# Mining District File Summary Sheet

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#### **HECLA MINING COMPANY**

#### **MEMORANDUM**

November 11, 1999

TO:

Ron Clayton

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Monthly Progress Report, Rosebud Mine - October 1999

Attached is the October 1999 Monthly Progress Report for the Rosebud Mine.

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#### MINE PERSONNEL AND SAFETY

#### Staff

During the month, three hourly employees were terminated. Hourly employment is now 65. One salary employee was terminated, reducing salary employment to 24. Total employment is 89.

#### <u>Safety</u>

The great safety record continued and there were no injuries at Rosebud in October. Rosebud employees have now worked 768 days without an MSHA lost-time injury and 129 days without an MSHA reportable injury.

#### **OPERATIONS**

#### Development

The development crews started stope 12 access. Stope 12 access was advanced 27 feet and stope 12 muckbay was advanced 33 feet for a total of 60 feet.

#### Production

Production from stope #13 was 1,395 tons at a gold grade of .305 opt and a silver grade of 5.46 opt.

Production from stope #31 was 1,637 tons at a gold grade of .420 opt and a silver grade of 0.54 opt.

Production from stope #32 was 4,350 tons at a gold grade of .161 opt and a silver grade of 0.29 opt.

Production from stope #33 was 4,494 tons at a gold grade of .300 opt and a silver grade of 1.39 opt.

Production from stope #34 was 3,283 tons at a gold grade of .198 opt and a silver grade of 0.37 opt

Production from stope #41 was 29 tons at a gold grade of 2.33 opt and a silver grade of 4.68 opt.

Production from stope #42 was 4,936 tons at a gold grade of .294 opt and a silver grade of 1.27 opt.

Production from stope #43 was 4,704 tons at a gold grade of .490 opt and a silver grade of 1.00 opt.

An additional 4,437 tons of waste at a gold grade of .076 opt was mined from the stopes and sorted to the waste pile.

Total ore stockpiled at month's end was 24,828 tons grading .307 Au opt and 1.14 opt silver. Shipment of this material to the Pinon Mill began on October 21.

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#### **GEOLOGY**

#### Production

Mine calculated (geology) tonnage and grade for ore shipped during the month of October (September's production - October's milling) was overestimated by 569 tons (+3.0%) as compared to survey, and outperformed the model by 1,911 ounces of gold (37.7%) and by 7,593 ounces of silver (122.7%) in the East Zone. Mill results have not been received.

#### **ENGINEERING**

### **Environmental**

It was tentatively decided to not construct the bioremediation pad this year. The program will be evaluated again next year and compared with the option of shipping material off-site to an approved landfill. Permitting efforts for the Water Pollution Control Permit continue, with a meeting planned on site in November. A flowmeter/totalizer was replaced on one of the water wells along Jungo Road as required by state regulations.

#### **Batch Plant**

A total of 18,759 tons of cemented backfill was placed in the mine during the month. The fill amount and location for each stope are listed below:

Location	High Strength (10% cement)	Medium Strength (4% cement)	Low Strength (3% cement)	Total
Stope 33		2,942 tons	434 tons	3,376 tons
Stope 31		800 tons	1,227 tons	2,027 tons
Stope 41		,	2,911 tons	2,911 tons
Stope 42		4,064 tons	386 tons	4,450 tons
Stope 34	1,072 tons	1,739 tons	1,074 tons	3,885 tons
Stope 43		635 tons		635 tons
Stope 13		1,382 tons	94 tons	1,475 tons
Total	1,072 tons	11,562 tons	6,125 tons	18,759 tons

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#### Mine Planning & General

One of the water wells, RBW15, was shut down and tagged out because the well has essentially been pumped dry. This was expected to occur sometime this year, which is why RBW17 was brought on line last year.

Instead of putting on another lift to the existing waste dump, it was decided to begin a new waste dump adjacent to portal #1 (behind the batch plant). The new dump road and initial waste pile was constructed.

A preliminary layout for the new St. Louis drift was completed and reviewed by management and operations folks. The engineering group assisted tech services in reviewing a preliminary Greens Creek ore model, and some recommendations were made.

One of the surveyors terminated employment during the month, and he was replaced with an hourly employee from the mine who had prior surveying experience.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

There were no expensed or capitalized discretionary costs during October. Capitalized costs year-to-date total \$99,818, \$370,182 less than budget. Expensed discretionary costs year-to-date total \$109,191, \$9,191 more than budget.

The mine produced 24,828 ore tons during October, 321 more than budget. The gold grade mined was 0.307 opt, 0.141 less than budget. The silver grade was 1.14 opt, which was 1.38 less than budget. Year-to-date mine production is 237,846 ore tons, 1,957 less than budget, at a gold grade of 0.421 opt, 0.046 opt better than budget, and a silver grade of 1.32 opt, 0.66 opt less than budget.

During October, the mill recovered 6,856 gold ounces and 14,397 silver ounces, 3,553 less gold ounces and 12,817 less silver ounces than budget. Recoveries during the month were 95.7% for gold and 57.1% for silver which is equal to 0.3% less and 2.0% better than budget, respectively.

Year-to-date, the mill has recovered 99,416 gold ounces and 221,633 silver ounces, 15,092 more gold ounces and 37,371 less silver ounces than budget. Year-to-date recoveries are 95.3% for gold and 59.7% for silver, which are 0.7% worse and 4.7% better than budget, respectively.

Production costs for October totaled \$1,643,474 (\$66.20 per ore ton), \$178,240 less than budget (\$8.13 per ore ton less than budget). Year-to-date production costs total \$17,768,903 (\$74.71 per ore ton), \$710,140 less than budget (\$2.34 per ore ton better than budget).

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Joint Venture exploration costs for October totaled \$10,884, which is \$28,716 less than budget. Year-to-date Joint Venture exploration costs total \$1,356,292, which is \$263,392 more than budget. Hecla 100% exploration costs for October and year-to-date totaled \$232,322 and \$343,257, all unbudgeted.

The per gold ounce produced costs achieved during October were:

•	Cash operating cost per gold ounce	\$ 230.29	\$ 67.87	more than budget
•	Total cash cost per gold ounce	\$ 246.06	\$ 65.12	more than budget
•	Total production cost per gold ounce	\$ 342.53	\$ 90.92	more than budget

The per-gold-ounce produced costs achieved year-to-date are:

•	Cash operating cost per gold ounce	\$ 169.87	\$ 35.61	less than budget
•	Total cash cost per gold ounce	\$ 185.79	\$ 36.08	less than budget
•	Total production cost per gold ounce	\$ 263.03	\$ 30.20	less than budget

# The Rosebud Mining Company, LLC (HMC, operator) Statements of Operations - Variances to Budget (LLC Agreement Basis of Accounting)

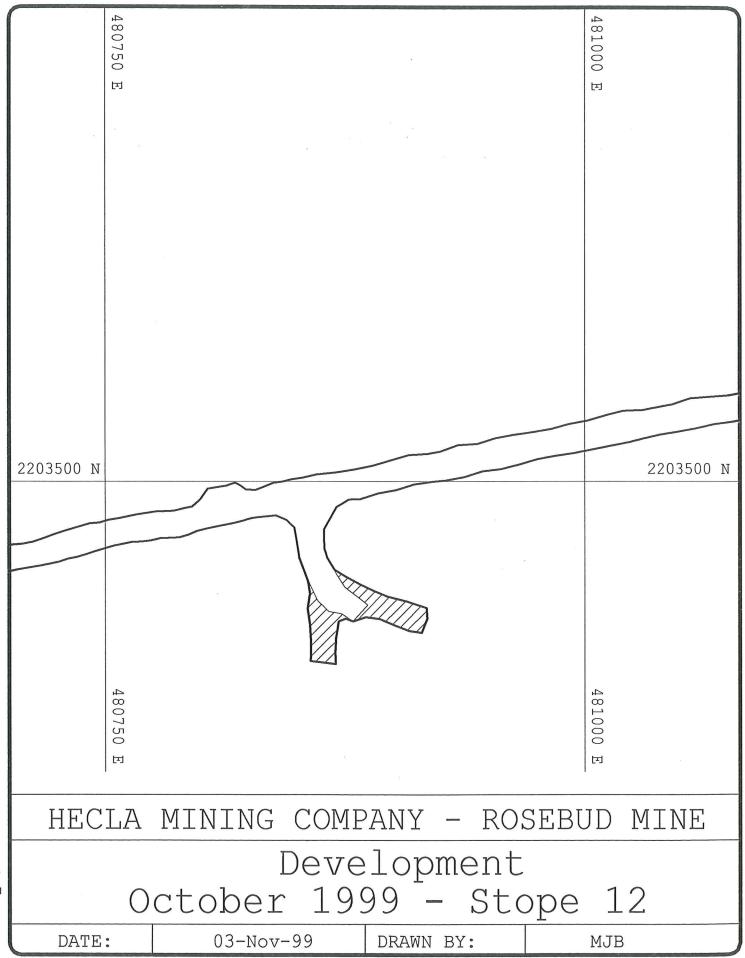
October 1999			MC	ONTH					QUAR	TER TO DATI	Ε				YEA	R TO DATE		
	Act	tual	Bı	idget	V	ariance	A	ctual		Budget	/.	ariance		Actual		Budget	,	Variance
Gross production value (GPV)	\$	88.94	\$	133.53	\$	(44.59)	\$	88.94	S	133.53	\$	(44.59)	\$	120.35	\$	111.43	\$	8.92
Less: Euro Nevada royalty		(3.56)		(5.34)		1.78		(3.56)		(5.34)		1.78		(4.81)		(4.46)		(0.35)
Less: Shipping and refining		(0.56)		(0.61)		0.05		(0.56)		(0.61)		0.05		(0.67)		(0.57)		(0.10)
Net production value		84.82		127.58		(42.76)		84.82		127.58		(42.76)		114.87		106.40		8.47
Cost of production																	-	
Mine production costs		23.93		21.00		(2.93)		23.93		21.00		(2.93)		23.96		21.00		(2.96)
Fixed mining costs		8.44		8.16		(0.28)		8.44		8.16		(0.28)		9.11		8.34		(0.77)
L.L.C. Development		0.57		5.78		5.21		0.57		5.78		5.21		1.92		4.21		2.29
Milling costs		13.26		17.57		4.31		13.26		17.57		4.31		16.14		18.39		2.25
Trucking and site processing		6.38		9.71		3.33		6.38		9.71		3.33		10.23		10.61		0.38
Site and general administration		7.34		9.57		2.23		7.34		9.57		2.23		9.44		10.36		0.92
Geology		1.71		1.64		(0.07)		1.71		1.64		(0.07)		1.91		1.67		(0.24)
Delineation drilling				1.02		1.02		H		1.02		1.02		0.26		0.71		0.45
Engineering		1.19		1.46		0.27		1.19		1.46		0.27		1.25		1.49		0.24
Change in ore stockpile and in-circuit inventory		3.38		(1.58)	_	(4.96)		3.38		(1.58)		(4.96)		0.49		0.27		(0.22)
Total cost of production		66.20		74.33		8.13		66.20		74.33		8.13	_	74.71		77.05		2.34
Other costs																		
Property taxes		0.30		0.41		0.11		0.30		0.41		0.11		0.32		0.42		0.10
Net proceeds taxes		0.80		2.53		1.73		0.80		2.53		1.73		1.84		1.31		(0.53)
Reclamation expense		1.05		0.91		(0.14)		1.05		0.91		(0.14)		1.13		0.99		(0.14)
Interest (income)		(0.32)		(0.27)		0.05		(0.32)		(0.27)		0.05		(0.22)		(0.27)		(0.05)
(Gain) loss on the sale of fixed assets		-		-		-		-		-		-		(0.04)		-		0.04
Depreciation		25.59	-	29.11		3.52		25.59		29.11		3.52		31.15		24.10		(7.05)
Total other costs		27.42		32.69		5.27		27.42		32.69		5.27		34.18		26.55		(7.63)
Total operating costs		93.62		107.02		13.40		93.62		107.02		13.40		108.89		103.60		(5.29)
Exploration expenditures - Joint Venture		0.44		1.62		1.18		0.44		1.62		1.18		5.70		4.56		(1.14)
Exploration expenditures - 100% Hecla		9.36		•		(9.36)		9.36		-		(9.36)		1.44		0.13		(1.44)
Discretionary expenditures		- 100.10		- 100 / 1				102.12	-	100.61			_	0.46		0.42		(0.04)
Total costs		103.42		108.64		5.22	-	103.42		108.64		5.22		110.49		108.38		(7.91)
Net income (loss) to Exhibit B	S	(18.60)	S	18.94	S	(37.54)	\$	(18.60)	S	18.94	S	(37.54)	S	(1.62)	S	(2.18)	S	0.56
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Cash operating cost per gold ounce		\$230.29		\$162.42		(\$67.87)		\$230.29		\$162.42		(\$67.87)		\$169.87		\$205.48		\$35.61
Total cash costs per gold ounce		\$246.06		\$180.94		(\$65.12)		\$246.06		\$180.94		(\$65.12)		\$185.79		\$221.87		\$36.08
Total production costs per gold ounce		\$342.53		\$251.61		(\$90.92)		\$342.53		\$251.61		(\$90.92)		\$263.03		\$293.23		\$30.20
Summary of Production																		
Tons of ore mined:		24.828		24.507		321		24.828		24.507		321		237.846		239.803		(1.957)
Gold - ounces per ton		0.307		0.448		(0.141)		0.307		0.448		(0.141)		0.421		0.375		0.046
Silver - ounces per ton		1.14		2.52		(1.38)		1.14		2.52		(1.38)		1.32		1.98		(0.66)
Tons of ore milled:		21.003		22.545		(1.542)		21.003		22.545		(1.542)		237,540		241.199		(3.659)
Gold - ounces per ton		0.335		0.481		(0.146)		0.333		0.481		(0.148)		0.438		0.364		0.074
Silver - ounces per ton		1.23		2.19		(0.96)		1.24		2.19		(0.95)		1.55		1.95		(0.40)
Mill recovery rate - gold		95.7%		96.0° a		-0.3%		95.7%		96.0%		-0.3%		95.3%		96.0%		-0.7° o
Mill recovery rate - silver		57.1%		55.1° o		2.0%		57.4° o		55.1%		2.3%		59.7%		55.0%		4.7% o
Products produced:		,		16 15-1		(2.55						/2		00.116		0.1.22.		15.000
Gold - ounces		6.856		10.409		(3.553)		6.856		10.409		(3,553)		99.416		84,324		15.092
Silver - ounces		14.397		27.214		(12.817)		14.397		27.214		(12.817)		221,633		259.004		(37.371)
Employees at end of period:				4.0				, .										10
Hourly		65		75		10		65		75		10		65		75		10
Salary		24		27	6	3		24		27	•	3	•	24	6	27		3
Capitalized expenditures	\$	-	\$	=	S	-	S		\$	-	S	-	S	99,818	\$	470,000	S	370,182

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October 1999				MONTH				(	QUAI	RTER TO DATE	:				YE	AR TO DATE		
,		Actual		Budget		Variance		Actual	_	Budget		Variance		Actual		Budget		Variance
Gross production value (GPV)	\$	2.208.167	S	3.272.377	\$	(1.064,210)	S	2.208,167	S	3.272.377	\$	(1.064.210)	S	28.624.022	\$	26,721,724	S	1.902.298
Less: Euro Nevada rovalty		(88.327)		(130.895)		42.568		(88.327)		(130,895)		42.568		(1.144.961)		(1.068,870)		(76.091)
Less: Shipping and refining		(13.816)		(15.049)		1,233		(13.816)		(15.049)		1.233		(159.718)		(137.333)		(22.385)
Net production value		2.106.024		3.126,433		(1.020.409)		2.106.024		3.126.433		(1.020.409)		27.319.343		25.515.521		1.803.822
Cost of production					-				-				-					_
Mine production costs		594.068		514.647		(79.421)		594.068		514.647		(79.421)		5,699,646		5.035.863		(663, 783)
Fixed mining costs		209.652		200,075		(9.577)		209.652		200.075		(9.577)		2,166,931		2.000.750		(166.181)
L.L.C. Development		14.228		141,750		127.522		14.228		141.750		127,522		457,274		1.009.750		552.476
Milling costs		329.162		430.533		101,371		329.162		430,533		101,371		3.837.873		4,410,401		572,528
Trucking and site processing		158.314		237,886		79.572		158.314		237.886		79.572		2.432,455		2,545,035		112,580
Site and general administration		182,165		234,625		52.460		182,165		234.625		52.460		2.245,731		2.483,950		238,219
Geology		42,438		40.100		(2.338)		42.438		40,100		(2.338)		455.216		401,000		(54.216)
Delineation drilling				25,000		25.000				25,000		25,000		61.222		170,000		108.778
Engineering		29.544		35.800		6.256		29.544		35.800		6,256		297,015		358,000		60,985
Change in ore stockpile and in-circuit inventory		83,903		(38.702)		(122.605)		83.903		(38.702)		(122.605)		115.540		64,294		(51.246)
Total cost of production	-	1.643.474		1,821,714		178.240		1.643.474	_	1.821.714		178,240	-	17.768,903		18.479,043	-	710.140
Other costs																		
Property taxes		7,500		10.000		2.500		7,500		10.000		2,500		75.000		100,000		25.000
Net proceeds taxes		19.752		61,915		42,163		19,752		61.915		42.163		437.815		313,615		(124,200)
Reclamation expense		26.023		22.243		(3.780)		26,023		22.243		(3.780)		269.596		237,969		(31,627)
Interest (income)		(7.910)		(6.500)		1.410		(7.910)		(6.500)		1.410		(53.080)		(65,000)		(11.920)
(Gain) loss on the sale of fixed assets		-		-		•		-		-		-		(8,981)		-		8,981
Depreciation		635.358		713,390		78,032		635,358		713.390		78.032		7.409.081		5.779.224		(1.629.857)
Total other costs		680,723		801.048		120.325		680,723		801.048		120,325		8,129,431		6.365,808		(1,763,623)
The state of the s		2,324,197		2,622,762		298,565		2.324,197		2,622,762		298.565		25.898.334		24.844.851		(1.053.483)
Total operating costs		10.884		39.600		28,716		10,884		39.600		28,716		1.356.292		1.092,900		(263,392)
Exploration expenditures - Joint Venture		232.322		39.000		(232.322)		232.322		,19,000		(232.322)		343.257		1.092.900		(343,257)
Exploration expenditures - 100% Heela		2,12,322		-		(-331		232.322				(232.322)		109.191		100,000		(9.191)
Discretionary expenditures Total costs		2.567.403	-	2,662,362	-	94,959	_	2,567,403		2,662,362	-	94,959		27,707,074	-	26.037,751		(1,669,323)
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Net income (loss) to Exhibit B	\$	(461,379)	\$	464,071	5	(925,450)	\$	(461,379)	\$	464.071	\$	(925.450)	\$	(387,731)		(522.230)	\$	134.499
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Mill recovery rate - gold		95.70 п		96.000		-0.3° a		95.7%		96,000		-0.3° a		95.3%		96.000		-0.7% a
Mill recovery rate - silver		57.1%		55.1%		2.0%		57.4%		55.1%		2.3%		59.7%		55.0%		4.7%
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Employees at end of period:														•				
Hourly		65		75		10		65		75		10		65		75		10
Salary		24		27		3		24		27		3		24		27		3
Capitalized expenditures	\$		\$	ı.	\$	5	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	99,818	\$	470,000	\$	370,182

# The Rosebud Mining Company, LLC Hecla Mining Company, Operator Discretionary Cost Statement (LLC Agreement Basis of Accounting)

October 1999	MONTH				YEAR TO DATE		INCEPTION TO DATE					
* OF THE PARTY OF	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance			
Capitalized Discretionary Total Capital Spending through 1998	-	-	-		-	-	18.977.867	25,615,591	6.637.724			
Vehicles: Light pickup trucks (0402) 92-2210-672	÷		=	-	60,000	60,000	~	60.000	60.000			
Equipment: Water Well #4 (0402) 92-2210-605 U/G equipment (0402) 92-2210-xxx	-	8	-	÷	60.000	60.000	-	60.000	60.000			
Development: U/G development (0401) 92-2110-xxx and (0402) 92	-	-	-	99.818	350.000	250,182	99.818	350.000	250,182			
Total Capitalized Discretionary	S -	S -	S -	S 99,818	S 470,000	S 370,182	S 19,077,685	S 26,085,591	S 7,007,906			
Expensed Discretionary Total Discretionary Spending through 1998	-			-	~	27	405.140	407.506	2.366			
Bioremediation Site (9126) 99-0001-xxx	•	-	-	-	40.000	40,000	-	40.000	40,000			
Underground equipment rebuilds (9126) 99-0002-xxx	- -			109,191	60.000	(49.191)	109,191	60,000	(49.191)			
Total Expensed Discretionary	S -	S -	S -	S 109,191	S 100,000	S (9,191)	\$ 514,331	S 507,506	S (6,825)			



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#### Geology

Peter Mitchell has nearly completed delineation of a drill target at the Wildrose prospect. A target is identified down-plunge of a flexure in the Wildrose (aka Sulphur Duke or Lizard) fault, where a classic dilational jog increases the width of intense alteration and structural complexity to approximately 350 feet (Figures 1 and 2). Individual fault planes within the fault zone show varied strike and dips, and average N35°E, 45°NW. The bend in the fault strikes N10°E. Numerous mullions and slickensides within the silicified and argillized rhyolite plunge northwest. The Wildrose fault is interpreted to be a complex detachment fault that formed in response to extensional normal faulting along the western flank of the Kamma Mountains. The timing of this movement, relative to Rosebud and the nearby Hycroft deposits, is not yet well-defined.

From individual faults outward, the alteration mineral assemblages are zoned kaolinite-silica-alunite-pyrite to kaolinite (± silica-montmorillonite) to montmorillonite.

Rock sampling of fracture coatings and veinlets along the 1.5-mile strike length yielded a sample of 3 ppm gold within the core of the target, which is second only to a 6.8 ppm sample collected earlier. Mercury is strongly anomalous (3-20 ppm is common), whereas As (30-200 ppm), Sb (10-60 ppm), and Se (2-10 ppm) are similar to Rosebud ore.

Five rock samples were submitted to Chris Henry of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology for radiometric age-dating using the <sup>10</sup>Ar/<sup>19</sup>Ar method. The age-dates will give us the age of the Chocolate Formation (near the top of the Kamma Mountain volcanic stratigraphic sequence), the age of BMP and RQL intrusive events, and possibly the age of mineralization of the Rosebud deposits. Three of the samples contain sanidine phenocrysts; the two from the deposits are illite and alunite. Results are expected before the end of the year. The age-dating was summarized in a two-page memo.

#### **Near-Mine Exploration**

Underground hole RS-D365-99, drilled by Hecla down-dip of the North Zone deposit, intersected 16 feet of 0.445 oz/st Au and 1.32 oz/st Ag. A lower intercept contained 9 feet of 0.245 oz/st Au and 1.11 oz/st Ag. These intercepts occur at the same elevation and

400 feet southwest of encouraging intercepts in RS-D345-99, an exploration hole drilled in April that contained four intervals of ore-grade gold, including 12 feet of 0.522 oz/st Au. Follow-up holes by Hecla are planned during November.

#### Reclamation

Approximately 8 acres of exploration disturbance will be reclaimed during November. This amount is nearly equal to the amount disturbed in 1999.

#### Administration

The Rosebud exploration expenditure during October was \$10,884, bringing the YTD expenditure to \$1,356,294 (98.6% of the revised budget) (Table 1). The last major expenditure for the year is reclamation, where \$20,000 is budgeted. Salaries are expected to continue to decrease, as activities by Newmont staff wind down for the year.

Table 1.

