

## **Polaris Minerals Corporation**

### **Management Profiles: What They Won't Tell You**

#### **Roman Shklanka: Chairman and Director**

Roman Shklanka was formerly chairman and shareholder of Sutton Resources. Sutton is responsible for the killing of over 50 people as a result of their mining activities in Bulyanhulu, Tanzania. Amnesty International reported that the "men were buried alive when the Canadian mining company [Sutton] bulldozed smallscale mines..." to make room for the company's larger mining activities. Mr. Shklanka had a key role in the acquisition of the Bulyanhulu Project. Later, Sutton was taken over by Barrick Gold.

Dr. Shklanka also worked as Vice President of Exploration for Placer Dome, a company responsible for the biggest manmade environmental disaster in the history of the Philippines, the "Boac River Disaster". In March 1996, this atrocity polluted much of the Boac River with 3-4 million tons of tailings, displaced 20,000 villagers, and poisoned the environment of the people in the village of Marinduque and other areas. In an entirely separate incident, Placer Dome dumped mineral tailings directly into Calancan Bay. Until this time, most of the 15,000 villagers made a living from fishing. The turbulence caused by continuous surface dumping drove away many species of fish, and after a while fishing became impossible. Again, in a separate incident in 1992, a burst dam on the Mogpog River in the Philippines killed 2 children and flooded an entire village. Not surprisingly, Placer Dome has worked together with former Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Placer Dome's offences are not limited to the Philippines: a mine explosion in 1994 at Mount Waruwarii, Papua New Guinea, killed 11 workers - the worst single mine disaster in the country's history.

#### **Marco Romero: President, CEO and Director**

Mr. Romero has worked for a long time in the mining industry, including his position as Senior Vice President for Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. Ivanhoe, formerly known as Indochina Gold Fields (IGL), was run by Robert "Toxic Bob" Friedland, one of the most powerful mining tycoons in the world. IGL operated primarily copper mines in countries where political conflicts over resources are at its worst (for example in Burma and Indonesia). Furthermore, IGL is closely linked to Fiji's Emperor Gold Mines which is itself notorious for its disregard of its workforce, land rights and the environment.

Mr. Romero has been the Executive Director of Eldorado Gold Corporation. Mr. Romero claims that Eldorado's La Colorada gold mine is a prime example of sustainable mining. However, a researcher from the University of Texas at El Paso writes "the cyanide solution pumped onto the leach pads awoke me... The leach pads cover quite a big area of the property... The enormous areas designated for future waste dumps exceeds in a very big scale the production and mining areas... There is a big opportunity for improvement on the environmental area."

#### **Harry Sutherland: Vice president, Finance and CFO**

Mr. Sutherland worked as CFO at Manhattan Minerals Corp. Manhattan Minerals is becoming more and more famous in gold extraction in the northwestern Peruvian Andes. The local population protested strongly against the intrusion of Manhattan Minerals. Manhattan Minerals has also penetrated into protected areas in Piura, Peru. Local communities fear the vast destruction of their agricultural land by the mining companies.

Mr. Sutherland has also been the Vice President Finance for Eldorado Gold Corp., Manager of Finance for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting and CFO of Imperial Metals Corp.

#### **Michael Beley: Director**

Mr. Beley has worked as Vice President and Director of Bema Gold Corporation. In 1998 Bema Gold, through its subsidiary Yarnell Mining Company (YMC), proposed to tear down a whole mountain for its gold at Yarnell, Arizona, involving the sprinkling of 7 million pounds of cyanide on an area the size of 30 football fields to get the gold. Cyanide is most widely known as an extremely deadly poison. A nearby retirement

community has resisted these plans. Mr. Beley was also Manager and principal of Manex Mining and exploration geologist for Phelps Dodge. Phelps is one of the biggest copper mine multinationals in the world.

**Gary Nordin: Director**

He is currently Chief Consulting Geologist and a director of the above mentioned Eldorado Gold Corporation. He also worked for the above mentioned Bema Gold Corporation.

**John Purkis: Director**

Mr. Purkis used to work for Inmet Mining. Inmet holds 18% of the Ok Tedi Mine in Papua New Guinea. The Ok Tedi Mine dumps 80,000 tons of contaminated waste rock and tailings per day into the Ok Tedi and Fly Rivers. A United Nations Environmental Program report conducted in 1995 identified massive environmental impacts in that area. Stephen D'Esposito, president of the Mineral Policy Center in Washington, DC, states that "This is an example of a mine that should never have been built."

Mr. Purkis also used to work for GENEL Dominicana, Cyprus Anvil Mining and is currently Vice President Mine Development for Atna Resources.

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