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TAGS: BL, EMIN  
SUBJECT: BOLIVIA'S PROJECTED NON-PETROLEUM MINERALS PRODUCTION/  
EXPORTS FOR 1979

1. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUS PROJECTED BOLIVIA'S 1979 TIN EXPORTS  
AT APPROXIMATELY 30,000 METRIC TONS WITH THE CAVEAT THAT  
SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS OR POSSIBLE CIVIL STRIFE CONNECTED  
WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS COULD INVALIDATE OUR ESTIMATE.  
(BOLIVIA'S 1978 EXPORTS OF TIN WERE 29,696 MT'S WORTH APPROXIMATELY US\$335.76 MILLION.)

2. HOWEVER, BASED ON AN APPARENT MODERATE SLOWDOWN IN TIN  
PRODUCTION WHICH IS NOW BEING NOTED, WE NOW PROJECT THAT  
THIS YEAR'S EXPORTS WILL BE CLOSER TO 28,500 MT'S. AGAIN,  
THE CAVEAT CITED IN PARA ONE APPLIES TO THIS ESTIMATE ALSO.  
(IF EXPORTS SIMPLY MAINTAINED THE PACE OF THE FIRST TRIMESTER,  
EXPORTS WOULD REACH ONLY ABOUT 26,000 MT'S. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER,  
THAT THIS RATE WILL PICK-UP SOMEWHAT.)

3. IN SPITE OF THE PROJECTED FALL IN TIN PRODUCTION  
EXPECTED HIGHER PRICES FOR BOLIVIA'S OTHER METALLIC MINERALS  
EXPORTS (PRINCIPALLY SILVER, TUNGSTEN, LEAD AND ZINC.)  
ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH TOTAL 1979 EXPORT  
EARNINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$527 MILLION (CIF VALUE), 3.1  
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PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE TOTAL ACHIEVED LAST YEAR.

4. EMBASSY'S PROJECTIONS HAVE BEEN SHARED INFORMALLY  
WITH IMF OFFICIALS IN LA PAZ. ALTHOUGH THE IMF'S OWN ESTIMATES  
OF PHYSICAL VOLUMES CLOSELY PARALLEL OURS, THE FUND'S HIGHER  
PRICE FOR TIN GIVES A MORE OPTIMISTIC BOTTOM LINE.

5. POST'S LATEST PROJECTIONS IN DETAIL:

COMMODITY	VOLUME	CIF VALUE	FOB VALUE
(MT'S)	(US\$ MILLIONS)	(US\$ MILLIONS)	
TIN CONCENTRATES	12,500	159.83	124.99
TIN METALLIC	14,500	187.00	183.26
TIN ALLOYS	1,500	19.18	18.80
ANTIMONY CONCENTRATE	7,900	11.87	8.08
ANTIMONY METALLIC	2,600	5.73	5.27
ZINC	55,000	38.80	6.40
TUNGSTEN	3,200	41.69	36.77
COPPER	3,000	5.29	3.36
LEAD	18,000	13.89	9.72
SILVER	200	41.15	27.12
BISMUTH CONCENTRATE	10	0.04	0.02
BISMUTH METALLIC	12	0.05	0.03
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OTHERS	--	2.00	1.50
TOTAL		526.79	425.36
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