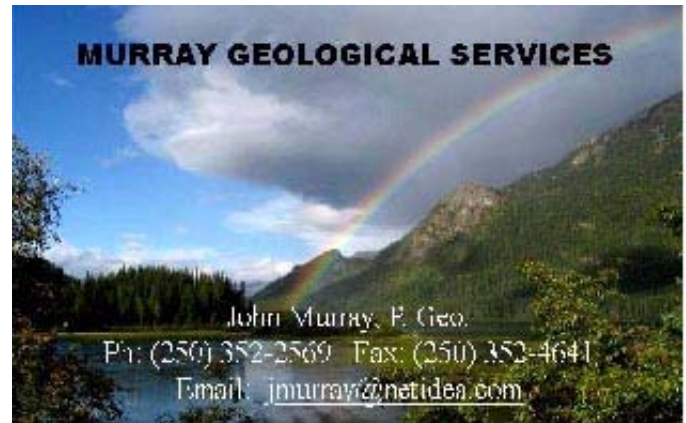
MANSON CREEK RESOURCES LTD. IDENTIFIES FIVE DISTINCT MINERALIZED ZONES ON GILLMAN – SILVER DOLLAR PROPERTY

Manson Creek Resources Ltd. ('Manson Creek') is pleased to provide additional sample results for the Gillman – Silver Dollar property, located 45 kilometers southeast of Revelstoke, British Columbia.

Manson Creek has identified five distinct precious and base metal zones, (Silver Dollar, Hillside, North Zone, Gillman, and Homestead – see Map 1), on the 1,179 hectare property. The five zones, each comprised of a number of mineralized showings, occur within a several hundred meter wide zone of locally sheared and silicified metasedimentary rocks paralleling the prominent Camborne Fault. This regionally extensive structure hosts over 86 precious and base metal occurrences.

Silver Dollar Zone The Silver Dollar Zone is comprised of at least two quartz veins ranging from 0.2 meters (m) to over 3.0 m in width. The zone, located in an area of extensive overburden, is intermittently exposed over a stratigraphic interval of 20 m and a strike length of 280 m. Historical development work on the Silver Dollar Zone includes two production adits, and the completion of the North, South and Alpine trenches. These workings accessed a fault controlled quartz – sulphide zone up to 3.0 m wide. This zone includes both massive and stockwork quartz veins up to 2.6 m in width and a footwall massive sulphide zone with widths from 0.20 m to 0.40 m. A continuous 2.0 m chip sample, collected from the north end of the Upper Adit returned 0.12 grams/tonne (g/t) gold and 11.5 g/t silver with minor base metals. A 0.20 m width of the footwall massive sulphides assayed 1.74 g/t gold, 1,265 g/t silver, 17.40% lead, 21.50% zinc and 0.58% copper. The south end of the adit was not sampled due to high water. Three grab samples collected from the Alpine and South trenches returned significant silver and gold values, (Table 1), confirming reported results from the July 2006 sampling program.

Hillside Zone The Hillside Zone, a quartz stockwork with peripheral disseminated sulphides, is located 275 m northnorthwest of the Silver Dollar Zone but at a significantly higher stratigraphic level. The main Hillside showing returned a weighted average of 0.20 g/t gold, 29.35 g/t silver, 1.01% lead, 0.54% zinc and 0.01% copper over 3.1 m. A grab sample collected from a quartz vein immediately to the north, and along strike from the main showing returned an assay of 2.05 g/t gold, 852 g/t silver, 17.6% lead, 2.96% zinc and 0.26% copper.



North Zone The North Zone includes the Allison showing, initially examined in May 2006 and the Wheelbarrow adit. In August, one grab sample was collected from semi-massive sulphides located at the south end of the Wheelbarrow adit with a second sample taken from semi massive sulphide located at the north end of the adit. The southern sample assayed 25.2 g/t gold, 73.1 g/t silver, 0.70% lead, 0.02% zinc and 0.01% copper. The northern sample assayed 5.96 g/t gold, 21.4 g/t silver, 0.29% lead, 0.26% zinc and 0.01% copper.

Gillman Zone The high grade Gillman mineral occurrence is a 0.3 to 3.0 m wide quartz vein partially exposed over 80 m before it is obscured by the abundant surface cover in the area. The Gillman vein is sub-parallel to the Camborne fault zone. Sampling by Manson Creek in 2006 includes a 2.0 m continuous chip sample which returned 4.15 g/t gold, 10.6 g/t silver, and anomalous base metal values. A grab sample of the vein 80 m to the south of the aforementioned sample assayed 13.15 g/t gold, 43.70 g/t silver, 1.19% lead, and 0.86% zinc (September 7, 2006 News Release).

<http://manson.ca/pdf/news/News%20Release%20September%2028%202006.pdf>

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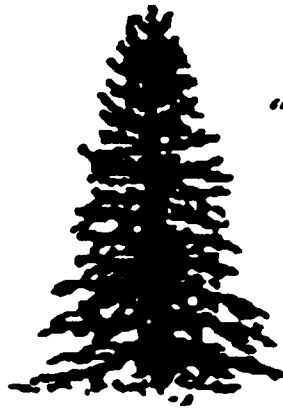
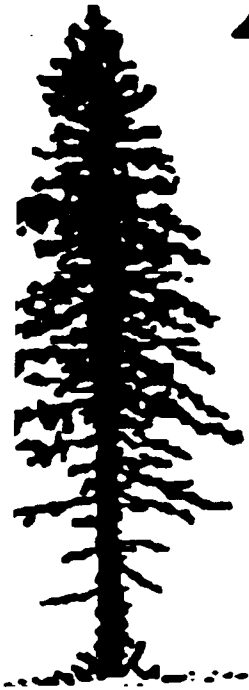


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