



China Project Report

Gough, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman Conducted Mining Title Seminar in Beijing

On December 9, 10 & 11, 1997, two partners of the Gough, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman law firm, Alan L. Joscelyn and William L. MacBride, Jr., conducted a Mineral Title Seminar as guests of the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources at the Shisenling Training Center, north of Beijing, China. This program, begun with the assistance of Panda Resources Company, LLC, was directed by Mr. Zhong Weizhi, Director of the Departments of Mineral Policy and Legislation and Geological Exploration and Planning. Mr. Shao Juenian, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Geological Exploration and Planning and Mr. Zeng Shaojin, President of the Chinese Academy of Geoexploration, chaired the Mineral Title Seminar.

Accompanying Messrs. Joscelyn and MacBride was Alan K. Stagg, President of Stagg Engineering Services, Inc., who discussed the economic principles of mineral exploitation. The Title Seminar reviewed administration of state-owned mineral title, how to transfer interests, and how to determine and protect the government's interest in the transfer, in the context of western mining concerns. The program follows an Economic Evaluation Program held recently for Ministry members in Helena.

Denis Lieutard, the Chief Gold Commissioner of British Columbia, and Ken Z. Cai, President of Minco Mining & Metals Corporation, also made presentations.

In detailed discussions following the conference, Mr. Shao discussed areas in which the Ministry may seek the law firm's assistance: negotiations with western companies concerning mining properties in China, identification and acquisition of properties located outside of China for the Ministry and collaboration with the Karst Institute in Guilin, China. Mr. Zeng discussed opportunities for demonstrating his Academy's technological advances with mining exploration equipment at a mining trade fair/exposition in the U.S.

Prior to the Mineral Title Seminar, Messrs. Joscelyn and MacBride met with Ms. Liu Ting, President of Asia Link Group, Inc., concerning a potential arrangement to facilitate western mining opportunities in China. This contact was provided by Panda Resources Company, LLC.

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