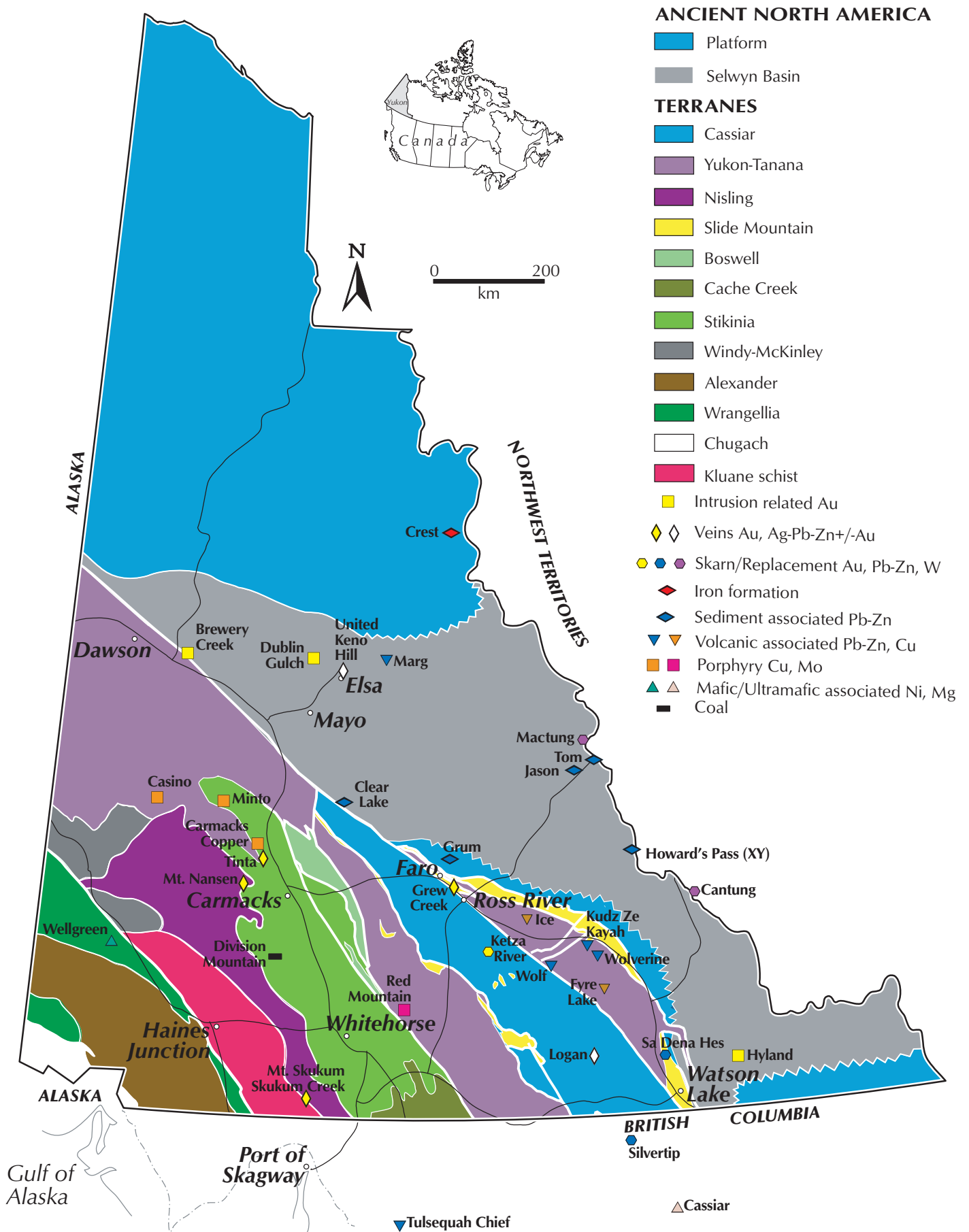


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Photo by M. Burke.

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# PLACER MINING INFORMATION

**“The potential for new placer discoveries in the Yukon remains high.”**

*William LeBarge, Placer Geologist, Yukon Geological Survey*

The first placer miners in the Yukon were Indians who recovered native copper nuggets from the White River area in southwestern Yukon. After 1850, prospectors and explorers began to report fine gold on river bars and coarse gold in the Fortymile and Sixtymile rivers. On August 17, 1896, the discovery of nugget gold on Bonanza Creek set off the Klondike gold rush.

Placer mining is still an important sector in the Yukon's economy; in fact, placer mining has contributed to the Yukon economy for over 100 years. Since 1886, over 16 million crude oz. (500 million g) of placer gold have been produced in the Yukon. Most of the placer operations are small and family-run.

A total of 500 people were employed at 163 placer mines in 2004. The total gold production for 2004 was 101,108 crude oz. (3.1448 million g), compared to 50,888 crude oz. (1.5828 million g) in 2003. The total value of gold production in 2004 was \$42.9 million, compared to \$20.6 million in 2003.

Placer gold is getting more difficult to find as reserves in traditional placer mining areas decline. Most placer gold exploration and mining is concentrated in unglaciated areas of the Yukon. By expanding our knowledge of placer gold deposits and applying it to other areas, we may be able to discover new sources of placer gold in different geological settings.

Many people living outside the Yukon would like to find out more about placer mining. Besides the difficulty in actually finding gold, there are various rules and regulations to become familiar with. Please call one of the contacts below to obtain a general summary of the history of placer mining in the Yukon, an overview of the geological setting of placer gold deposits and some of the factors you must consider when mining for gold.

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## PROJECT STATUS

Past producer. NovaGold Resources Inc. budgeted \$500 000 for work at Brewery Creek in 2004.



### Location

57 km east of Dawson City

### Ownership

Quest Capital Corporation

### Commodity

Gold

### Ore type

Oxide

### Resources (as of May, 2003)

Indicated resource: 3 975 900 tonnes grading  
1.135 g/t Au (assuming a 0.5 g/t Au cutoff)

Inferred resource: 2 214 000 tonnes grading  
2.01 g/t Au

### Mining method

Open-pit heap leach, carbon adsorption/desorption/  
recovery

### Stripping ratio

1.5:1

### Recovery rate

60–70%

### Historical production

1997: 72,387 oz. Au (2 251 500 g)

1998: 79,396 oz. Au (2 469 500 g)

1999: 48,164 oz. Au (1 498 100 g)

2000: 48,048 oz. Au (1 494 500 g)

2001: 18,542 oz. Au (576 720 g)

### Cash operating costs per ounce

US\$250

### Power

2 MW, on-site diesel

## HISTORY

Gold mineralization in the Brewery Creek area was discovered in 1987 by Noranda Exploration after investigating a regional geochemical anomaly identified in a survey funded by the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement. Follow-up exploration work including extensive geochemical and geophysical surveys, mapping, prospecting and 9000 feet (3000 m) of reverse circulation and diamond drilling were carried out from 1988 to 1992. In 1992, Loki Gold Corporation

acquired a 100% interest in the property and began mine development work. A total of \$17 million was spent on the property before the start of construction. Loki Gold's Class A Yukon Water License was signed on August 9, 1995 and construction began immediately. Loki Gold Corp. and Baja Gold Inc. shareholders approved a merger with Viceroy Resource Corporation in May, 1996. Viceroy owns 100% of Brewery Creek. The first bar of gold was poured on November 15, 1996, and the mine reached full production in May, 1997. The Brewery Creek mine is the largest lode gold mine ever constructed in

**BREWERY CREEK PROPERTY**

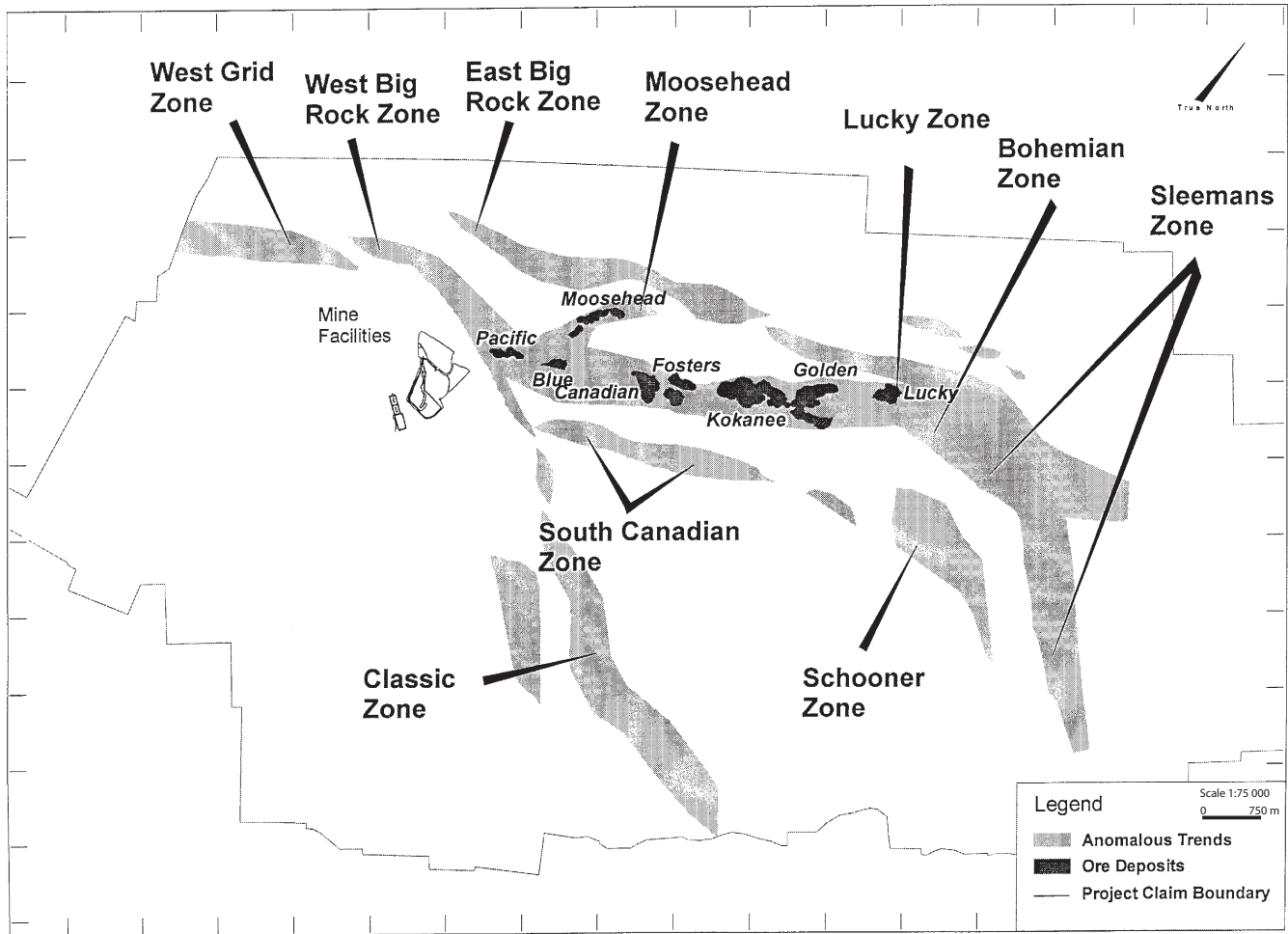
the Yukon. Although seasonal mining was discontinued in 2001, trickle-down heap leaching continued. In 2002, Viceroy completed detoxification of the heap solution and the facilities and mine have been put on care and maintenance.

In May, 2003, Viceroy provided SpectrumGold Inc. an option to purchase the mineral properties comprising the Brewery Creek gold mine. In June, 2003, Viceroy merged with Quest Investment Corporation, Quest Management Corp. and Avatar Petroleum Inc. to form Quest Capital Corp. The new company would focus on the merchant banking business. In 2003, SpectrumGold Inc. completed a major geologic compilation of the property. The compilation study was designed to develop sulphide gold targets below existing oxide targets. In March, 2004, NovaGold Resources Inc. announced a plan of arrangement with SpectrumGold to acquire all of that company's publicly held common shares.

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Brewery Creek mine consists of 801 claims and leases covering 16 160 hectares located between 540 m and 1225 m elevation, 55 km east of Dawson City, Yukon. It was a year-round heap leach operation with seasonal open-pit mining of 11 000 tonnes of ore/day – 2 000 000 tonnes between April and October each year. Heap leaching of the ore took place throughout the year and most gold production took place during the third and fourth quarters. The work force was 90% to 100% Yukon-based. A socio-economic agreement was signed with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation which provided for employment, a scholarship fund, finder's fees and a framework for exploration and joint-venture activities on other First Nations land. It also provided for First Nations representation at technical, operational and environmental management meetings.

**Brewery Creek Mine Property Plan**  
*Ore Deposits & Anomalous Gold Trend Zones*



## GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY

Gold mineralization is structurally controlled and primarily contained in sedimentary and intrusive rocks in the hanging wall of reactivated thrust faults. The host rocks include porphyritic quartz monzonite, hornblende monzonite, interbedded sandstones and greywackes, and fine-grained ash tuffs and pyroclastic rocks. Gold primarily occurs as submicron-size particles with arsenopyrite and pyrite as growth bands around larger sulphide grains.

A total of eight main oxide deposits were originally delineated at Brewery Creek. From east to west these are the Lucky, Golden, Kokanee, Fosters, Canadian, Moosehead, Blue and Pacific deposits. Collectively, these deposits are referred to as the Reserve Trend. Each of these deposits has been mined to some extent, with additional reserves available in most of the pits at higher gold prices.

## ORE CHARACTERISTICS

Gold production at the Brewery Creek mine was largely from oxide ore and minor amounts of transition (mixed oxide/sulphide) ore. Since most of the gold is concentrated in the outer rim, limited oxidation is required to liberate it from the sulphide minerals. Sulphide mineralization generally lies down-dip from known oxide reserves and is refractory. Initial work indicates that the sulphide ore may be amenable to bio-oxidation, with gold recoveries in the range of 90%.

It was found in 1999 that sedimentary-hosted oxide ore has a longer-than-estimated leach cycle than the intrusive-hosted ore.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The mine facility consists of a large permanent heap leach pad, an adsorption, desorption and gold recovery (ADR) plant, process and overflow ponds and ancillary facilities, including a power plant, water supply systems, mine service buildings and an assay laboratory. Mine service buildings include a two-bay maintenance shop, mine offices, warehouse and cold storage, and ambulance garage.

The current leach pad is divided into seven discrete cells, each nominally 83 m wide and 462 m long, with total capacity of 11.7 million tonnes of ore. The permitted and ultimate pad layout provides space to accommodate 18 000 000 tonnes of stacked, run-of-mine ore. The pad capacity is expandable. The design of the pregnant solution ponds is conventional. A total of \$6.2 million was spent at Brewery Creek in 1999 to expand the heap leach pad by 80 000 m<sup>2</sup> and extend the haul road to the Lucky Zone.

A multiple-layer liner system has been installed under the heap to collect process solution and direct it to the recovery plant, as well as prevent leakage to the environment. The possible loss of solution to the ponds and subsequent freezing of the drip emitter system during an equipment failure is of prime concern because of the severe winter conditions. Temperatures have dipped to as low as -43.5°C. The following features were incorporated into the design to prevent this freezing.

- Emitters were placed into the surface to act as an insulator.
- All outside piping was insulated and heat traced.
- Waste heat from the diesel generator engines was used to heat the outgoing barren solutions.
- A waste-oil-fired heat exchanger was used to heat circulating solutions.

Ore processing employs a sodium cyanide, heap leach on run-of-mine gold ore. Gold recovery from pregnant leach solutions is by activated carbon adsorption and pressurized caustic solution desorption, followed by electrowinning onto steel wool and on-site smelting to gold bullion.

A new, intermediate leach circuit, which doubled the solution handling capacity, was completed during the third quarter of 1998.

## PRODUCTION

### 1997

From Kokanee and Golden pits; full production achieved in May, 1997.

Total gold	72,387 oz. (2 251 500 g)
Total ore mined	2 100 000 tonnes
Total waste mined	3 600 000 tonnes
Stripping ratio	1.71:1
Total ore to leach pad	2 000 000 tonnes grading 1.87 g/t Au
Cash operating cost	US\$184/oz.

Note 1: The mine produced a total of 72,387 oz. (2 251 500 g) Au during 1997, 66,545 oz. (2 069 800 g) of which were produced at a cash operating cost of US\$184/oz. after full commercial production was achieved in May, 1997. The additional 5842 oz. (181 700 g) Au were produced prior to achieving commercial production status.

Note 2: Gold recovery at 78% took 350 to 360 days versus the predicted 240 days.

## BREWERY CREEK PROPERTY

### 1998

From Kokanee and Golden pits; production for 1998.

Gold production	79,396 oz. (2 469 500 g)
Total ore mined	2 707 000 tonnes
Average grade of ore mined	1.46 g/t Au
Total waste mined	4 033 000 tonnes
Total material mined	6 740 000 tonnes
Total ore to leach pad	2 238 000 tonnes grading 1.46 g/t Au
Cash operating cost	US\$177/oz.

### 1999

From Kokanee, Golden, Lucky and Blue pits; production for 1999.

Gold production	48,164 oz. (1 498 100 g)
Total ore mined	2 061 000 tonnes
Total waste mined	4 442 000 tonnes
Total material mined	6 932 000 tonnes
Total ore to leach pad	2 020 000 tonnes
Cash operating cost	US\$288/oz.

Gold production at the Brewery Creek mine decreased by 35% in 1999. The mine produced 48,164 oz. (1 498 100 g) Au for 1999 at a cash operating cost of US\$288/oz. The shortfall was due to lower than anticipated recoveries from the ore and longer than anticipated leach cycles for sedimentary ore (comprising 15% of 1999 production). Viceroy commissioned a review of past metallurgical performance and metallurgical testwork and a new model was formulated to predict future heap-leach recoveries.

At the end of 1999, the reserve figure stood at 3.1 million tonnes grading 1.59 g/t Au, equivalent to 156,000 contained oz. (4 850 000 g). An additional 306,000 oz. (9 520 000 g) are contained in a resource of 14.1 million tonnes grading 0.68 g/t Au. Viceroy spent \$600 000 on exploration for additional oxide reserves in 1999, but mining of the targets would wait until an improvement in gold prices.

### 2000

From the Blue, Moosehead, Lucky and Pacific pits.

Gold production	48,048 oz. (1 494 500 g)
Total ore mined	1 680 000 tonnes
Total waste mined	1 611 000 tonnes
Total material mined	3 291 000 tonnes
Total ore to leach pad	1 933 000 tonnes @ 1.72 g/t Au
Cash operating cost	US\$243/oz.

The plan for 2000 called for selectively mining those orebodies and areas that had the highest grade and were highly oxidized.

A modified mining schedule decreased the number of people required at the mine from 150 to 95.

### 2001

No seasonal mining took place at Brewery Creek in 2001. Heap leaching continued with production of 18,542 oz. (576 720 g) Au at a cash operating cost of US\$232/oz.

### 2002

No heap leaching took place in 2002. In 2002, Viceroy began reclaiming and revegetating various pits, dumps and mine site roads, and detoxifying and stabilizing the heap leach piles.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RECLAMATION

A full environmental review, including baseline studies, heritage and archaeological investigations and an estimate of socio-economic impacts was carried out at Brewery Creek prior to mining.

The following environmental design considerations were included:

- layout of the plant, facilities and roads to minimize adverse visual impacts;
- significant disposal of mine waste in the spent pits;
- a multi-layer liner system, installed under the leach pad to prevent leakage to the environment and to direct collected process solution to the recovery plant;
- a leak detection system to act as a further safeguard against leakage;

- double lining of process ponds with polyethylene, including two overflow solutions, one pregnant and one barren; and
- equipping process ponds with internal leak detection systems.

Monitoring of wildlife and air and water quality was ongoing during mine operations.

In 1997, Viceroy Resource Corporation was named the environmental leader of the Canadian mining industry by the Social Investment Organization of Canada.

In 1999 and again in 2002, Viceroy Resource Corporation received the Robert E. Leckie Award for outstanding Reclamation Practices from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Post-mining reclamation was extensive. In 2002, Viceroy completed the detoxification and drain-down of the heap inventory solution. A majority of the mine and reclamation activities related to revegetation of pits, dump and mine site roads has been completed. The facilities and mine were placed on care and maintenance in the winter 2002-2003 season.

Work is continuing on completing the Brewery Creek Trust and Drawdown Agreements with the Government of Canada to ensure future recovery of the reclamation cash security deposit of \$8.1 million as reclamation work progresses.

## EXPLORATION

Most recently, SpectrumGold Inc. completed a major geologic compilation of the property, designed to develop sulphide gold targets below existing oxide targets.

In 1998 and 1999, reverse circulation drilling and trenching focused on expanding oxide resources at the Bohemian and Schooner zones.

## LUCKY ZONE

Drilling in 1997 adjacent to the Lucky Zone added a resource of 1 700 000 tonnes grading 2.63 g/t (0.09 oz./ton) Au.

In the Lucky and East Big Rock zones, drilling also intercepted mineralized faults that may represent sulphide feeder zones.

## BOHEMIAN ZONE

A new oxide resource of 364 000 tonnes grading 0.52 g/t Au was defined at the Bohemian Zone in 1997. Continued drilling in 1998 included one of the best holes drilled on the property to date at 4.42 g/t Au over 46 m, including 10 m of 11.24 g/t Au. In-fill and step-out drilling was to be completed during the fourth quarter in order to establish a reserve on the Bohemian Zone.

## CLASSIC ZONE

A new oxide resource of 10 900 000 tonnes grading 0.52 g/t Au was defined at the Classic Zone in 1997. Additional trenching and drilling were carried out in 1999.

## NORTH SLOPE ZONE

At the North Slope Zone, a new sediment-hosted resource of 2 200 000 tonnes grading 2.01 g/t Au was defined in 1997. Additional drilling was carried out in 1999.

## SCHOONER ZONE

At the Schooner Zone, one trench returned 1.27 g/t Au over 66 m. Trenching and drilling were carried out in 1999, around the Schooner Zone and the 200-m prospective area between the two zones, in order to establish a geologic resource. Trenching tested gold-in-soil anomalies 2.5 km east of the Schooner Zone with the expectation of extending the strike length of the Reserve Trend.

Also available on the property is approximately 2 million tonnes of ore heap leach capacity. In an environment of improving gold prices, these low grade resources could become economically viable.

# CANTUNG PROPERTY

## North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Chairman: Stephen M. Leahy

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Stock symbol, NTC-V (TSX Venture Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Care and maintenance



### Location

300 km north of Watson Lake

### Ownership

North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

### Commodity

Tungsten

### Ore type

Oxide

### Mineable reserve

Ore reserve information from the Feb. 14, 2003 Annual Information Form for North American Tungsten filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

Ore reserves as of Sept. 30, 2002

771 000 tonnes grading 1.75% WO<sub>3</sub>

Historical reserves in open pit and underground

Excess of 5 million tonnes @ 0.95% WO<sub>3</sub>

### Mining method

Underground, open pit

### Employees when in operation

175

### Mine life

3 years

### Production

2002: 198 000 MTUs to September 30, 2002

(1 MTU = 1 kg)

## HISTORY

The CanTung deposit was first discovered in 1954 by A. Berglund for Northwestern Exploration Ltd. The property was staked in 1955 and drilled in 1956. When the claims lapsed in November, 1958, the property was restaked by the Mackenzie Syndicate (Leitch, Highland Belt, Area Exploration Ltd., Dome Minerals Ltd., Ventures Ltd. and Lake Expanse Gold Minerals Ltd.), which formed a new company, Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation Ltd. (CanTung) and drilled 11 holes in 1959 and 41 holes in 1960. Falconbridge, Amax and Dome financed production which commenced in November, 1962. Production was suspended for a year in 1963-64 because of low metal prices, and was interrupted in 1967 by a mill fire. Falconbridge sold its interest in 1966 and Dome sold its interest about 1985.

A new deposit, the E-Zone, was discovered with four deep surface holes in 1971 and explored with an additional eight surface holes, a 1250-m adit and detailed underground drilling in 1972-73. Open-pit mining of the original CanTung orebody was completed in September, 1973 and milling began on underground ore from the E-Zone during the first half of 1974.

An expansion of mill capacity to 1000 tpd (1000 tonnes/day) was completed in mid-1979 but production was halted by a strike from November, 1980 to May, 1981. The mine was closed most of 1983 because of low metal prices and then operated at half capacity until May, 1986 when it closed indefinitely due to low tungsten prices and a labour dispute. In 1985, Amax transferred all of its tungsten assets, including the MacTung deposit (see page 48), to Canada Tungsten Inc. but retained majority



control. Canada Tungsten Inc. and Aur Resources Ltd. merged in 1996. In 1997, North America Tungsten acquired 100% interest in both the CanTung and MacTung deposits. The mine was on care and maintenance status awaiting higher commodity prices.

In May, 2001, North American Tungsten announced that it had entered into a sales agreement with Sandvik AB and Osram Sylvania Products Inc. pursuant to which Sandvik and Osram Sylvania agreed to purchase all of North American Tungsten's concentrate production from its CanTung mine, estimated to be 900 000 metric tonne units over three years. (One MTU is equal to 10 kg.) The purchase agreement involved a cash advance, a minimum floor price, a small-scale discount from quoted (London Metals Bulletin price) tungsten commodity prices, and a defined exclusive option to negotiate participation rights for the future development of MacTung.

A total of C\$10 million was required by North American Tungsten for financing the re-opening of the mine. Sandvik AB and Osram Sylvania advanced \$6.5 million and North American Tungsten completed financing for the remaining funds. The financing arrangements were restructured in September, 2002.

The Yukon government spent approximately \$730 000 in 2001 to open and upgrade the road to the Yukon/NWT border, plus, an additional \$150 000 to strengthen the Frances River bridge. The annual maintenance costs to the Yukon government for the road were estimated at \$450 000. North American Tungsten performed year-round maintenance for the remaining 70 km of road.

In 2001, North American Tungsten announced a production decision. Commercial production commenced April, 2002, after pre-production and start-up.

In January, 2003, North American Tungsten reported that tungsten production at the CanTung mine had exceeded, by 33%, the amount called for in the 2002 mine plan. Consequently, North American Tungsten decided to reduce production by shutting down the mine for five weeks commencing March 6, 2003. Operations were resumed on April 9, 2003.

On December 5, 2003 the company announced that the mine was to be shut down immediately and placed on care and maintenance. The announcement was made after Sandvik and Osram Sylvania Products (the mine's two customers) announced they were terminating their supply agreements and issuing a demand with respect to loan obligation and security. On December 16, 2003, the

company announced that they had applied for protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act to give the company time to develop a reorganization plan.

Protection was subsequently granted and currently extended until December 20, 2004. On November 2, 2004, the company received support from its creditors, approving its plan of arrangement and compromise. It is now focussing its efforts on the completion of its financing and securing new customers, with the view to a resumption of mining operations.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The CanTung mine is located 300 km north of Watson Lake, Yukon along the Nahanni Range road. Although the mine is situated in the Northwest Territories, the town of Watson Lake is the staging area for trucking the tungsten ore and for supplying the minesite.

The CanTung mineral claims are renewable and subject to total annual assessments and maintenances costs of approximately \$71 000/year. The mineral interests are subject to a 4% net smelter royalty, vendor right of first refusal to re-acquire the properties, and mine reclamation and water bond deposits. Funds of \$2 650 000 against mine reclamation obligations, and a \$900 000 water license security bond are being held in escrow. The company negotiated a draw-down of \$1 million of the fund for the restart of the mine, which will be repaid by depositing 1% of the net smelter returns.

A total of 175 workers were required on-site: 77 employees and 98 contract personnel. Only select structures at the town site were re-opened. The workers at the mine stayed in an 80-apartment complex.

The company rehabilitated the mine production equipment fleet and complemented the loading, haulage and drilling equipment with additional reconditioned units to sustain required equipment availability.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The CanTung deposit is one of several tungsten skarn deposits, including MacTung, located along the eastern margin of the Selwyn Basin. Tungsten mineralization is associated with scheelite-bearing skarn within contact metamorphosed and metasomatized Lower Paleozoic carbonate rocks.

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Original reserves in the E-Zone were about 4 million tonnes grading 1.6% WO<sub>3</sub> and 0.22% Cu, which made it, at the time, the largest tungsten deposit being mined in the free world. An extension was discovered about 150 m west in 1984, from which intersections on the first five holes ranged from 1.2 to 3.0% WO<sub>3</sub>, across thicknesses of one to 16 m.

Both the CanTung and E-Zone deposits consist of pyrrhotite, scheelite and chalcopyrite in a diopside skarn. Scheelite and skarn show a direct relationship. Minor constituents include garnet, epidote, actinolite and sphalerite.

Up to its shutdown in 1986, the CanTung mine produced about 31 185 tonnes of tungsten metal, or about 85% of Canadian production to date. At its peak, the mine produced 1200 tonnes of ore per day, six days per week.

## PRODUCTION

	April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002
concentrate production (MTU*)	198 000
tonnes of ore processed	166 436
average head grade	1.65% WO <sub>3</sub>
mill recovery	78.6%

\*1 MTU = 10 kg

The MacTung deposit contains measured, indicated and inferred resources of approximately 30 million tonnes grading 0.94% WO<sub>3</sub> and is considered to represent a very substantial quantity (over 12 000 000 metric tonne units (MTUs)) of contained tungsten.

# CARMACKS COPPER PROPERTY

## Western Silver Corporation

President: Thomas Patton  
Chief Executive Officer and Chair: Dale Corman

### Corporate headquarters

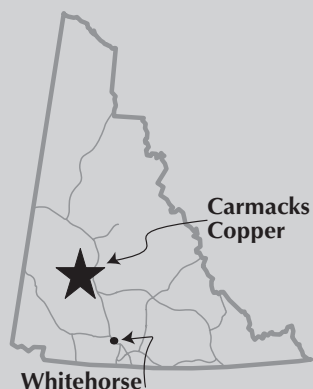
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Stock symbol, WTC (Toronto Stock Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Permitting stage. Currently discussing joint venture proposals to advance project development.



### Location

36 km northwest of Carmacks, 192 km north of Whitehorse

### Ownership

Western Silver Corporation

### Commodity

Copper, silver, gold

### Ore type

Oxide

### Oxide reserve

15.5 million tonnes grading 1.01% Cu and 0.5 g/t Au

### Mining method

Open-pit, solvent extraction electrowinning (SXEW)

### Mine life

8.5 years

### Capital cost

C\$63.4 million

C\$0.28/lb. based on 252 million lb. (114 kg) of recoverable copper over 8.5 years

### Operating costs

C\$0.88/lb. to C\$0.90/lb.

### Copper production per year

31-32 million lb. (14-15 kg) of cathode copper

### Estimated number of employees

90

### Power

7 MW, on-site diesel or grid extension

## HISTORY

Copper was first discovered in the Carmacks Copper area in the late 1800s, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that the property was staked by G. Wing of Whitehorse. Subsequent exploration was carried out by the Dawson Range Joint Venture (Straus Exploration Inc., Great Plains Developments of Canada Ltd., Trojan Consolidated Minerals Ltd. and Molybdenum Corporation of America). Archer Cathro and Associates Limited acted as manager and earned the right to acquire abandoned properties. The G. Wing residual interest was acquired by A. Arsenault in 1971; the Arsenault interest is held under an option agreement to Archer Cathro and Associates (1981) Ltd. In 1989, the property, including the rights to

the Arsenault Option, was optioned by Archer Cathro and Associates to Western Copper Holdings Ltd. which farmed-out a 50% interest to Thermal Exploration Co. (Western Copper and Thermal Exploration Co. merged in 1996.) Archer Cathro and Associates retain a 3.0% NSR royalty to a maximum of C\$2.5 million. An advance annual royalty of \$100 000 is due only if the average price of copper for the calendar year exceeds US\$1.10/lb.

A total of 12 900 m (43,000 feet) of drilling in 80 diamond drill holes and 11 reverse circulation drill holes has been completed on the property, mostly in the No. 1 zone. In addition, several kilometres of surface trenching has been carried out across the main deposit.

In February, 2003, Western Copper changed its name to Western Silver Corporation.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Carmacks Copper project covers 232 contiguous mineral claims (4270 hectares). Access is by a 43-km gravel road from Carmacks, which is 175 km north of Whitehorse. Access to tidewater and port facilities is available through the port of Skagway, Alaska. The project is expected to be a low-cost producer of cathode copper, employing solvent extraction and electrowinning techniques to recover oxide copper. The mine operation will employ 90 people, the majority of whom will reside in the town of Carmacks. In 1993, Kilborn Engineering completed a feasibility study.

Western Silver Corporation is continuing discussions with government officials relative to the permitting process so that it will be in a position to advance the project quickly once copper prices have reached a level that would provide appropriate returns.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The copper deposits are zoned mineralogically with copper oxide and copper carbonate minerals at surface, and mixed oxide and sulphide minerals at depth. The primary copper mineral is malachite with lesser azurite, cuprite and covellite, as well as other copper minerals. There are 14 mineralized zones on the property. The No. 1 zone has been defined by trenching and drilling over a 700 m strike length and down-dip for 450 m. The average width of the deposit is 34 m. An open-pit oxide reserve (proven and probable) of 15.5 million tonnes, averaging 1.01% Cu and 0.015 oz./ton (0.51 g/t) Au, has been calculated and will be the basis for a production decision.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

The mine facility will consist of, or have the following: an ultimate leach pad, processing facilities, open pit(s) and waste dump(s), water and power distribution services, propane storage and distribution services, fire protection, diesel fuel storage, communications, sewage treatment, trailers for offices, changehouse, operations camp, gatehouse and first-aid station, and pre-engineered buildings for warehouse and shops, laboratory, water supply and distribution pump-houses. Off-site infrastructure includes 13-km of property access road (the road has been cleared and surveyed), 45 km of 138 kV overhead transmission line, and 10 000 tonnes of

acid storage facilities at Skagway to accommodate ocean shipping schedules and transportation to site.

The process facilities, ultimate leach pad, open pit and waste dump will occupy an area of approximately 100 hectares. Crushing and pad loading will only take place during 200 days of the year. Leaching of ore will be year-round with solution heating during winter operation. Copper will be recovered from the oxide ore by sulphuric acid heap leaching of crushed minus-19-mm agglomerated ore. Pregnant leach solution (PLS) will be treated in a solvent extraction plant to purify and concentrate the weak leach solution to a more concentrated solution suitable for electrowinning. High-purity copper cathodes will be produced in an electrowinning plant for shipment from the ice-free port of Skagway. A pilot test plant, partially funded under the Canada-Yukon Mineral Development Agreement, operated from October, 1993 to February, 1994 and produced positive test results. A 220-ton bulk sample was crushed and placed in a 25-foot (7.6-m) high crib for leaching. The test confirmed that copper can be recovered by solvent extraction during the colder winter months.

The first phase of the leach pad area has been cleared to ensure permafrost is thawed and to clarify the foundation condition.

### PRODUCTION

The open-pit mine plan calls for a stripping ratio of 4.25 tonnes waste to 1 tonne ore. The project will treat on average 1 763 700 tonnes of oxide ore per year, to produce 14 310 tonnes of copper cathodes per year over 8.5 years, at a recovery rate of 80%.

Production capital costs for the plant and equipment are estimated at \$48.6 million (US\$35.4 million), with \$9.7 million (US\$7.1 million) for indirect costs (i.e., engineering and construction management) and \$5.1 million (US\$3.7 million) for contingency, for a total of \$63.4 million (US\$46.3 million). Working capital requirements are estimated at \$4 million (US\$2.9 million). Operating costs over the life of the project are estimated to be between \$0.88 and \$0.90/lb. Cu (US\$0.64 and US\$0.66). The operating cost per pound does not include depreciation and amortization of capital costs. Based on recoverable copper of approximately 252 lb. (114 kg) over a productive life of 8.5 years, the capital cost per pound is approximately US\$0.28/lb. Any additions to the ore reserves would lower the capital cost per pound. Discussions with appropriate regulatory agencies are ongoing regarding bonding for reclamation. No amount has yet been determined.

# CASINO PROPERTY

## Great Basin Gold Ltd.

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Stock symbol, GBG (Toronto Venture Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Optioned to Lumina Copper Corporation,  
feasibility stage



### Location

150 km northwest of Carmacks, 300 km northwest of Whitehorse

### Ownership

Great Basin Gold Ltd.

### Commodity

Copper, gold, molybdenum

### Ore type

Oxide and sulphide

### Measured and indicated mineral resources

Material	Cut-off grade	Tonnes (million)	Au g/t	Cu %	Mo %
Oxide gold	0.40 g/t Au	38	0.57	0.07	0.02
Supergene oxide	0.30 % Cu EQ	42	0.35	0.33	0.02
Supergene sulphide	0.30 % Cu EQ	124	0.32	0.32	0.02
Hypogene	0.30 % Cu EQ	798	0.22	0.20	0.02

from 2004 revised resource estimate by Rebagliati Geological Consulting Ltd.  
EQ = equivalent

### Mining method

Open-pit, conventional milling

### Stripping ratio

1.06:1

### Mine life

19 years

### Mill feed

25 000 tonnes/day, 9.125 million tonnes/year

### Employees

500

### Power

38 MW, on-site diesel

## HISTORY

The Casino area has been explored for placer gold since 1912, and for silver-lead-zinc vein systems since the 1930s. However, the bulk tonnage porphyry potential of the Casino property was not recognized until 1967, when a soil survey by Casino Silver Mines Ltd. returned widespread anomalous copper and molybdenum values. During the period 1967-1973 several property operators, including Brameda Resources Ltd. and Teck, completed 18 023 m of drilling which confirmed a several hundred million ton gold-copper-molybdenum resource. However, gold was not systematically assayed

for, and reserve calculations at the time did not reflect the gold content of the Casino deposit. The property became dormant for a number of years until 1991, when Big Creek Resources Ltd. and Archer Cathro and Associates (1981) Ltd. optioned the property from Casino Silver Mines Ltd. and began a 4729-m large-diameter drill program (21 holes) designed to evaluate the gold content of the property and to better define the copper and molybdenum grades. Pacific Sentinel Gold, through merger arrangements with Big Creek and Casino Silver, and by renegotiating the Archer Cathro management contract, acquired 100% interest in the property in 1991. In 1994, they carried out a \$4.5 million program of

delineation-drilling (68 000 m in 215 holes), metallurgical, environmental and engineering studies. Although no exploration was carried out on the property from 1995 to 1997, environmental baseline and project scoping studies continued. In 1997, Pacific Sentinel Gold Corp. and Consolidated North Coast Industries Ltd. merged to become Great Basin Gold Ltd.

The Casino property originally consisted of 735 claims. In 2002, the company allowed 574 claims to lapse. The property now comprises 161 claims. Great Basin has granted an option to Wildrose Resources Ltd., where Wildrose can earn the right to purchase 55 non-core claims.

In July, 2002, Great Basin optioned the Casino property to CRS Copper Resources Ltd. In May, 2003, Lumina Copper Corp. acquired CRS Copper Resources.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Casino property covers 735 mineral claims (11 704 hectares). Access to tidewater and port facilities is available through the port of Skagway, Alaska. The project has the potential to be a large bulk tonnage producer of copper, gold and molybdenum over a project life in excess of 20 years. A pre-feasibility metallurgical and mine planning program has been completed. The company is now monitoring and assessing metal market conditions and technologies, and is introducing the project to major mining companies for financing and acquisition. Geotechnical, infrastructure, environmental and socio-economic programs have been undertaken. The permitting process is not yet underway.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The deposit is hosted by the Casino Complex, a suite of igneous intrusive rocks with an intense hydrothermal alteration overprint. The deposit area has not been glaciated. There are three different mineralized zones: an oxide-leached zone, a supergene zone, and a hypogene zone. The uppermost zone is an oxide gold-bearing leached zone from which copper has been largely carried away by descending groundwater. The leached zone is underlain by a copper-enriched supergene gold-copper zone where dissolved copper has been redeposited. Below the supergene zone is the hypogene zone, which contains primary gold and copper mineralized rock that

has not been affected by surface weathering or supergene enrichment. The deposit measures 1100 m by 1600 m and is open to the north and east. Primary hypogene mineralized rock below the supergene zone has been drilled to a depth of 798 m, and is open to depth within most areas.

The Casino deposit contains a measured resource of 178.2 million tonnes of supergene sulphide and hypogene sulphide ore at an average grade of 0.38 g/t (0.011 oz./ton) Au, 0.30% Cu and 0.028% MoS<sub>2</sub>, based on a net smelter return cutoff value of C\$7/tonne. This includes a 60 million tonne supergene sulphide resource grading 0.367% Cu, 0.413 g/t Au, 0.029% MoS<sub>2</sub> and a 117-million-tonne hypogene resource grading 0.269% Cu, 0.356 g/t Au and 0.027% MoS<sub>2</sub>.

In January, 2004, Limina Copper Corp. issued a revised measured and indicated mineral resource for the property that was compiled in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 requirements for resource estimates.

### PRODUCTION

The open-pit mine plan calls for the prestripping and stockpiling of 50.6 million tonnes of predominantly lower-grade oxide material which will expose the sulphide ore for sustained mining. The overall waste to ore ratio will be 1.06:1 after prestripping is complete. Direct mining from the open-pit will provide mill feed for 19 years to a 25 000 tonne/day (9.1 million tonnes/year) concentrator. During the course of mining, 50.7 million tonnes of low-grade sulphide material (0.187% Cu, 0.222 g/t Au and 0.010% MoS<sub>2</sub>) will be stockpiled to provide an additional six years of mill feed after pit operations have ceased.

Extensive metallurgical testing of several possible process options for the mineral zones has been completed. Conventional, low-cost, flotation processing of supergene and hypogene sulphide ores is currently the optimum ore processing method for the Casino project. Conventional crushing, grinding and flotation of sulphide ore on average recovers 72% of Au, 80% of Cu and 62% of MoS<sub>2</sub>. Concentrates produced are a copper-gold concentrate, grading 21% Cu and 23.6 g/t Au, and a molybdenum concentrate forecast to grade 53%.

Net smelter return (from 1995) is estimated at US\$14.85 based on metal prices at US\$1.20/lb. Cu, US\$395/oz. Au, US\$7/lb. MoS<sub>2</sub>; a 0.74 exchange rate; and standard treatment and transport charges. Based on a 25,000-ton/day (23 000-tonne/day) milling

operation, annual output will average 48 million lb. (22 million kg) Cu, 3.5 million lb. (1.6 million kg) MoS<sub>2</sub> and 79,400 oz. (2 469 600 g) Au over the 19-year reserve life. Head grades during the first six years are expected to average 0.392% Cu, 0.028% MoS<sub>2</sub> and 0.45 g/t

(0.013 oz./ton) Au, netting 63 million lb. (29 million kg) Cu and 98,000 oz. (3 million g) Au/year. Head grades during the 19-year life of the mine are calculated to average 0.30% Cu, 0.376 g/t Au and 0.028% MoS<sub>2</sub>.

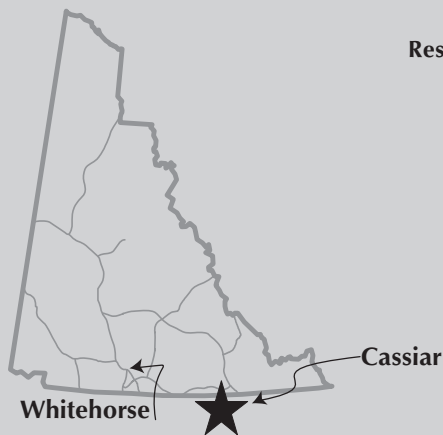
# CASSIAR PROPERTY

## Cassiar Jade Contracting Inc.

**Corporate headquarters**  
Watson Lake, Yukon

### PROJECT STATUS

Care and maintenance



### Location

100 km southwest of Watson Lake

### Ownership

Cassiar Jade Contracting Inc.

### Commodities

Chrysotile asbestos, magnesium

### Reserves

Chrysotile asbestos: 3.5 million tonnes of extractable chrysotile fibre

Magnesium: 20 million tonnes of serpentine ore grading 23.5% of contained magnesium metal (Mn)

## HISTORY

The Cassiar asbestos deposit was the first major orebody discovered in the Cassiar area. The mine produced 37 million tonnes of 7.23 per cent asbestos fibre during open pit mining between 1953 and 1990. In the early 1980s, an underground orebody was located down dip and to the south of the main open pit. It was mined underground for less than a year until Cassiar Mining Corporation went into receivership. In January, 1994, B.C. Chrysotile acquired from the receiver the Crown Grants, the existing tailings pile and certain assets of the abandoned mine for \$184 040. B.C. Chrysotile was owned 30% by Mineral Resources Corporation, 50% by Black Hill Minerals and 20% by Strategic Industry Investments Ltd. In 1994 and 1995, Pacific Resources Holdings, an affiliate of Mineral Resources Corporation, advanced \$510 420 and \$68 417 on behalf of Mineral Resources Corporation to B.C. Chrysotile to meet its working capital requirements. At the end of 1995, the assets of Black Hill were placed into administration and the assets of B.C. Chrysotile were frozen by the administrator. In 1996, Mineral Resources Corporation launched a takeover bid for Pacific Resources Holdings and subsequently increased their interest in the B.C. Chrysotile project from 50% to 80%. In May, 1998, Mineral Resources Corporation announced the acquisition of the remaining 20% of Cassiar Chrysotile

Inc. as well as a name change to Minroc Mines Inc. In 1999, Minroc changed its name to Cassiar Mines and Metals Inc.

In July, 1999, Cassiar Mines and Metals Inc. and Aluminum of Korea Ltd. entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of a large-scale magnesium metal project. Aluminum of Korea (KORALU) acquired a 35% interest in the project in conjunction with an initial financing of US\$25 million, and, ultimately, may acquire a 65% interest by providing full project financing. KORALU would also have an off-take sales agreement to purchase the magnesium metal product. On December 20, 1999, Cassiar Mines and Metals Inc. announced that the first production of chrysotile asbestos was achieved. In 2000, the company changed its name to Cassiar Magnesium Inc.

On December 25, 2000, a fire destroyed the chrysotile-fibre mill building and all production of chrysotile fibre ceased. The company completed the sale of all remaining finished goods inventory for \$19 million. The company received insurance proceeds of \$21.5 million from claims arising from the fire, which was due to an accidental electrical mishap. The proceeds of the insurance were reduced to \$13.8 million after settling the company's outstanding debts and as a result of a termination allowance payment of \$3.7 million to former Chair and



President, Clifford Frame and three former directors, who resigned June 1, 2001.

In June, 2001, it was announced that control of Cassiar Magnesium Inc. had been acquired by Greyling Investments Inc. of Grand Cayman and Greyling Resources of Texas, United States. On July 13, 2001, a new board was elected and the name of the company changed from Cassiar Magnesium Inc. to Cassiar Resources Inc. A legal claim was filed in Toronto by the new board of Cassiar Resources Inc. against Clifford Frame and the three former directors for the recovery of \$3.7 million.

Cassiar Resources Inc. changed its name to Troutline Investment Inc. On July 4, 2000, Cassiar Resources Inc. announced that it had completed the sale of its asbestos mining property in Cassiar, British Columbia, to Cassiar Jade Contracting Inc. of Watson Lake, Yukon. The company transferred to Cassiar Jade all of its mining titles and the remaining infrastructure and chattels on the property.

As part of the deal, Cassiar Jade agreed to take over a \$600 000 environmental reclamation bond to remediate the property. In addition, Troutline paid \$100 000 to Cassiar Jade for an option to reacquire the mining property if a substantial commercial mining opportunity presents itself at the site in the future. That aspect of the deal is subject to royalty payments on future production at the mine.

## PROPERTY SUMMARY

The Cassiar site is on a 720-hectare Crown Grant in British Columbia, approximately 100 km southwest of Watson Lake. An all-weather paved highway connects the minesite to Watson Lake, Yukon and Dease Lake, British Columbia. Approximately 40 workers from northern B.C. and the Yukon were hired to work at the Cassiar plant site. However, all workers were laid off after the December, 2000 fire.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALIZATION AND RESERVES

The Cassiar orebody is a stockwork of chrysotile fibre veins developed in serpentinite, situated on the western edge of the Cassiar ultramafic body. The stockpiles of serpentinite on surface at the plant site contain 20 million tonnes of stored serpentinite, or greenstone, which contain some 8 billion lb. (4 million kg) of magnesium metal and 700 000 tonnes of chrysotile fibre.

Production of high-grade chrysotile fibre began in early 2000 at a rate of 18 000 tonnes/year. In May, 2000, the company completed an expansion at a capital cost of \$500 000 to produce 27 000 tonnes of fibre annually. The first commercial production of 24 000 tonnes/year of chrysotile fibre was achieved in October, 2000. Over the next three years, the company planned to increase capacity, using both the wet and dry processes, to 50 000 tonnes of fibre annually.

The property at Cassiar is maintained in good standing. The concentrator and the air building, along with auxiliary camp facilities, survived the fire. Cassiar Resources Inc. looked at the feasibility of reactivating the chrysotile production facility at Cassiar, but determined that rebuilding the plant is not in the company's current plan. The company is seeking suitable investors and continues to monitor the chrysotile market. In addition, Cassiar Resources Inc. has studied the magnesium production plans and determined that it will not actively pursue Cassiar's magnesium potential for the time being but will monitor developments. The development of hydro-electric resources or the availability of natural gas in northern BC would greatly improve the prospects of magnesium production at Cassiar.

The Cassiar property, including nearby Kutcho Creek, 125 km southeast of Cassiar, contains a total of 3 518 871 tonnes of extractable chrysotile fibre resources.

	Tonnes of recoverable chrysotile fibre
Six stockpiles on surface	282 931
Tailings pile	680 840
McDame lens in-situ underground	1 817 200
Kutcho Creek	737 900

Stockpiles of fibre are contained in some 17 million tonnes of serpentinite tailings on surface, and a further 6 million tonnes of primary ore materials in surface stockpiles and locations, and the remainder in the 32 million tonnes of ore resource, which is still in place underground in the mine, and the 16 million tonnes at the Kutcho Creek property. The tailings contain 4% chrysotile fibres, and the surface ore and the mine ore in place contain between 8% and 10% chrysotile fibre. The tailings and the surface and mine host rock contains approximately 24% magnesium metal.

# CLEAR LAKE PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

70 km east of Pelly Crossing

### Ownership

Energold Mining Ltd.

### Commodities

Zinc, lead, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Geological resource

5.6 million tonnes

Zinc: 11.4%

Lead: 2%

Silver: 38 g/t

## HISTORY

Claims in the Clear Lake area were first staked in 1965, following discovery of the Faro ore body, 80 km to the southeast. Preliminary property exploration followed by drilling was carried out, but the claims were allowed to lapse. In 1974, a syndicate of Conwest companies (Chimo Gold Mines Limited, Consolidated Canada Farday and International Mogul Mining Ltd.) and Teck Corp Ltd. restaked a large claim block in the area. U.S. Steel (Essex Metals Limited) acquired the Teck interest in 1975 and formed the Macmillan Joint Venture, which conducted exploration and drilling. In 1978, the Clear Lake massive sulphide deposit was discovered by drilling one 109-m hole. Additional drilling was carried out from 1979 to 1984. Getty Canada Metals Ltd. acquired Conwest Syndicate's interest in 1980. In early 1988, Total Erickson Resources merged with Getty Resources to form Total Energold Corp. In late 1989, Total Energold purchased

Conwest's interest in the property to hold a 79.6% interest, with a subsidiary of U.S. Steel Corp. holding the other 20.4%. Total Energold then added more Clear Lake claims to the property.

In 1991, Total Energold announced a joint venture with Mitsui Kinzoku Resources of Canada Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsui Mining & Smelting of Japan. Mitsui acquired a 19.375% interest in the property for a cash payment of C\$1.55 million. It also had an option to increase its interest in the property to 70% by making additional cash payments totalling C\$2.45 million and by funding C\$5.33 million in exploration over the next four years. Energold was the operator and would, under certain conditions, retain a 10% net profits royalty and 30% working interest. At the same time, Total Energold purchased U.S. Steel's interest in the property for US\$1 million.

Under the Energold and Mitsui Joint Venture, additional drilling, geophysics, mapping, trenching and soil sampling were carried out between 1991 and 1993. A total of 19 drill holes totalling 4500 m were drilled in 1991, in conjunction with geophysical surveys. The 1992 program consisted of diamond drilling (3100 m), mapping, soil geochemistry, line cutting and geophysical surveys. Six holes, totalling 1456 m, were drilled in 1993. Baseline environmental studies were conducted before the joint venture agreement was terminated.

### **PROPERTY SUMMARY**

The Clear Lake property, on NTS map sheet 105L, is located 70 km east of Pelly Crossing and about 110 km northwest of Faro. There is a winter road to the property from Pelly Crossing. The property consists of 636 claims.

### **GEOLOGY, MINEROLOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Clear Lake deposit is a shale-hosted stratiform lead, zinc and silver massive sulphide deposit located in a fault-bounded wedge of Devono-Mississippian Earn Group shales, immature sandstones and minor exhalites. The Tintina Fault runs through the property. The main deposit consists of a 1000-m long by 120-m wide sigmoidal-shaped sulphide body that consists mostly of laminated and framboidal pyrite. Other minerals include galena, sphalerite, barite, siderite and calcite. The deposit is folded, faulted and overturned.

Drilling has outlined approximately 30 million tonnes of massive sulphide minerals (mostly pyrite), including a geological reserve of 5 570 114 tonnes grading 11.4% Zn, 2% Pb and 38.01 g/t Ag.

# CREST PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

350 km northeast of Elsa, Yukon

### Ownership

Chevron Resources Canada

### Commodities

Iron

### Ore type

Oxide Iron Formation

### Mineral Resource

3.2 billion tonnes

43% Iron

## HISTORY

Hematite float in the Snake River area was known for years before the source iron formation was discovered by California Standard CL in 1961. A total of 862 claims (an area of about 240 square km) were staked in spring 1962 and transferred to a new subsidiary company, Crest Exploration Ltd., which drilled one hole and mapped in 1962, and drilled 19 holes and cut 45 channel samples in 1963. Between 1962 and 1965, Crest Exploration Ltd. conducted detailed geological mapping of the exposed sections of iron formation, systematic sampling and diamond drilling, beneficiating tests on bulk samples of the various stratigraphic units of iron formation, and extensive chemical and mineralogical investigations.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Snake River iron formation is located in a remote area of the Yukon, approximately 400 km east of the Dempster Highway and 350 km northeast of Elsa, Yukon. The thickest units of iron formation are located in the Iron Creek area at the headwaters of the Snake and Bonnet Plume rivers and are exposed extensively in the Yukon-NWT border region over an area 50 km long and 13 km wide.

## GEOLOGY

The Snake River iron formation lies near the base of the Late Proterozoic Rapitan Group in a section of conglomerate, mudstone, shale and sandstone, 2000 m or more in thickness. The iron formation is relatively fresh and unaltered. Iron formation crops out in three structural blocks separated by northwest-trending faults. The Crest iron deposit lies in the westernmost fault block. The iron deposit consists of layers of unaltered hematite

and jasper oxide facies, with interspersed beds, lenses, and 1- to 5-cm-thick nodules of dolomite and ankeritic carbonate. The iron layers have a cumulative thickness of 85 to 105 m and are distributed through 120 m of stratigraphic section. The average composition of the Snake River iron formation varies from 40 to 50% Fe; 0.02 to 0.8% Mn, with an average of 0.25%; 0.2 to 0.7%  $P_2O_5$ ; 0.02 to 0.08% S; 0.02 to 0.11%  $TiO_2$  and varying amounts of  $SiO_2$ ,  $Al_2O_3$  and CaO in the order of 30%, 1.4% and 3%, respectively. The average iron content is 43%. The hematite and silica are believed to have been carried in solution by fumarolic waters and precipitated in grabens on the sea floor. Phosphorus is the main impurity, occurring as finely disseminated apatite.

## RESERVES

A feasibility study was done between 1963 and 1964. The Crest deposit is one of the largest iron deposits in North America. A resource of 3.2 billion tonnes of iron ore formation averaging 43% Fe, 26.6%  $SiO_2$  and 0.34%  $P_2O_5$  was estimated. The resource could be mined from open pits with a favourable stripping ratio of 1:1. An additional 3.6 billion tonnes of iron ore formation were estimated in the vicinity of the potential open pits. There are other, smaller deposits in the Rapitan belt of rocks. The total iron resource in the Snake River area was estimated at 18 billion tonnes.

Beneficiation studies showed that the fine-grained Snake River iron formation can be beneficiated by selective agglomeration methods. Material containing 54.6% Fe and 0.39%  $P_2O_5$  was treated to provide concentrate containing 65.9% Fe, less than 0.02%  $P_2O_5$  and 5.3%  $SiO_2$ , with 85 percent of the iron being recovered in the concentrate.

The Bonnet Plume coal deposit discovered in 1977 and explored between 1977 and 1981 contains 38 million mineable tonnes of coal. It is 80 km southwest of the Crest iron deposit.

# DIVISION MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

On hold, high exploration potential



### Location

90 km north-northwest of Whitehorse

### Ownership

Cash Minerals Ltd.

### Commodity

High-volatile bituminous B coal

### Drill-indicated raw coal reserves

52.9 million tonnes

### Proposed mining method

Open-pit, 365 days/year

### Proposed processing method

Washing plant, 365 days/year

### Potential employment

340 people

## HISTORY

Three coal seams were mapped by D.D. Cairnes of the Geological Survey of Canada in 1907. The seams are exposed in the Teslin Creek cut, 2 km north of Division Mountain; an additional coal occurrence was located by Cairnes near the base of the eastern flank of Red Ridge, approximately 5 km northwest of the Teslin Creek showings.

The Division Mountain coal property is currently held under territorial coal licenses and coal leases totalling 3223 km<sup>2</sup>, owned by Cash Resources Ltd. A field program, including line-cutting, geophysics, excavator trenching, hydrological surveys and diamond drilling, was funded by Cash Resources Ltd. and managed by Archer, Cathro and Associates (1981) Ltd. from 1992 to 1998. Large diameter diamond drilling has totalled 10 558 m in 64 holes. Extensive environmental, archaeological and sociological studies have also been carried out.

The property was optioned to Usibelli Coal Mine Inc. of Alaska in November, 1998. In the spring of 1999, Usibelli carried out a program of excavation trenching with 20

reverse circulation drill holes totalling 1874 m. Coal measures were discovered in a previously undrilled area, 10 km east of Division Mountain. Usibelli dropped its option due to prevailing thermal coal market conditions, despite the high exploration potential of the project.

In May, 2001, Cash Resources Ltd. changed its name to Cash Minerals Ltd.

In December, 2004, Cash restructured and installed a new board and management team, with the previous board members serving as consultants.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Division Mountain coal deposit is located only 20 km from the main electrical distribution grid for the Yukon, and 280 km by highway from a deep sea port at Skagway, Alaska. Current access into the property is by a 31-km four-wheel drive road, leaving the Klondike Highway at Braeburn, Yukon. The coal at Division Mountain is similar to or better than the quality of most British Columbia export thermal coals.

## **GEOLOGY, EXPLORATION AND ORE RESERVES**

Coal occurs in at least 14 major seams at Division Mountain within a 50-m stratigraphic interval near the base of the Upper Jurassic Tanglefoot Formation. Aggregate coal thickness (in seams greater than 1 m thick) ranges up to 32 m. An unaudited, preliminary resource calculation has been made using a cross-sectional modelling method conforming with the standardized coal reporting system developed by the Geological Survey of Canada. Indicated reserves currently stand at 52.9 million tonnes of near-surface high-volatile bituminous coal, with a stripping ratio of 3.5:1 bank cubic metres of waste per tonne of raw coal. Washability tests indicate that a high-quality export coal suitable for electric power generation can be produced with an 8% total moisture content, and averaging 12.2% ash, 27.6% volatile matter, 52.1% fixed carbon and .046% sulphur with a calorific value of 6170 calories/gram (11,018 Btu/lb.) on an as-received basis.

## **PRODUCTION PLANS**

Results of coal analysis suggest that Division Mountain coal is ideally suited for thermal power generation, with characteristics comparable to Alberta high-volatile bituminous coals used to generate over 90% of the power needs of that province. The coal is also suitable for supply to the rapidly expanding use of Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) technology in Japanese and Korean steel industries. Cash Resources has completed environmental baseline data collection required for the development of the coal reserves, with an associated 20 megawatt mine-mouth electrical generating facility using mine-run and waste coal.

# DUBLIN GULCH PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Bankable feasibility study previously completed, recently acquired by StrataGold



### Location

49 km north of Mayo

### Ownership

StrataGold Corporation

### Commodity

Gold (tungsten)

### Ore type

Gold in quartz veins

### Inferred resource (within Open Pit)

17.255 million tonnes grading 0.743 g/t Au using a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au

### Indicated resource

55.228 million tonnes grading 0.934 g/t Au using a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au

### Mining method

Open-pit, 150 days/year

### Processing method

Heap leach, 365 days/year

### Mine life

10 years

### Employees

179

### Housing

Camp

### Power

4 M, grid or on-site diesel required

## HISTORY

Placer gold was discovered in Haggart Creek below Dublin Gulch in 1895, and in the Dublin Gulch and the Klondike area in 1898. Scheelite was identified in the Dublin Gulch placers in 1904, and lode gold was discovered in 1907. The history of hardrock exploration in the Dublin Gulch area is complex. The ground was explored in 1970 by a subsidiary of Placer Dome Inc., primarily looking for lode gold deposits in the intrusive rocks. Queenstake Resources Ltd. acquired ground in the area in 1977 and optioned their holdings to Ivanhoe Goldfields Ltd. in 1991. Ivanhoe discovered an intrusive-hosted porphyry gold deposit and granted an option

to Amax Gold Inc. to earn a 50% interest in the Dublin Gulch property. Amax drilled 46 reverse circulation holes totaling 5651 m in 1992, in addition to extensive rock and soil sampling, but decided to drop the option. Ivanhoe Goldfields drilled an additional ten reverse circulation holes (2078 m) during 1993 and carried out baseline environmental studies including hydrology, meteorology, water quality and wildlife monitoring. In 1994, Ivanhoe Goldfields Ltd. became a wholly owned subsidiary of First Dynasty Mines Ltd. In 1995, 24 400 m of drilling (151 holes), metallurgical testing, engineering and economic studies were carried out. In 1996, Ivanhoe Goldfields changed its name to New Millennium Mining Ltd. During 1994, the company completed 11 418 m



of reverse circulation and diamond drilling, 380 m of exploration trenching, 233 geotechnical test pits and 700 soil samples. A bankable feasibility study has been completed on the property, and project permitting is at an advanced stage, although the project is currently on hold pending higher gold prices.

In July, 2002, First Dynasty Mines changed its name to Sterlite Gold Ltd. Sterlite Gold Ltd. is a subsidiary of Twin Star Holdings Ltd.

In October, 2004, StrataGold Corporation entered into a binding agreement to acquire all of Sterlite's interest in the Dublin Gulch property. The agreement is subject to a satisfactory due-diligence review by StrataGold and receipt of all required regulatory approvals.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Dublin Gulch project is an advanced exploration project covering a low-grade, bulk tonnage intrusive-hosted gold deposit located 40 km northeast of Mayo, Yukon. The property, accessible by an all-weather road, was recently expanded. A bankable feasibility study has been completed and an Initial Environmental Evaluation report was submitted to the federal government in 1996. Sterlite invested more than US\$10 million to bring the Dublin Gulch project to the development stage and has signed a framework agreement with the First Nation of Na Cho Ny'a'k Dun. StrataGold plans trenching and drilling to evaluate additional targets on the property and verify historical resource and reserve estimates.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The deposit is hosted in and around the Cretaceous Dublin Gulch granodiorite stock. Sheeted, low-sulphide quartz veins contain gold and bismuth along the north side of the intrusion, scheelite skarn zones occur around the margins, and auriferous quartz-arsenopyrite veins occur both in the intrusion and in the host rocks. Gold occurs as native gold in gangue or associated with bismuth minerals, with lesser amounts of gold contained in arsenopyrite.

The main ore zone is the Eagle, with an estimated resource of more than 3 million oz. (100 million g) Au. Three other zones on the property, the Olive, Shamrock and Steiner zones, contain similar gold mineralization.

## PRODUCTION PLANS

Although inferred reserves indicate that a large open-pit mine with well over 100 million tonnes may be possible, the most recent concept was to initially develop a higher grade core of approximately 50 million tonnes grading 1.19 g/t Au or better.

Highlights from a bankable feasibility study completed by Rescan Engineering Ltd. include:

Gold recovery	79.6%
Net recoverable	1.2 million oz. or 36 560 kg
Stripping ratio	0.8:1 (waste to ore)
Throughput rate	35 000 tonnes/day (seasonal)
Average annual production	135,000 oz. (4.2 million g)/year
Initial capital cost	US\$106.7 million
Average cash production cost	US\$221 per oz. (including reclamation)

The property is not economically viable with gold prices in the \$275 to \$300 range.

It was suggested in the feasibility study that using a larger haul fleet, contract mining, optimizing the crushing/conveying circuits, and optimizing the heap-leach pad construction and operation would improve the project economics, as well as increasing the mineable reserves.

The mine would consist of an open pit in the Eagle Zone, mined at 20 000 tonnes/day producing 10 000 tonnes/day mine waste rock. Based on 50 million tonnes of reserve, the mine would have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. Ore would be crushed and conveyed or trucked to a cyanide heap leach pad. Pregnant solution would be processed using an adsorption-desorption gold recovery (ADR) method and the resulting gold collected would be poured into dore bars on site.

# FARO PROPERTY

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## Grum Deposit

### Commodity

Zinc, lead, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Proven reserve

1 589 000 tonnes

Lead: 3.56%

Zinc: 5.34%

Silver: 58 g/t

Gold: 0.83 g/t

### Probable reserve

16.9 million tonnes

Lead: 2.6%

Zinc: 4.34%

Silver: 44 g/t

Gold: 0.74 g/t



## Grizzly Deposit

### Commodity

Lead, zinc, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Indicated resource

17.24 million tonnes

Lead: 4.85%

Zinc: 6.39%

Silver: 71.6 g/t

Gold: 0.75 g/t

### Mining method

Will be underground

## Swim Deposit

### Commodity

Lead, zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Drill indicated resource

4.3 million tonnes

Lead: 3.8%

Zinc: 4.7%

Silver: 42 g/t

## PROJECT STATUS

Care and maintenance

The Faro area lead-zinc deposits are located in the Anvil Mountain Range within the Selwyn Basin, immediately northeast and adjacent to the Tintina Trench. The age of the stratigraphic sequence in the Anvil district ranges from late Precambrian to Permian. The sulphide deposits are located in a 150-m-thick stratigraphic interval straddling the Mt. Mye formation and the Vangorda Formation contact. Sulphide minerals occur both as massive and disseminated with quartz. The Cretaceous granodiorite-quartz monzonite Anvil batholith intruded and uplifted the sedimentary package.

There are five major lead-zinc deposits in the Vangorda plateau area. From northwest to southeast, they are Faro, Grum, Vangorda, Grizzly (formerly called the Dy deposit) and Swim. The status of each deposit is as follows.

Vangorda	mined out
Faro	mined out
Grum	open-pit mine, 4 to 5 years of reserves left
Grizzly	advanced exploration stage, would be mined by underground methods
Swim	undeveloped

## HISTORY

Prospector Al Kulan discovered and staked the Vangorda lead-zinc deposit in 1953. The property was optioned to Prospector Airways, and diamond drilling was carried out between 1953 and 1955. Kerr-Addison Mines Limited eventually acquired Prospector Airways, but interest in the property waned for a number of years because of depressed metal prices, declining metal markets and the remoteness of the area.

In 1962, Kerr-Addison resumed exploration in the Vangorda plateau area, and the Swim lead-zinc deposit, 8 km southeast of Vangorda, was discovered in 1963. At the same time, Dynasty Explorations, under the direction of Dr. Aaro Aho, commenced a detailed exploration program on several claim groups in the Faro area in 1964 and discovered the Faro lead-zinc deposit in 1965. Cyprus Anvil, a joint venture between Cyprus Mines (60%) and Dynasty (40%), was formed in December, 1965 to develop the Faro deposit.

Anvil Mining Corporation (later Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation) commenced open-pit mining operations on the Faro lead-zinc deposit in late 1969, at rates of up to

10 000 tonnes/day. The mine was officially opened on January 28, 1970 and stayed open until 1982.

In 1973, the Grum lead-zinc deposit was discovered by a joint venture between AEX Minerals and Kerr Addison while testing a gravity anomaly. Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation purchased the Grum property in 1979.

Concentrate production from the Faro deposit was halted in 1982 because of falling metal prices, low productivity, high operating costs and the added burden of the debt load brought about by expansion. Between June, 1983 and October, 1984, some open-pit waste stripping operations were carried out, but production ceased completely by the end of 1984.

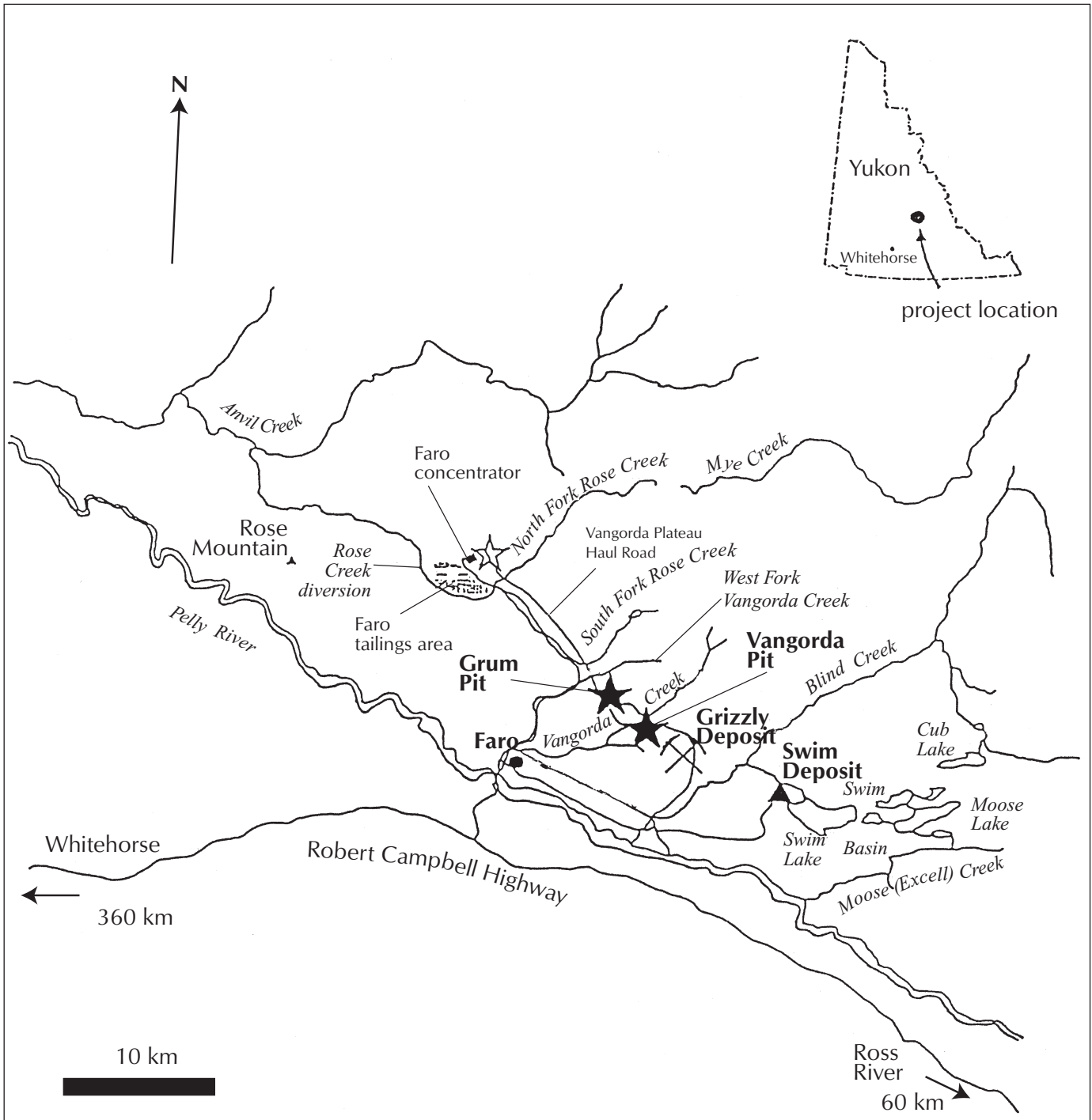
The Anvil Range mineral assets of Cyprus Anvil, including the Grum and Grizzly deposits, were acquired in November, 1985 by a predecessor partnership of Curragh Inc. Curragh resumed operations at the Faro mine in the spring of 1986 and made its first shipment of concentrates in June, 1986. In 1989, development of the Vangorda Plateau was begun with stripping of the Grum and Vangorda deposits. Ore removal commenced at the Vangorda pit and supplemented the mill feed. Ore removal from the Grum pit continued, but was not significant.

Curragh carried out an extensive program of surface drilling on the Grum deposit to delineate reserves and obtain samples for metallurgical testing in preparation for production. Preparation of the Grum deposit for mining commenced in 1989.

In early 1990, an underground operation was initiated just southwest of the Faro pit from a portal in the pit. This operation closed in October, 1992 after mining 1.8 million tonnes of ore.

In 1991, Curragh began stripping the Grum deposit. As of October, 1991, the total waste requiring stripping from Grum was 193.2 million tonnes for a stripping ratio of 6.70:1. The ore reserves in the Faro pit were exhausted in August of 1992 and remnant ore was salvaged by early 1993.

In late 1992, sufficient stripping in the Grum open-pit had been done to expose the top of the Grum deposit and to extract some 15 000 tonnes of mineralization for testing in the Faro concentrator. After removing 21.4 million tonnes, Grum stripping was suspended in December, 1992.



Modified from an Anvil Range Mining Corporation figure.

All mining operations ceased in April, 1993 due to low metal prices. Curragh was forced into receivership by its creditors.

Anvil Range Mining formed in 1994 to acquire the Faro properties from the receiver for a purchase price of \$27 million. A nine-month \$75-million pre-stripping and mill refurbishment program was carried out. Anvil Range Mining began concentrate production from the Grum open pit in August, 1995 and resumed production from the Vangorda open pit in September, 1995. The first concentrates were shipped from Skagway to Asia and Europe in September, 1995. The mining operation achieved commercial production on November 1, 1995.

By the end of 1996, the Vangorda pit was mined out, and mining operations were suspended because of low metal prices and other factors, including lower head grades, mechanical problems in the mill and lower metal recoveries which contributed to less than planned production. The mill continued to process low-grade stockpiles at 50% capacity until March 31, 1997.

In February, 1997, Anvil Range Mining Corp. announced the closing of a private placement of 4.1 million common shares for a total of \$9.4 million with Cominco. ARM also secured a \$15 million loan at 8.5% interest from its principal shareholder, Cominco, in July, 1997. The loan was advanced to ARM in two tranches.

Stripping of the Grum pit started in August, 1997. The mine re-opened at full production in November, 1997 and operated until January 16, 1998, when Anvil Range announced that it planned to file for court protection from creditors. On April 21, 1998, an interim receiver was appointed to handle the company's assets and maintain the mine site.

The federal government is currently covering the costs for the interim care and maintenance of the Faro site. The total cost of maintaining the Faro site, as authorized by the court and paid by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (DIAND) in Ottawa, was approximately \$10.7 million for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, of which \$5.4 million was spent on Yukon supplies and services.

## HISTORICAL PRODUCTION

When operating in 1989, the Faro operations supplied 3% of the western world's zinc and 5% of its lead concentrates, making Curragh Resources, the operator at that time, the sixth largest zinc producer in the world.

### ANVIL RANGE MINING CORPORATION

Production for the 14 months ending on December 31, 1996 was 345 700 tonnes Zn concentrate and 186 000 tonnes Pb concentrate. From September, 1995 to December 31, 1996, ARM loaded 25 ships for a total of 383 000 dry metric tonnes Zn concentrates and 181 000 dry metric tonnes Pb concentrates. The concentrate tonnage equates to 566.9 million lb. (257.7 million kg) of payable metal. To produce this amount of concentrate, 28.8 million tonnes of waste and 4.5 million tonnes of ore were moved. The mill processed 4.8 million tonnes of ore, at an average head-grade of 5.14% for zinc and 3.04% for lead. Recoveries in the mill averaged 71.3% for zinc and 76.7% for lead.

Concentrates were dried to approximately 7% moisture before being loaded into specially designed shipping containers for trucking to the port of Skagway, Alaska. The lead and zinc concentrates were loaded separately into pots which had a capacity of 11-12 tonnes of concentrate. Four pots could be carried on a tractor-trailer unit. Concentrates were transferred to a storage building prior to loading onto vessels for shipment to smelters in Europe and Japan.

Power for the Grum project, 22 MW, was provided from the Whitehorse-Aishihik-Faro grid.

The target recovery rates for the Grum open pit were 78% for zinc and 80% for lead.

Anvil Range investigated the feasibility of building a crushing and grinding unit adjacent to the Grum site and transporting the ground ore by slurry pipeline to the mill. They made significant improvements to the milling and concentrating facilities. Two 40-foot (12-m) high column cells were added (the largest in the western world), a Provox custom digital control system was installed, and improvements to the regrind circuit increased recovery.

**FARO MINE DEVELOPMENT**

- 1953 Vangorda lead-zinc deposit discovered and staked by prospector Al Kulan.
- 1953-1955 Prospector Airways optioned the property and conducted drilling programs.
- 1955-1962 Kerr-Addison Mines acquired the property but due to depressed metal prices, little work was done.
- 1962 Exploration resumed.
- 1965 Faro lead-zinc deposit discovered; a joint venture between Cyprus Mines and Dynasty was formed to develop the Faro deposit.
- 1969 (late) Open pit mining of Faro pit commenced (official opening January 28, 1970).
- 1969-1982 Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation operated the mine.
- 1973 Grum lead-zinc deposit discovered.
- 1975 In March, a tailings pond spill occurred when 245 000 cubic metres of tailings slurry contaminated Rose Creek.
- 1982 Concentrate production halted in June.
- 1983 Some open-pit waste stripping operations were carried out (June, 1983 to October, 1984).
- 1984 All production ceased completely by the end of 1984.
- 1985 Curragh Inc. acquired the property in 1985 and resumed operations in June, 1986.
- 1989 The Faro operations supplied 3% of the western world's zinc and 5% of its lead concentrates, making Curragh Inc. the sixth largest zinc producer in the world.
- 1990 Underground mining at Faro pit took place.
- 1991 Stripping of Grum deposit began.
- 1992 Ore reserves in Faro pit are exhausted; test work done on Grum deposit.
- 1993 Mining operations ceased due to low metal prices and Curragh was forced into receivership by its creditors.
- 1994 Anvil Range Mining Corporation acquired the Faro property from the receiver and resumed production in August, 1995, from Grum, then Vangorda.
- 1996 Anvil Range Mining Corporation filed a decommissioning plan.
- 1996 By the end of 1996, the Vangorda pit was mined out but the mill continued to process low-grade stockpiles at 50% capacity until March, 1997.
- 1997 The mine reopened at full production in November, 1997 and operated until January 16, 1998.
- 1998 On April 21, 1998, an interim receiver was appointed to handle the company's assets and ongoing care and maintenance at the minesite.

## Reclamation and environmental work

In 1995, Anvil Range Mining filed the Initial Comprehensive Abandonment Plan with the Yukon Water Board. Anvil Range Mining accrued the cost of reclamation and closure monitoring at the rate of \$0.42 per tonne of mill feed.

To fund the closure and reclamation costs, Anvil Range Mining, after negotiating with DIAND, established a Reclamation Security Trust (RST). Payments to the RST were made under the provisions of a formula tied to the price of zinc, with a minimum quarterly payment of \$175 000 being required subject to available cash flow. The fund was managed by an independent trustee, who obtained independent counsel for investment decisions.

## Tailings

In 1996, Anvil Range Mining also filed the Tailings Reprocessing Feasibility Study. Over 50 million tonnes of flotation tailings accumulated from the Faro mill operation from 1969 to 1992.

## GRIZZLY DEPOSIT

The Grizzly deposit was discovered in 1976 by Cyprus Anvil Mining Company (CAMC). For the next five years, CAMC drilled 52 holes and developed a preliminary interpretation and mineral inventory. Curragh Resources acquired the property in 1985 and, between 1989 and 1991, drilled an additional 21 holes. In 1991, three holes were drilled to test a fault in the Dy deposit, and five holes were drilled to test the path of a proposed decline. Ten holes were drilled through overburden to test the proposed portal site. The Dy deposit was renamed the Grizzly deposit in 1996.

The Grizzly deposit is similar to the other deposits in the Faro area. It is a multi-layered, polydeformed, sediment-hosted sequence of exhalative, massive and disseminated pyritic sulphide minerals.

There are two main mineralized horizons:

- "A" horizon: relatively lead enhanced; and
- "B" horizon: relatively zinc enhanced.

Collectively, the two horizons are referred to as the "AB" zone. The internal structure of the deposit is poorly understood, but the current thinking is that the structural complexity known to exist at Vangorda and Grum will be exhibited at Grizzly.

Geological reserves have been calculated by various parties. The most recent determination, by Curragh, by means of a polygonal method, suggests that the Grizzly deposit has probable and possible reserves of 21.3 million tonnes grading 5.54% Pb, 7.33% Zn, 81.1 g/t Ag and 0.87 g/t Au using a 9% Pb+Zn cutoff grade.

The ore reserves lie between approximately 500 m and 850 m below the surface. Mining would be only by underground methods. Additional exploration is required before this deposit would be mined.

Anvil Range commissioned a pre-feasibility study in 1996 for the Grizzly project. It is estimated that the initial development and underground exploration phase will take 27 months, cost approximately \$26 million, and include driving twin access ramps, drilling, metallurgical testing and a feasibility study. If a production decision results, shaft construction would take a further 34 months and cost an estimated \$52 million, plus an additional \$27 million for new and replacement mine equipment. It is estimated that at a production rate of 1.5 million tonnes of ore/year, the Grizzly mine's life would be 11.5 years, which could be extended by continued exploration.

## SWIM DEPOSIT

The Swim is the easternmost of five synsedimentary stratiform lead-zinc-silver deposits located in an arcuate belt along the south flank of the Anvil Batholith. The Swim deposit strikes northwest and dips about 25° northeast. Drilling in 1996 outlined 4.75 million tonnes grading 4.7% Zn, 3.8% Pb and 42 g/t Ag (using a 6% Pb + Zn cutoff) with minor copper and gold values, within an 18 million-tonne deposit of massive sulphide minerals that is roughly 460 m long and 150 m wide. Average thickness is about 21 m, with a maximum thickness of 85 m.

# FYRE LAKE PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Seeking joint venture partner



### Location

160 km northwest of Watson Lake

### Ownership

Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. has an 80% interest in half of the property. Welcome Opportunities has the other 20%. Pacific Ridge owns 100% of the remaining claims.

### Commodity

Copper, cobalt, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Measured and indicated resource (preliminary estimates based on wide-spaced drill-holes)

15.4 million tonnes, within which 8.2 million tonnes grade (using a 1% Cu cut-off)

Copper: 2.1%

Cobalt: 0.11%

Gold: 0.73 g/t

## HISTORY

Massive sulphide mineralization was first discovered in the Fyre Lake area on the property in 1960 by Cassiar Asbestos Corporation. Since then various companies, including Atlas Explorations (1966-67), Amax Potash Limited (1976), Welcome North Mines Ltd. (1980-81) and Placer Dome Explorations (1990-91), have explored the area. A total of 23 shallow packsack (224 m) and 20 AX (1423 m) drill holes were completed during this period.

In 1995, Pacific Ridge (formerly Columbia Gold) optioned the core group of claims from Welcome Opportunities Ltd. and, by 1997, had acquired 80% interest in approximately half of the claims by spending \$6 million (\$3 million to earn 50% and an additional \$3 million to earn up to 80%). Upon a positive feasibility study, Welcome Opportunities may elect to either arrange all production financing and place the property into production, thereby increasing its interest to 55% with Pacific Ridge retaining a 45% joint venture interest, or Welcome may convert its interest to a 2% Net Smelter

Return Royalty. Pacific Ridge fully owns the balance of the claims on the property. During 1996 and 1997, the company drilled 115 drill holes through completion of 23 200 m of diamond drilling and has partially defined a copper-cobalt-gold resource. An economic scoping study has been completed and preliminary metallurgical tests have been carried out. The company is seeking a joint venture partner to finance on-going exploration work. In 1999, Pacific Ridge carried out a small, \$72 000-program of geological research and environmental clean-up. No fieldwork was conducted at Fyre Lake in 2000 and 2001.

On July 15, 2002, Pacific Ridge entered into an option agreement with Rock Resources Inc. Rock Resources Inc. has the right to earn a 60% interest in the Fyre Lake property by spending \$6.0 million in exploration through to December 31, 2006 and issuing shares to Pacific Ridge, and by assuming Welcome Opportunities Ltd.'s right to a 20% interest by issuing shares to Welcome Opportunities.

The agreement terminated in 2003.



## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Fyre Lake property is situated approximately 160 km northwest of Watson Lake. It consists of 169 claims covering 85 km<sup>2</sup> in the Finlayson Lake district immediately east of Fire Lake, along the North River drainage. The property is 30 km southeast of the Wolverine project of Expatriate and Atna Resources, and is located immediately south of the True North Gems emerald prospect on Regal Ridge.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Finlayson Lake District is underlain by a Late Paleozoic metamorphosed volcano-sedimentary assemblage of the Yukon-Tanana Terrane which is regionally bounded to the southwest by the Tintina Fault and to the northeast by the Finlayson Lake fault zone. Copper-cobalt-gold mineralization is hosted by a well deformed and moderately metamorphosed chlorite to quartz-chlorite schist sequence which is interpreted to be a succession of basic to intermediate flows with interbedded tuffs and volcanically derived fine-grained sedimentary rocks belonging to the middle unit of the layered metamorphic sequence. The chloritic schist sequence is overlain by a micaceous quartz schist unit, which is in turn overlain by a thick sequence of phyllite of the upper metasedimentary sequence.

The Fyre Lake project covers over 9 km of favourable host rocks with several geochemical-geophysical targets indicative of volcanogenic massive sulphide mineralization. To date, the company has focused its attention to delineating the Kona deposit (23 200 m in 115 holes).

The Kona deposit to date consists of two parallel northwest-trending zones of copper-cobalt and gold massive sulphide mineralization found in horizons with thickness from 8 to 40 m over a length of 1500 m and width of 250 m. Massive sulphide mineralization in the Kona deposit consists of pyrite, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and sphalerite, while semi-massive sulphide mineralization consists of thinly-laminated pyrite, chalcopyrite ± pyrrhotite within alternating laminae of very fine-grained siliceous chlorite schist. Banded and massive magnetite layers host trace to 10% sulphide minerals, commonly chalcopyrite, pyrite and rarely bornite.

Utilizing kriging methods, the Kona deposit has been estimated to contain 15.4 million tonnes of 1.2% Cu, 0.8% Co and 0.46 g/t Au at a 0.50% Cu cutoff. Using the sectional block method and a higher copper cut-off grade of 1.0% Cu, the Kona deposit contains 8.2 million tonnes grading 2.1% Cu, 0.11% Co and 0.73 g/t Au. The ultimate size of the Kona deposit remains to be ascertained through drill testing. Two additional large targets remain to be explored by drilling.

## MINE PLAN

Pacific Ridge commissioned a preliminary resource estimate for the Kona deposit, with the northwest portion of the deposit holding potential for open-pit mining and the deeper southeastern extension being a prospective underground target.

Preliminary scoping by a major independent engineering firm indicates the objective 20 million tonne target would be economic, half of which could be mined by open-pit and half by underground methods. The study assumes a reserve of 10 million tonnes of open-pit ore grading 2.0% Cu, 0.7 g/t Au and 0.12% Co and a further 10 million tonne reserve to be mined underground at a grade of 3.0% Cu, 1.0 g/t Au and 0.12% Co. The study was based on metal prices of US\$1 Cu, US\$10/lb. Co and US\$365/oz. Au. The deposit is presumed to be mined at a rate of 6700 tonnes/day or 2.2 million tonnes/year. Mining would yield approximately 95 million lb. (43 million kg) Cu, 3.5 million lb. (1.9 million kg) Co and 37 000 oz. (1.2 million g) Au annually for the 10-year life. The study projects operating costs of \$20 per tonne during the open-pit phase and \$36 per tonne during the underground phase. Initial capital costs are projected to be \$246 million, including \$85 million specifically for on-site treatment and recovery of cobalt. A further \$27 million would be required for underground mining operations.

Preliminary metallurgical testwork by Lakefield Research indicates the massive sulphide mineralization is amenable to a two-stage standard flotation process, the first stage of which would involve the collection of a copper-gold concentrate with recoveries estimated at 90% for copper and 70% for gold. Concentrate grades range from 21% to 23% Cu and 10 to 15 g/t Au. Tests suggest 50% to 75% of the cobalt is recoverable in a two-stage pyrite concentrate.

# GREW CREEK PROJECT

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## PROJECT STATUS

Optioned to Freegold Ventures Limited



## Location

35 km west of Ross River

## Ownership

A. Carlos

## Commodity

Gold, silver

## Ore type

Oxide

## Geological resource (drill-indicated)

773 012 tonnes

Silver: 33 g/t

Gold: 8.9 g/t

## Proposed mining method

Open-pit, 365 days per year

## Processing method

Conventional mill, dore bar, 365 days per year

## Power

3 MW, on-site diesel generation

## HISTORY

The original Grew Creek claims were staked by Whitehorse prospector A. Carlos in 1983 and optioned by the Mincan JV (Hudson Bay Mining and Minerals), which carried out an extensive exploration program from 1984 to 1986.

In 1987, the claims were optioned by Noranda, which subsequently signed a joint-venture agreement with Golden Nevada Resources and Brenda Mines. Results of the 1987 program triggered a flurry of claimstaking and exploration activity in the area. A large-scale exploration program continued in 1988. In 1989, Golden Nevada changed its name to Goldnev Resources and renegotiated the joint venture agreement to give it a 100% interest in the property.

In 1992, Wheaton River Minerals took an option to conduct an underground development program, however, the option was dropped shortly after.

YGC Resources Ltd. optioned the property in 1993, and completed a \$150 000 drilling program at Grew Creek in 1995, and a 17 diamond-drill hole program in 1996. YGC terminated its option agreement with Carlos in January, 1997.

In 2000, a total of \$36 000 was spent by A. Carlos exploring a new area 1.8 km from the main zone. He returned in 2001 to drill an additional five holes totalling 262 m, and continued to drill another six holes totalling 415 m in 2002. In 2003, he drilled a further 450 m in seven holes.

In July, 2004, Freegold Ventures Limited entered an option agreement to acquire up to a 100% interest in the project. The company began a drill program in October.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Grew Creek deposit can be mined by open-pit methods with a stripping ratio of 9:1, waste to ore. Metallurgical testing by Noranda in 1988 indicated that recoveries of 92% to 94% are possible using simple cyanide processing.

The Grew Creek property is located approximately 35 km west of Ross River and 1 km from the Robert Campbell Highway and the Whitehorse power grid. The property consists of 192 claims and is owned by A. Carlos of Whitehorse.

The 2004 drill program evaluated a new interpretation of the structural controls on the mineralized vein system within the deposit and nearby targets.

## **GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Grew Creek epithermal gold deposit is hosted by Eocene volcanic and sedimentary rocks deposited in a pull-apart basin within the Tintina fault zone. The gold occurs in stockwork quartz veins and hydrothermal breccias cutting hydrothermally altered rhyolite.

In the main zone, rhyolitic tuffs are juxtaposed by an east-trending fault against a cyclic sequence of fluvial sedimentary rocks. The faulted contact is partly intruded by a quartz-feldspar porphyry dyke. The pyroclastic rocks, dyke, fault and sedimentary rocks all dip steeply to the north. The volcanic rocks are hydrothermally altered to illite-quartz and illite-quartz-adularia assemblages, with an outer propylitic halo.

The mineralized zone contains pyrite, marcasite, arsenopyrite, chalcopyrite, argentite, electrum, silver selenides, galena and sphalerite. Fluorite is also present in the Tarn zone. Gangue minerals include quartz, adularia, carbonates, and quartz pseudomorphs after calcite. In the main zone, gold and silver occur as micron-size grains in chalcedony stringer stockworks and adjacent silicified tuffs. There is a good correlation between gold and silver, with a gold:silver ratio of about 1:4 for ore-grade mineralization, which occurs in an elongated zone trending west northwest. Arsenic and mercury are strongly anomalous in the mineralized rock, but mercury shows only a weak correlation with gold and silver. Most high mercury values lie along the fault, above the gold-silver zone.

Initial drilling on the main zone gave a best intersection of 11.7 g/t Au and 150.9 g/t Ag across 31.4 m, while the best section exposed in a trench assayed 3.6 g/t Au and 15.3 g/t Ag across 13 m. The 1989 drilling focused on the main zone, with the best hole returning 10.5 g/t Au over 13 m.

The Tarn zone, located 2 km to the east, consists of quartz-fluorite-chalcedony stockwork and localized silicification within a 900 x 100 m zone of sericitized rhyolite dykes and tuff. The best assays were 150 ppb Au across 2.0 m in a trench and 520 ppb Au over 1.5 m in a drill hole.

Prospecting in the area is difficult due to a thick cover of glacial till. Plouffe (1989) showed that gold is concentrated in the silt- and clay-size fraction down-ice from the Grew Creek deposit, but the common pathfinder elements Ag, Sb, As and Hg show little correlation with the gold distribution.

In 1991, a trench in the K410 zone, 15 km northwest of the deposit, uncovered intensely iron-stained, highly fractured acid-leached volcanic rocks. Carlos excavated four hand pits to bedrock in 1992 and encountered intensely clay-altered Eocene sediments with hematite-rich bands. Samples from the pits returned anomalous values of mercury and barium, and a heavy mineral concentrate from 45 kg of glacial till in Pit #2 assayed 9320 ppb Au.

The 1993 diamond drilling intersected strongly altered volcanic rocks beneath a zone of hydrothermal alteration exposed in a surface trench.

The 1994 drilling showed that the South Zone consists of an extensive quartz-adularia stringer stockwork of low-grade gold-silver values. The best intersections were 2.33 g/t Au and 4.1 g/t Ag over 10.4 m. The South Zone appears to be connected with the Main Zone, but further drilling between the two mineralized zones needs to be carried out to confirm this theory. Drilling in the Main Zone confirmed earlier reported grades. The best intersection was 1.69 g/t Au and 3.0 g/t Ag over 24 m.

In 2000, a total of 450 soil samples were grid-collected over a 2 km area and analysed by the enzyme leach method. Three new geochemical targets were delineated in a favourable structural area north of the Tarn zone, adjacent to the Robert Campbell Highway.

In 2001, five holes were drilled and a hydrothermal breccia was intersected. In 2002, 1200 grid soil samples were collected on the Maverick prospect, located 7 km northwest of the Grew Creek deposit along the graben trend. The samples were tested using the enzyme leach technique. Results from the sampling prompted the drilling of four holes totaling 268 m. An additional 365 fill-in and grid expansion soil samples were also collected.

## **PRODUCTION PLANS**

In 1989, Orcan Mineral Associates estimated geological reserves of 773 012 tonnes grading 8.9 g/t Au and 33.6 g/t Ag at a cut-off grade of 0.2 g/t Au and containing a higher grade reserve of 184 947 tonnes grading 12.1 g/t Au.

# HOWARD'S PASS (XY) PROPERTY

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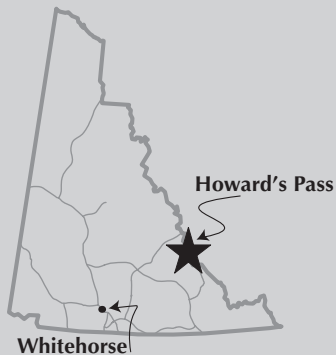
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## PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

55 km northwest of CanTung

### Ownership

Placer Dome North America

### Commodity

Zinc, lead

### Ore type

Sulphide

## Anniv deposit

### Drill-indicated reserves

(calculated by Placer Development in 1982)

61 million tonnes grading 5.4% Zn and 2.1% Pb

## XY deposit

### Drill-indicated reserves

(calculated by Placer Development in 1982)

59 million tonnes grading 5.4% Zn and 2.1% Pb.

This includes a high-grade zone that contains drill-indicated reserves of 8.2 million tonnes grading 10.6% Zn and 5.5% Pb.

## HISTORY

Placer Development Ltd., operating as Canex Placer, carried out a regional reconnaissance and grid geochemical and mapping program in 1968, 1971 and 1972. After lead-zinc mineralization was discovered, it staked the X, Y, DON and NOD claims over what was to become the Howard's Pass, or, sometimes, the XY deposit.

A staking rush ensued from October, 1972 to April, 1973. Canex Placer drilled in 1973 and 1974. In 1975, Canex entered into a joint venture with Essex Metals and drilled additional holes and constructed a road to the property from the CanTung Road. An adit was driven in 1980, and underground holes drilled in 1981. Essex Metals' interest was transferred to Cygnus Mining Ltd. in April, 1982. Approximately \$15 million was spent on surface

exploration and underground bulk sampling through to 1982.

Placer Development Ltd. was amalgamated into Placer Dome Inc. in August, 1987.

The Anniv and OP claims were staked 22 km northwest of the main Howard's Pass deposit by Canex Placer in 1972, following a regional geochemistry program and discovery of the Howard's Pass showing. After initial property work in 1973 and 1974, Canex Placer entered into a joint venture with Essex Metals (U.S. Steel Western Hemisphere Inc.) and carried out drill programs from 1975 to 1979.

Placer Dome spent approximately \$15 million on surface exploration and underground bulk sampling through to 1982.

In 1982, Essex's interest was transferred to Cygnus Mining Ltd. In 1994, Placer Dome restaked parts of the original claim holdings. Expatriate Resources Ltd. restaked part of the original claim block as the Nod claims in 1994.

On July 6, 2000, Copper Ridge Explorations Inc. announced the acquisition of an option from Placer Dome and U.S. Steel to purchase a 100% interest in the Howard's Pass zinc deposit by making staged payments totalling \$10 million over four years. A further \$5 million would be payable on a production decision. A subsequent deal with Billiton Metals Canada fell through after Billiton Metals Canada Inc. terminated the proposed joint exploration of the Howard's Pass deposit. Copper Ridge completed its own due diligence, including 2000 m of diamond drilling in 8 holes, with supportive conclusions by independent consultants. In December, 2000, Copper Ridge announced it could not make the initial payment to purchase the project and the company was turned back to Placer Dome.

## **GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Howard's Pass deposits consist of three (XY, Anniv and OP) complexly folded and faulted saucer-shaped bodies that host laminated to massive sulphide minerals. The shaley host rocks have a high carbon content of 6 to 7% and are finely rhythmically interlaminated with carbonaceous chert, calcareous mudstone and limestone. The bodies are believed to have formed separately in anoxic (oxygen deficient) sub-basins along the base of a paleoslope in the eastern Selwyn Basin. The mineralization formed through exsolution of metal-rich, interstitial fluid during shale compaction, and mineral deposition took place in brine pool basins. The main sulphide minerals are sphalerite and galena, with minor pyrite. Quartz and calcite are present as veins and nodules. There is a large exotic Holocene supergene zone at surface from groundwater over the downhill edge of the deposit.

The Anniv deposit, located 22 km northwest of the XY deposit, has similar mineralogy and is in a similar stratigraphic setting. Drilling has confirmed the presence of a sedimentary exhalative (SEDEX) lead-zinc deposit 1524 m long, 335 m wide and up to 45.7 m thick (average 12.2 m). The Anniv is more continuous and less contorted than the Howard's Pass deposit and has average grades

of about 8 to 9% Zn and Pb and 17.1 to 34.3 g/t Ag. The 1978 and 1979 drilling extended the Anniv zone from the valley of Don Creek 4 km to the northwest, and showed that it resembles the Howard's Pass deposit, but so far appears to lack a high-grade core. In 1982, Placer Development calculated a drill-indicated reserve for the Anniv deposit of 61 000 000 tonnes grading 5.4% Zn and 2.1% Pb.

The XY deposit, located 22 km southeast of the Anniv deposit, represents a complex folded and faulted lens of intercalated chert, limestone, mudstone and sulphide, which occurs within a syncline. In 1982, Placer Development calculated a drill-indicated reserve for the XY deposit of 59 000 000 tonnes grading 2.1% Pb and 5.4% Zn. Included within this figure was a high-grade zone that hosted a drill-indicated reserve of 8 200 000 tonnes grading 5.5% Pb and 10.6% Zn.

The entire Howard's Pass area hosts an inferred resource of 360 000 000 tonnes grading 7% combined Pb-Zn.

## **EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANS**

Copper Ridge intended to define a minimum of 70 million tonnes of open-pittable reserves to support a 10-year mine life at a daily throughput of 20 000 tonnes for Phase One. Zinc metal production would be between 350 000 and 500 000 tonnes/year. The company had estimated that Phase One would cost more than \$1.2 billion to develop, and once in operation, would create approximately 475 direct high-paying jobs plus another 1000 indirect jobs. Copper Ridge proposed to produce zinc metal on-site through autoclave leaching and/or bioleaching and electrowinning, and thereby cut transportation costs. A bulk zinc, lead, cadmium and silver concentrate could be transported south via slurry pipeline to a pressure leaching, purification and electrowinning plant at the Robert Campbell Highway near Frances Lake, or perhaps even at Watson Lake. A gas-fired generating plant at Watson Lake could provide electric power, and transportation would be principally by rail via a BC rail extension into the Watson Lake region.

Copper Ridge had planned for an expanded Phase Two at the rate of 40 000 to 60 000 tonnes/day of ore mined from open pits for 30 years or more.

The Howard's Pass and Anniv deposits are being monitored by Placer Dome.

# HYLAND PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Under option to Northgate Minerals Corporation

### Location

70 km northeast of Watson Lake

### Ownership

StrataGold Corporation

### Commodity

Gold (lead, silver)

### Ore type

Oxide and sulphide

### Resource estimate

3.1 million tonnes grading 1.1 g/t Au



## WORK HISTORY

The property was originally staked and explored in the early to mid 1950s including 365 m of diamond drilling in four holes. In the mid 1970s the property was staked (Porker) and explored once again, resulting in 303 m of drilling in four holes. Exploration picked up in the 1980s when Kidd Creek Mines Ltd. tied on Quiver claims to the east in June of 1982. They explored with geological mapping and grid soil sampling later in the year. Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Ltd. staked the Piglet in March 1984, performing geological mapping, soil sampling and prospecting. They acquired the remaining Quiver claims and sold the property to Silverquest Resources Ltd., which performed geological mapping, soil sampling and prospecting in 1986.

In 1987, Silverquest entered the Hyland Joint Venture (with NDU Resources Ltd. and Novamin Resources Inc.) which explored with mapping, bulldozer trenching and sampling. After Novamin dropped its interest and was replaced by Adrian Resources Ltd., the partners added more claims and explored with bulldozer trenching, soil

sampling, geophysical surveying, four holes (376 m) and road construction in 1988. A winter road was built to the property from the Alaska Highway in 1989, and 41 reverse circulation percussion holes totalling 3800 m were drilled in 1990.

In May, 1994, Westmin Resources Ltd. staked claims surrounding this occurrence and the Cuz occurrence, located 3 km to the south. During the summer and fall of 1994, Westmin carried out airborne EM, Mag/VLF and radiometric geophysical surveys, property-scale geological mapping, prospecting, rock, soil and stream sampling and grid development on their claims. In December, 1994, Hemlo Gold Mines Ltd. acquired an option on the Piglet, Quiver and Sow claims from Adrian Resources, NDU Resources and Cash Resources.

In July, 1995, Hemlo drilled three diamond drill holes (439.2 m) along the northern extension of the Main Zone. Westmin did more staking and soil geochemistry, geological mapping, and rock and auger sampling during the 1995 and 1996 exploration seasons.

In March of 1998, Westmin Resources was acquired by Boliden Ltd. and in April of 1999, Expatriate Resources Ltd. purchased the Ver and CJ claims from Boliden. Expatriate subsequently formed the Hyland Gold Joint Venture (Cash Resources Ltd. 55%, Expatriate 31% and Nordac Resources Ltd. 14%) thereby consolidating property interests and facilitating exploration in the area. In the summer of 1999, the joint venture carried out prospecting and grid soil sampling over areas which had not previously received detailed sampling. During the winter of 1999-2000, the joint venture completed a data compilation of all previous exploration work undertaken within the boundaries of the newly consolidated property. Additional fieldwork was carried out in 2001 to evaluate geochemical anomalies and re-evaluate geology and mineralization in the Main Zone. Since 1988, a total of \$2.7 million has been spent on exploration. Expatriate Resources completed purchase agreements to buy a 55% interest in the Hyland property from Cash Minerals Ltd. and 14% from Strategic Metals Ltd. In February, 2003, Northgate Exploration Limited optioned the Hyland property from StrataGold Corporation, a subsidiary of Expatriate Resources. In November, 2003, StrataGold began trading as a separate entity. Northgate changed its name to Northgate Minerals Corporation in May, 2004.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Hyland property is located 70 km northeast of Watson Lake and is accessible by 40 km of winter road from a point 35 km east of Watson Lake on the Alaska Highway. It is also accessible by float plane and four-wheel drive road. The property consists of 226 mineral claims.

## GEOLOGY

The host rocks are shallow dipping quartzites, phyllite and limestone of the Late Proterozoic to Early Cambrian Hyland Group.

Gold occurs in at least four different settings: (1) breccia zones in quartzite, which returned values of up to 3.1 g/t Au over 10 m; (2) north-trending recessive-weathering fault zones containing limonite and in places graphitic sandy gouge that assayed up to 6.6 g/t Au; (3) replacement bodies up to 40 m thick, formed

along the limestone-quartzite contact. These consist of pyrite, pyrrhotite, arsenopyrite and siderite and have returned assays of between 0.1 and 1 g/t Au; (4) narrow quartz veins containing erratic pods of nearly massive jamesonite, samples of which assayed up to 41% Pb, 154.3 g/t Ag and 3.4 g/t Au over 10 cm. All four types of mineralization returned moderate to strong silver values, rarely exceeding 30 g/t.

Westmin's 1996 results identified an As and As-Au gold anomaly, north and south respectively of Main Zone that may indicate an extension of the north-south structures that control mineralization at the deposit. Over the years, numerous authors have suggested that mineralization in the area is controlled by north-south structures, however, the disjointed nature of the various claim holdings has prevented these structures being studied in whole. The property consolidation allowed the joint venture group to study the entire system. The most prominent feature is a north-trending topographic linear that is thought to correspond to a steeply dipping regional-scale fault zone.

The 1999 soil sampling program tested two areas: the area south and east of the Cuz occurrence, along and downhill from the main topographic linear; and north of the Main Zone (this occurrence) on the north side of Quartz Lake where the linear projects into a swampy, till-covered area. The best results came from an area approximately 500 m north of Quartz Lake where soil samples returned anomalous Au (75 and 170 ppb) and As (756 ppm) values. This area coincides with the projected location of the topographic linear.

StrataGold believes that gold mineralization at Hyland is in the core of an over-turned east-verging antiformal fold structure. As operator of the joint venture with Northgate Exploration, they carried out a trenching and drill program in 2003, which tested below the oxide-gold resource and along the trend of a 2.5-km-long gold-in-soil geochemical anomaly which had previously been delineated. In 2004, reprocessing of historical airborne geophysical surveys followed by further ground geophysical work and diamond drilling was planned.

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## PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

60 km east of Ross River

### Ownership

Yukon Zinc Corp. (100%)

### Commodities

Copper, minor gold, silver, cobalt

### Ore type

Sulphide, oxide

### Indicated mineral resources

4 561 863 tonnes

Copper: 1.48%

## HISTORY

The Ice claims were staked in February, 1996 by Expatriate Resources Ltd. to cover a previously unstaked copper soil geochemical anomaly identified during a 1973 survey by Archer, Cathro & Associates Limited. High-grade secondary oxide copper mineralization on surface was discovered in May, 1996 and additional claims were staked. Exploration work in 1996 and 1997 consisted of geological mapping, grid and reconnaissance soil sampling, airborne and ground magnetic and electromagnetic surveys. A total of 34 diamond drill holes (2704 m) in 1996 and 87 diamond drill holes (7880 m) in 1997 were completed. No exploration work has been carried out on the property since 1997.

In November, 2004, Expatriate announced a reorganization plan whereby the company's non-Finlayson district, Yukon, exploration projects would be transferred to a new exploration company.

In December, 2004, following the closing of the transaction, Expatriate changed its name to Yukon Zinc Corp.

## PROPERTY SUMMARY

The Ice property is 100% owned by Yukon Zinc Corp. It is located 60 km east of Ross River on NTS map sheet 105 G/14 in the northern part of the Finlayson Lake volcanogenic massive sulphide district. The Ice property is 70 km northwest of the Kudze Kayah deposit. The property consists of 1105 claims covering some 22 000 hectares located west of the Pelly River and north of the Robert Campbell Highway. Access is by helicopter from the Robert Campbell Highway, 18 km to the south, or along a winter trail.



## **GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Ice deposit is underlain by Devonian to Triassic igneous and sedimentary rocks consisting of basalt, ultramafic and mafic plutonic rocks, ribbon chert and associated argillite, sandstone and marble. Most exploration to date has focused on a 600 m by 400 m area. The "Cyprus-type" deposit is hosted in a relatively undeformed ophiolite sequence belonging to Slide Mountain Terrane, consisting of a basalt breccia unit lying within a thick package of interlayered massive to pillowed basalts and deep-water sedimentary rocks. The best mineralization is contained within an area 350 m long and 50 m wide of thick massive sulphide accumulations.

Primary mineralization is composed of pyrite, chalcopyrite and localized bornite within a fine quartz  $\pm$  carbonate gangue in a massive to semi-massive sulphide horizon and underlying stockwork sulphide zone. Secondary copper minerals consist of cuprite, malachite, black copper oxides and chalcocite.

The Ice deposit is estimated to contain an indicated mineral resource of 4 561 863 tonnes grading 1.48% Cu with minor gold, silver and cobalt, including about 3.4 million tonnes of near-surface, open-pittable mineralization at the same grade of which 2.7 million tonnes is oxide.

Although drilling has largely closed off the Ice deposit itself, most of the favourable stratigraphy on the rest of the large claim block remains untested.

# JASON PROPERTY

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### PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

13 km from Macmillan Pass

### Ownership

MacPass Resources Ltd.

### Commodities

Lead, zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Indicated mineral resources

14.1 million tonnes

Lead: 7.09%

Zinc: 6.57%

Silver: 79.9 g/t

## HISTORY

The Jason deposit was staked in 1974 by C.L. Smith, representing the Ogilvie Joint Venture. Smith explored with mapping, geochemistry, geophysics and drilling. Interests in the property were acquired by Ogilvie Mining Corp. Ltd. in 1978, which then drilled 17 holes. In 1979, the property was optioned by Pan Ocean Oil Ltd., which carried out drilling from 1979 to 1981. Pan Ocean Oil Ltd. was acquired by Aberford Resources Ltd in late 1981. Abermin carried out mapping, geochemistry and environmental studies and drilled nine holes in 1982. In 1985, Aberford carried out joint feasibility and environmental studies with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting on the Jason and Tom deposits, and then transferred its interest to Abermin Corp. Abermin Corp. was acquired by CSA Gold Corp. in 1991. At this time, all owners with interest in the Jason property transferred their interest into a private Yukon corporation, MacPass Resources Ltd.

Phelps Dodge Corp. of Canada Ltd. optioned the property in 1990 and drilled additional reconnaissance holes, but dropped its option in 1992.

## PROPERTY SUMMARY

The Jason property is located about 13 km southeast of Macmillan Pass on the Yukon-Northwest Territories border, 400 km northeast of Whitehorse, and is accessible via the North Canal Road. A 700-m airstrip is situated midway between the Tom and Jason properties.

A feasibility study of the Jason and adjacent Tom deposit, prepared by Hudson Bay and Aberford Resources Ltd. in December, 1985, recalculated the combined mineable reserves of both deposits at 8 969 695 tonnes grading 7.09% Pb, 8.53% Zn and 79.79 g/t Ag. This study proposed the joint development of the two deposits.

## **GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Jason deposits are hosted by Lower Earn Group shales and turbidites near the eastern margin of Selwyn Basin in the Macmillan Fold Belt. The deposits consist of lead, zinc, silver, barium and iron precipitated from exhaled hydrothermal brines near the margins of a small graben. The mineralized zones are situated at the same stratigraphic level as the mineralization at the Tom deposit. The Jason deposits are well zoned.

Drilling has defined total geological reserves in three zones: South, Main and End zones. The South Zone contains indicated and inferred geological reserves

of 9.01 million tonnes grading 9.43% Pb, 5.19% Zn and 119.0 g/t Ag. The Main Zone contains indicated geological reserves of 4.55 million tonnes grading 2.08% Pb, 9.75% Zn and 2.1 g/t Ag. The End Zone contains 0.54 million tonnes of inferred geological reserves grading 10.30% Pb, 2.78% Zn and 80.2 g/t Ag. An arbitrary cut-off grade of 8% Pb + Zn was used in the tonnage calculations.

Total geological reserves of the Jason deposit are 14.1 million tonnes grading 7.09% Pb, 6.57% Zn and 79.9 g/t Ag using a cutoff grade of 8% Zn + Pb.

Approximately 30 700 m of surface diamond drilling has been carried out on the Jason property to date.

# KETZA RIVER PROPERTY

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Stock symbol, YGC (Toronto Venture Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

On hold



## Location

51 km south of Ross River

## Ownership

YGC Resources Ltd.

## Commodity

Gold, silver

## Ore type

Sulphide, oxide

**Resource estimate** (completed in October, 2004, by Girroux Consultants Ltd.)

Manto-style zones: 5.06 million tonnes averaging 2.98 g/t Au classed as measured plus indicated at 1.0 g/t Au cutoff

Shamrock zone: 2.59 million tonnes averaging 2.19 g/t Au classed as indicated at 1.0 g/t Au cutoff

## Mining method

Undetermined

## Power

3 MW, on-site diesel planned

## HISTORY

Exploration activity began in the Ketz River district in 1947 with the discovery of silver-lead veins on the nearby Iona property by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company Limited. On the Ketz River property to the west, gold was discovered in 1954 and 1955 by prospectors working for Conwest Exploration Company Limited. From 1955 until 1960, Conwest explored the Ketz River sulphide gold deposit with trenching and 59 drill holes and outlined 75 000 tonnes grading 12 g/t Au. Work completed by Conwest was frequently conducted under harsh conditions, often involving a two-day sled dog or packhorse trip to and from the site for supplies. Packhorses were also used for drill moves. Given a \$35 gold price and difficulties in working in this remote location, the project was mothballed.

The Ketz River property was optioned by Pacific Trans-Ocean Resources in late 1983. Pacific Trans-Ocean and Canamax entered a joint venture agreement to explore and develop the property in early 1984, with Canamax

the operating partner. After three years of aggressive exploration, an oxide reserve totalling 495 800 tonnes at 18 g/t Au was established. A sulphide reserve of equal size but lower grade was delineated. A production decision based solely on the oxide reserve, was approved early in 1987. Facilities for a 320-tonne/day mining and milling operation were constructed in 1987. The first gold bar was poured on April 28, 1988 and the mine was officially opened on July 21, 1988. In April, 1989, Canamax Resources Inc. purchased Pacific Trans-Ocean's share of the property and became 100% owner of the Ketz River mine.

The mine operated from July, 1988 until October, 1990 when the oxide reserves were depleted. The mine produced over 100,000 oz. (3 million g) Au.

In 1992, Wheaton River Minerals Ltd. purchased the property and equipment of the former Ketz River mine. Responsibility for all operations at the Ketz River site shifted to Wheaton River on August 24, 1992 with the formal closing of the agreement in late November, 1992.

Wheaton River Minerals (WRM) formed Ketz River Holdings (KRH), a 100% owned subsidiary, to cover the assets of the Ketz River mine. In August, 1993, Ketz River Holdings optioned the Shamrock zone of the Ketz River mine property to Hemlo Gold Mines. The option was dropped in 1995. In 1994, WRM sold KRH to YGC Resources Ltd. for shares.

In 1995 and 1996, YGC Resources Ltd. carried out an extensive exploration program including diamond drilling. In April, 1997, WRM sold its entire shareholding in YGC to BYG Natural Resources and responsibility for all operations at the Ketz River site shifted to BYG. In June, 1997, YGC Resources Ltd. concluded a deal with BYG Natural Resources where BYG purchased an additional 16.5% of the issued and outstanding shares of YGC. BYG would receive 50% of future mine production. The property has been dormant since 1998.

In the later part of 2004, the company commissioned a series of private placements. The proceeds of this were used to commission a technical report updating the mineral resource estimate for the property and to prepare the property and access to it for reactivation.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Ketz mine area is located 51 km south of Ross River, Yukon. The property consists of 242 quartz claims and fractions. Another 66 claims have been converted to mining leases covering 2110 acres (854 ha.).

A total of 100,000 oz. (3 million g) Au was produced between April, 1988 and November, 1990.

## EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

YGC conducted a diamond drilling program in 1995 during which additional oxide gold mineralization was identified. Exploration and a reinterpretation of the property geology at Ketz River led to the discovery of two new oxide zones, the Fork Zone and the McGiver Zone, and an extension to the B-mag Zone. The company spent close to \$500 000 on the property during 1995.

YGC drilled 21 widely spaced diamond-drill holes on the Shamrock Zone during 1996. The holes were drilled over a strike length of 1300 m across a width of 700 m and over a vertical interval of 750 m, with the objective of defining controls to gold mineralization within a large, coincident gold-in-soil, magnetic and visual colour anomaly. Assay results and observed styles of mineralization are consistent with YGC's exploration target of a bulk tonnage, low-grade disseminated and stockwork deposit within a portion of the large anomalous area. An intensive program of prospecting and mapping was completed in 1996 to investigate a number of other gold geochemical and coincident geophysical anomalies on the Ketz property.

In 1997, BYG Natural Resource acquired an additional 16.5% of YGC Resources. The agreement called for the milling of Ketz ores at the Mount Nansen mill and for revenues to be shared 50/50 net of costs, with BYG advancing pre-production costs. BYG also acquired net smelter return royalties on the Ketz River property. In 1997, YGC Resources continued to explore the Ketz River property. Diamond drilling in the area of the McGiver, Nu and B-mag zones was directed towards demonstrating continuity between the zones. Drill hole KR-97-587 suggested a connecting mineralization between the Nu zone and McGiver, with an intersection of 6.1 m grading 16.3 g/t Au in oxide mineralization. Drilling also intersected a new zone of oxide mineralization named the McDood. Two intersections 100 m apart returned assays of 6.7 g/t Au over 4.7 m and 4.6 g/t Au over 5.8 m. The 1997 program was aimed at increasing oxide reserves on the former producing mine property in preparation for possible production in 1998. In 1997, YGC also conducted work on the Shamrock Zone, a bulk-tonnage low-grade gold target. The Shamrock Zone was tested with widely spaced drilling in 1996 which returned numerous intersections. The 1997 work included detailed mapping, sampling and re-logging of all core drilled by previous operators. A gold-bearing magnetite skarn was intersected in the 1997 drilling, below and offset from the Fork Zone.

# KUDZ ZE KAYAH PROPERTY

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Stock symbol, TEK.A (Toronto Stock Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

On hold



### Location

110 air-km southeast of Ross River

### Ownership

Kudz Ze Kayah – Teck Cominco Ltd.

### Commodity

Copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Indicated mineral resource

11.3 million tonnes

Copper: 0.93%

Lead: 1.52%

Zinc: 5.89%

Silver: 133.0 g/t

Gold: 1.34 g/t

### Inferred mineral resource

1.5 million tonnes

Copper: 0.14%

Lead: 3.1%

Zinc: 6.4%

Silver: 133.0 g/t

Gold: 2.0 g/t

### Mining method

Open pit

### Processing method

Conventional mill, 365 days per year

### Mine life

11 years

### Employees

170

## HISTORY

### Kudz Ze Kayah

Cominco carried out a geochemical survey in 1977 in the Finlayson Lake area, but the survey was too wide-spaced to reveal evidence of the ABM deposit (later renamed Kudz Ze Kayah). In 1992, Cominco returned to the area to follow up on anomalous base metal stream silt samples which had been collected in 1988 by the GSC. In late

1993, quartz-sericite altered rhyolite rocks and a 15-cm piece of banded massive sulphide-magnetite float were noted, but the source of mineralization was not found until geophysical surveys revealed a major anomaly under the valley. The initial discovery hole was drilled in April, 1994. A large regional airborne electromagnetic and magnetic survey was flown and a total of 8500 m in 52 diamond-drill holes were completed in 1994 in a helicopter-supported, low impact exploration program.

The 1995 exploration program included construction of a tote road from the Robert Campbell Highway (approximately 20 km), 15 000 m of diamond drilling in 120 holes, sampling, and engineering and environmental studies. The purpose of the drilling was to define the ore reserve, assess mining methods and confirm the absence of important mineralization under possible locations for mill, tailings, and waste rock sites. Cominco spent \$3.5 million during 1995 on advanced exploration and \$800 000 on grassroots exploration. A 50-person camp was constructed on-site.

During 1996 and 1997, Cominco drill-tested targets outlined by airborne geophysics. The company's 1997 exploration budget for the area was about \$2 million compared with \$4.2 million in 1996. Environmental permitting began in 1996 and was completed in December, 1997.

In 1998, Cominco carried out diamond drilling and geology work on the Kudz Ze Kayah property and discovered the GP4F deposit, 5 km southeast of Kudz Ze Kayah.

In 1999, Cominco conducted a small geophysics program. In total, Cominco spent a total of \$11 million to find and delineate the Kudz Ze Kayah deposit, and take it to the pre-feasibility stage. The company received its Type A Water License late in 1999.

On March 1, 2000, Expatriate Resources Ltd. announced an agreement to purchase 560 square km of prime exploration lands from Cominco Ltd., including the Kudz Ze Kayah and GP4F deposits. The Finlayson project consolidated the Kudz Ze Kayah, GP4F and Wolverine deposits into a single development plan. A positive pre-feasibility study was completed by Hatch Resources and additional drilling was completed by Expatriate Resources on the Wolverine deposit.

In September, 2001, Expatriate Resources terminated the acquisition agreement with Teck Cominco for the Kudz Ze Kayah project.

## PROPERTY SUMMARY

The Kudz Ze Kayah property, host of the ABM mineral deposit, is owned by Cominco Ltd. and located 110 air-km southeast of Ross River, Yukon. The gently dipping sheet-like ABM deposit lies below a U-shaped valley, covered by 2 to 10 m of glacial overburden. An unnamed north-flowing tributary to Finlayson Creek, locally called "Geona Creek," drains beaver ponds which, in part, overlie the deposit. Finlayson Creek drains into the Finlayson River which forms part of the Upper Liard system draining to the Beaufort Sea.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

### Kudz Ze Kayah

The Kudz Ze Kayah deposit is hosted by a thick sequence of Devonian-Mississippian-age felsic volcanic pyroclastic rocks comprising quartz and feldspar crystal tuffs, fine lapilli ash tuffs, and ash tuffs with lesser rhyolite flows or sills. Immediately above the deposit are felsic pyroclastic rocks which are intensely deformed and altered to quartz-muscovite-carbonate schists containing fine pyrite and quartz veinlets.

The deposit is a tabular mineralized body that contains several lenses that collectively provide thicknesses up to 22.5 m. The deposit dips moderately to the north near its subcrop and becomes flatter dipping with depth.

Exploration work in 1994 delineated the approximate extent of the ABM deposit, roughly estimated to contain 13 million tonnes grading 1.0% Cu, 1.3% Pb, 5.5% Zn, 125 g/t Ag and 1.2 g/t Au. This estimate was based on 50 holes drilled on 100-m centres. By the end of 1996, a total of 139 drill holes had outlined a mineable open-pit reserve of 11.3 million tonnes grading 5.9% Zn, 1.5% Pb and 0.9% Cu, plus 1.3 g/t Au and 133 g/t Ag, based on 50-m spacings, and in some cases, 25-m spacings.

# LOGAN PROPERTY

## Yukon Zinc Corp.

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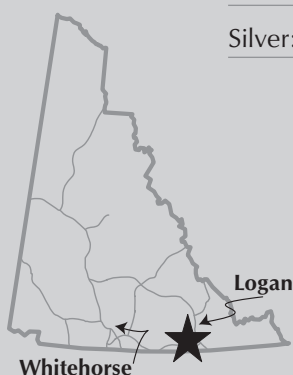
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## PROJECT STATUS

Development program planned for 2004



### Location

110 km west northwest of Watson Lake

### Ownership

60% Yukon Zinc Corp.

40% Almaden Minerals Ltd.

### Commodities

Zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

**Inferred resources** (report by Hatch Associates Ltd.,  
March, 2004)

13.08 million tonnes

Zinc: 5.1%

Silver: 23.7 g/t

## HISTORY

The Logan claims were staked in July of 1979 by Regional Resources Ltd. which explored with mapping, geochemistry and geophysics. The property was initially staked to cover a kill zone associated with a transported gossan which returned high zinc-silver-tin-copper values. Mineralization was first uncovered by trenching above the kill zone. Geochemical surveys were carried out in 1980, and mapping and hand trenching were carried out in 1982. In 1984, Regional entered into a joint venture with Getty Canadian Minerals Ltd. which carried out mapping, geochemistry, IP and magnetic surveys and trenching followed by additional staking, line-cutting and geophysics in 1985. Regional's interest was transferred in May, 1986 to Fairfield Minerals Ltd. and the property was expanded again. Work completed in 1986 included geological mapping and 15 diamond drill holes (1898 m). In 1987, an airstrip was constructed, additional staking

was completed and 44 drill holes (7770 m) and numerous trenches were completed. In 1988, additional geochemical and IP geophysical surveys, excavator trenches and 44 drill holes (6771 m) were completed. A total of \$4.5 million was spent on exploration during the mid 1980s. In May of 1990, Total Energold Corporation acquired Getty's interest and exercised an option to increase its interest in the property to 60%. In February, 2002, Fairfield Minerals and Almaden Resources Ltd. amalgamated to form Almaden Minerals Ltd.

In April, 2003, Expatriate Resources Ltd. acquired Total Energold's 60% interest in the Logan property.

Expatriate announced plans to evaluate the joint development of the Logan deposit, with its Wolverine deposit located approximately 170 road-km to the north. Although this development scenario remains attractive, the stand-alone development of Wolverine is currently favoured by Expatriate.



In November, 2004, Expatriate announced a reorganization plan whereby the company's non-Finlayson district, Yukon, exploration projects would be transferred to a new exploration company.

In December, 2004, following the closing of the transaction, Expatriate changed its name to Yukon Zinc Corp.

## GEOLOGY

Zinc and silver occur in a tabular, fault-bounded body, 1100 m long and 50 to 140 m wide within an 8-km-long fault zone. The fault zone trends northeast and cuts graphic granite and pegmatitic phases of the mid-Cretaceous Marker Lake Batholith. The main zone contains an inferred resource of 13.08 million tonnes grading 5.1% Zn and 23.7 g/t Ag. The deposit is still open to depth and has excellent potential for additional

resources. Metallurgical tests have showed that 93 to 95% of the zinc and 85% of the silver could be recovered in a 50 to 54% zinc concentrate.

Sulphide minerals include sphalerite (80%), pyrite (12%), arsenopyrite (5%), chalcopyrite (2%), silver-bearing lead sulphosalts (<1%), cassiterite (<1%) and rare pyrrhotite, covellite, galena, chalcocite, tetrahedrite, stannite, jamesonite, kobellite and native copper.

Mineralization is concentrated in multiple phase quartz and quartz-ankerite veins, breccia bodies, stockworks and silicified zones which cut bodies of highly altered granodiorite and latite and andesite dykes. Sericite, biotite and silica are the predominant alteration minerals. Drilling has demonstrated the existence of a high-grade core, which averages 14.4% Zn and 26 g/t Ag. The higher-grade mineralization consists of sulphide minerals brecciated and remobilized by the late-stage formation of a diatreme breccia pipe in the centre of the deposit.

# MACTUNG PROPERTY

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Stock symbol, NTC (Toronto Venture Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Undeveloped resource



### Location

250 km northeast of Ross River

### Ownership

North American Tungsten Corporation Limited

### Commodity

Tungsten

### Ore type

Oxide (WO<sub>3</sub>)

### Measured and indicated resource

Lower skarn: 5 052 000 tonnes grading 1.2% WO<sub>3</sub>

Upper skarn: 8 617 000 tonnes grading 0.8% WO<sub>3</sub>

## HISTORY

The MacTung deposit was originally staked for Amax in 1962. Periodic exploration on the property from 1963 through to 1980 included 38 320 m of surface and underground diamond drilling, construction of an access road to the North Canol Road and 1217 m of underground drifting and cross-cutting. Continuing into the 1980s, studies relating to environmental issues, including examination of local flora and fauna, archaeology, geomorphology, air quality, water quality and soil studies, were completed.

Canadian Tungsten Mining Corporation acquired all of AMAX's tungsten assets in the mid-1980s. In 1993, the property changed ownership to Canadian Tungsten Incorporated through company mergers. Aur purchased the MacTung property in 1994 and North American Tungsten Corporation Limited in 1997.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The MacTung deposit is covered by leases and claims in the Yukon, and leases in the NWT. The present ground position covers 9469 acres (3832 hectares), and comprises 38 leases and 77 mineral claims in the Yukon and eight leases in the NWT. Most of the mineral resources are located in the Yukon. The current portal is accessed from the NWT. The claims are not contiguous and none are patented.

MacTung is located on the Yukon/NWT border at latitude 63°17'N and 130°10'W, approximately 160 km northwest of the Cantung mine (see page 6). The property is on the slopes of Mt. Allan, about 8 km northwest of MacMillan Pass, in the Selwyn Mountain range. The MacTung deposit is located at an elevation of approximately 1900 m.

The MacTung deposit is accessible from the Canol Road, and is situated approximately 250 km from both

Ross River to the southwest and Norman Wells to the northeast. The Canol Road is open during the summer months when it is generally in good condition. An airstrip in the MacMillan Pass area is suitable for light aircraft. Another airstrip is located further east across the border in the NWT near the Tsichu River. From MacMillan Pass, it is approximately 11 km over a fairly rough road to the MacTung property.

## **GEOLOGY, MINEROLOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

Scheelite occurs in five separate skarn horizons formed from limy layers in a 300-m-thick sequence of Lower Cambrian phyllite, near the margin of a Cretaceous stock. The zones range in thickness from 15 to 60 m and average about 23 m. The rock is mineralized along a length of over 900 m, and over 300 m downdip from the intrusive contact. The sequence dips gently south away from the stock and is disrupted by north- and east-trending block faults.

The two lower zones (A & B) consist of scheelite, pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite, minor molybdenite and garnet in dark green diopside skarn, and grade better than 1%  $WO_3$ . The upper three zones (C, D and E) are generally lighter in colour with a lower sulphide mineral content and grade less than 1%  $WO_3$ .

An unroofed intrusion located south of the deposit may be responsible for the mineralizing fluids, rather than the Cirque Lake stock north of the deposit.

In 1992, Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. used existing resource classifications to estimate the amount of potential reserves. They are reported as being 5 052 000 tonnes grading 1.2  $WO_3$  located in the lower skarn and mineable from underground, and 8 617 000 tonnes grading 0.8%  $WO_3$  located in the upper skarn and mineable by open-pit methods, totalling 13 669 000 tonnes grading 0.95  $WO_3$ . In 2001, Roscoe Postle Associates noted that since the deposit has not yet been demonstrated to be economic, the potential reserves should be classified as Measured and Indicated Resources.

# MARG PROPERTY

## Atna Resources Ltd.

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Stock symbol, ATN (Toronto Stock Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Seeking partners and development opportunities to advance the project.



### Location

42 km northeast of Keno City

### Ownership

Atna Resources Ltd., 66.7%  
Comeco, 33.3%

### Commodity

Copper, lead, zinc, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Mineralized material

5.5 million tonnes

Copper: 1.8%

Lead: 2.5%

Zinc: 4.6%

Silver: 62.7 g/t

Gold: 1.0 g/t

### Mining method

Not determined

### Processing method

Conventional milling

## HISTORY

The Marg property was first staked by Canadian Superior Exploration Ltd. in 1965 on a GSC stream sediment anomaly, and explored with soil sampling, mapping and hand trenching in 1965 and 1966 in a joint venture with United Keno Hill Mines Limited. Canadian Superior performed additional trenching and detailed geochemistry in 1967.

The property was restaked as Flash in July, 1977 by Mountaineer Mines Limited and Welcome North Mines Limited and as Tudl in 1982 by ZX Joint Venture (Chevron, SMD Mining and Enterprise Exploration Limited), which explored with mapping, geochem sampling and trenching in 1982 and 1984. In 1986, All North Resources Ltd. optioned a 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % interest in the property and performed

soil sampling, hand trenching and VLF, mag, Max-Min and IP surveys. The remaining 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % interest is held by SMD Mining, which changed its name to Cameco in 1989.

NDU Resources Ltd. bought the All-North interest in 1987. It staked additional claims and explored by prospecting, mapping, Max-Min and pulse-EM surveys, airstrip construction, road building and 6037.5 m of diamond drilling (33 holes in 1988). Exploration in 1989 consisted of mapping, VLF, mag and pulse-EM geochem surveys and 5 drill holes. NDU added more Marg claims in 1990 and drilled 10 holes totalling 4119.4 m.

NDU conducted an exploration and 26-hole drilling program on the property during 1996. Two drills were working on the property. One drill extended reserves on

the D horizon and underlying A, B, and C horizons. The second drill explored targets elsewhere on the property.

Diamond drilling in 1996 more than doubled the area of previously defined mineralization. The results demonstrate remarkable lateral continuity over a 1200 m strike length and up to 700 m down-dip.

Surface exploration drilling consisting of seven holes was completed in early August, 1997. Core samples were sent for metallurgical testing.

NDU Resources Ltd. was merged with United Keno Hill Mines in April, 1998. United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. had to relinquish its interest in the Marg property to a private company as the result of a judgement against UKHM. Atna Resources Ltd. purchased a 2/3 majority interest in the Marg property from the private company for \$250 000 in February, 2000, and carried out core re-logging, mapping and prospecting during the 2000 field season. Cameco Corporation owned the remaining 1/3 interest. No work has been carried out on the Marg property since 2001.

In September, 2004, Atna purchased Cameco's interest in the property, consolidating a 100% interest under Atna's sole ownership.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Marg property is located 42 km northeast of Keno City and 80 km northeast of Mayo. The property consists of 402 claim units, covering 8403 hectares.

A 380-m-long airstrip allows fixed wing access to the property by small aircraft. A winter road to within 5 km of the property was constructed in 1996, but has yet to be used.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Marg deposit consists of four stacked massive sulphide lenses hosted by Devonian-Mississippian felsic metavolcanic rocks. From bottom to top, the sulphide lenses are designated A, B, C and D, with the upper, or D Zone, being the most continuous, and also the thickest (up to 23 m). The sulphide lenses strike east-northeast, dip southeast, and are elongated in a down-dip direction. Along strike, they grade into massive carbonate. The lenses average 6.1 m in thickness, but can be up to 23 m thick.

## EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANS

As of December, 1997, mineralized material, as calculated by Franzen Engineering Ltd., is estimated to be 5.5 million tonnes at an average grade of 1.76% Cu, 2.46% Pb, 4.6% Zn, 0.29 oz./ton (9.9 g/t) Au and 1.8 oz./ton (62 g/t) Ag. The nearby Blende deposit hosts a drill-indicated resource of 21 495 000 tonnes of open-pittable material with an average grade of 3.04% Zn, 2.79% Pb and 1.6 oz./ton (55 g/t) Ag.

The deposit is partly open to expansion along strike and down dip. Very minor work has taken place outside the deposit area on this very large property. The Jane Zone, a sulphide occurrence within the same host rocks 6 km from the Marg deposit, points to excellent potential for additional discoveries.

# MINTO PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Soliciting bids for the sale of all shares of the company



### Location

240 km northwest of Whitehorse

### Ownership:

Minto Explorations Ltd., Asarco Inc.

### Commodities

Copper, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Mineable reserves

6 510 000 tonnes

Copper: 2.13%

Silver: 9.3 g/t

Gold: 0.62 g/t

### Geological reserves

8 818 000 tonnes

Copper: 1.73%

Silver: 7.5 g/t

Gold: 0.48 g/t

### Mining method

Open-pit and underground, 360 days per year

### Mine life

12 years

### Employees

79

### Power

2 MW, diesel generation at the mine

## HISTORY

Anomalous copper concentrations were first detected during a program of stream sediment sampling in the Minto area in 1970. The Minto claim group was staked by Asarco Inc./Silver Standard Mines Ltd. (The Dawson Range Syndicate) in 1971. The DEF claim group was staked to the north of, and adjoining, the Minto claim group by an exploration consortium managed by United Keno Hill Mines Ltd., also in 1971. Both properties were explored from 1972 to 1974. The first significant drill intersection was made in July, 1973 and subsequent extensive diamond drilling outlined an ore deposit. A feasibility study was completed under the joint direction of Asarco Inc. and United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. in 1976, but the

project did not proceed at that time due to poor indicated financial returns. Drill programs were conducted in 1984 and 1985 by United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. (The UKHM holdings were acquired by Falconbridge Limited.)

Minto Explorations Ltd. was incorporated in April, 1993 specifically for the acquisition of the Minto property interests held by Asarco Inc. and Teck Corp. (the Minto claims and leases) and by Falconbridge Limited (the DEF claims and leases) and for the further exploration and development of the Minto property. Teck Corp. and Asarco each sold their interest in the Minto claims to Minto Explorations for shares in the company, and provided initial working capital of \$375 000 by purchasing further shares. An agreement was signed with

Falconbridge Ltd. for the acquisition of the DEF claims and leases on June 9, 1993. The essence of the agreement was that a cash payment of \$1 million would be made to Falconbridge Ltd. after a production decision was made and project financing secured. Falconbridge retained the right to repurchase the claims from Minto at a later date.

In October, 2004, Minto Exploration reached an agreement with Asarco and Falconbridge to engage Roman Friedrich and Company Ltd. to solicit bids for the sale of all shares of the company. In order to facilitate the takeover bid process, Falconbridge has agreed not to exercise its DEF claim repurchase right, in exchange for Minto purchasing the right for a cash amount equivalent to 42.5% of the total of any takeover consideration.

### 1996 construction

The initial 16 km of access road along the west side of the Yukon River, and the bridge across Big Creek, were constructed in September and October.

### 1997 construction

The remaining 12.8 km of access road were constructed, with only final grading and minor cleanup to be done after the 1998 spring break-up.

The site for the permanent camp was excavated in September. A water well to supply domestic water for the camp for drilled to a depth of 72 m, tested and equipped. A set of septic tanks was installed and a leach field was constructed. A camp services unit was built in Whitehorse during the winter months and this was then moved to the site. The unit included a water purification system and water storage for both fire protection and domestic purposes.

In October, the mill site was excavated and various on-site roads and the pit perimeter for the first phase of mining were constructed. Two used grinding mills were purchased in the United States, dismantled and shipped to the Yukon, and to the property across the Yukon River.

### 1998 construction

Detailed engineering was completed in 1998. The mill footings were constructed in September. Ketz Construction Corp. of Whitehorse placed a total of 1688 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete over a period of eight weeks.

The company purchased a used, 8-unit, 42-person camp and a new, 7-unit kitchen-diner-changehouse complex. These units were erected and all services, such as sewage

disposal, potable water supply and power distribution for the camp, were installed.

Final grading, minor clean-up and reclamation were done along the 28.8-km-long access road. The road was in excellent condition and approximately 60 loads of freight were hauled to the site during the 3 months of construction.

A grout curtain, designed to control seepage through the foundation of the tailings-water dam, was also completed.

The two mill motors were reconditioned and placed in storage in Okanagan Falls, BC.

### 1999 construction

A short construction program was completed in September. The two grinding mills were moved to the site, mill components were cleaned, sandblasted and painted, and the two mills were assembled. Svedala Canada Inc. completed a detailed inspection of the mills and a proposal for final installation was submitted. Some roadwork and preparations to permit construction to continue through the winter were also completed.

### 2000 construction

Work in 2000 included roadwork, completion of the camp and equipment purchases.

### 2001 and 2002 construction

A fuel storage tank with fuel distribution pump was set up in 2001. Limited care and maintenance work was carried out in 2001 and 2002. Five holes were drilled in 2001 to provide confirmation information for mine planning purposes.

### Cost of construction

The following are the construction costs in Canadian and American dollars.

	Canadian \$	American \$
1996	909 294	657 765
1997	2 557 106	1 849 758
1998	3 585 663	2 390 515
1999	<u>426 102</u>	<u>282 745</u>
Total to date	7 471 166	5 180 783
Numbers rounded off	7 471 000	5 181 000
To start of production, 2001	<u>19 816 000</u>	<u>13 475 000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 287 000</b>	<b>18 656 000</b>
Contingency	2 194 000	1 500 000
Feasibility study estimates (May, 1995)	25 822 000	19 127 400

In June, 2000, Hatch Associates, Vancouver, completed an independent review of the capital and operating costs for the project. The capital required was estimated at \$22.8 million with contingencies. The project was viable at prices of US\$0.85/lb. Cu and has an internal rate of return of 32.3% on the remaining capital at these copper prices.

The permitting process for the Minto project was completed, with the granting of a Type A Water Use License in 1998 and a production license in 1999. Due to continued low copper and gold prices in 1999, and delays in receiving the Type A Water License, start-up of operations were delayed, pending a production decision. The Minto project is viable under current market conditions.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Minto Explorations Ltd. is proposing to develop the Minto property located approximately 240 km northwest of Whitehorse, on the west side of the Yukon River. The orebody is located in the upper reaches of the Minto Creek watershed, approximately 10 km upstream of the Yukon River confluence, at an elevation of 2660 to 2900 feet (811 to 884 m). Access is by barge across the Yukon River from Minto Landing, then via road.

The Minto project will employ 76 people. Approximately 70% of the positions are expected to be filled by residents of Whitehorse, 15% by residents of Carmacks and the Little Salmon First Nation, 10% by residents of Pelly Crossing and the Selkirk First Nation and 5% by residents of Faro. The Minto project is situated on traditional Selkirk

First Nation land. The Selkirk First Nation selected an area surrounding the property as Category A Settlement Land under an agreement negotiated with the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon. The title to the mining claims and leases and the access road right-of-way held by Minto Explorations Ltd. are protected under the Umbrella Final Agreement and the Selkirk First Nation Final Agreement, respectively. The Selkirk First Nation actively supports the project and a comprehensive cooperation agreement was signed with Minto Explorations Ltd. on September 16, 1997.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Minto deposit is hosted in a flat-lying, tabular zone of foliated biotite granodiorite and quartzofeldspathic gneisses enclosed in the Jurassic Klotassin granodiorite. The main ore zone is 335 m long, 247 m wide and 6 to 61 m thick, with an average width of 30 m. The principal ore minerals are chalcopyrite and bornite in variable proportions with significant gold and silver values. The in-situ geological reserve for the deposit above a cut-off grade of 0.50% Cu is 8 818 000 tonnes with 1.73% Cu, 0.48 g/t Au and 7.5 g/t Ag. The reserve contains 336 million lb. (153 million kg) Cu, 140,500 oz. (4.360 million g) Au and 2.176 million oz. (67.68 million g) Ag. The ore that will be mined as per the current mine design is 6 510 000 tonnes with 2.13% Cu, 0.62 g/t Au and 9.3 g/t Ag.

In 2001, five diamond-drill holes totalling 552 m were drilled as part of a confirmation drilling program. The results indicate that the tonnage and grade of the current reserves will increase with the onset of mining.



# MOUNT NANSEN PROPERTY

## BYG Natural Resources Inc.

### PROJECT STATUS

Federal government is maintaining mine site



### Location

60 km west of Carmacks

### Commodity

Gold, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Geological reserves

Brown-McDade Zone

Oxide reserve: nearly depleted

Sulphide reserve: 220 000 tonnes grading

6.8 g/t Au and 57 g/t Ag

Flex Zone

Oxide mineable reserve: 81 700 tonnes grading

7.37 g/t Au and 312 g/t Ag

Webber Zone

Oxide reserve: 102 500 tonnes grading

7.83 g/t Au and 466.4 g/t Ag

Huestis Vein

Mineable sulphide reserve: 148 600 tonnes  
grading 11.75 g/t Au and 79.7 g/t Ag

## HISTORY

Placer gold was originally discovered on Nansen Creek in 1899. The first recorded lode gold discovery on the current Mount Nansen property was made by prospectors Brown and McDade in 1943.

The first underground work was conducted on the Brown-McDade zone in 1947 by the Spud Huestis Syndicate. After a few years of mine development, mapping, surface trenching and sampling, the property remained inactive until 1962 when the Mount Nansen Syndicate acquired the Brown-McDade, Webber and Huestis deposits and conducted additional exploration. Mount Nansen Mines Ltd. was acquired by Peso Silver Mines Ltd. which conducted exploration over the next three years on all three deposits. A 270-tonne/day flotation mill was constructed during 1967-68. A total of 14 500 tonnes of development muck produced during 1967-68 had an estimated average grade of 7.8 g/t Au and 162 g/t Ag, while mill feed of 5236 tonnes produced from stopes during 1969 had an estimated average grade of 11.7 g/t Au and 282 g/t Ag. Low gold recovery rates, estimated at 60% to 65%, led to the mine closure in April,

1969. In late 1975, a total of 5450 tonnes at an estimated grade of 16.8 g/t Au and 248.8 g/t Ag was produced from the Huestis deposit and processed during May, 1976, but the mine once again shut down shortly after. As of 1976, over 4572 m of underground development was completed on the three veins. Approximately 22 680 tonnes of ore were treated in the flotation mill in 1975 and 1976.

In 1984, BYG Natural Resources Inc. (BYG) acquired the properties and combined them with additional claims to form the current property. BYG and Chevron Minerals Ltd. carried out an exploration program from 1985 to 1987. Over \$5 million was expended on geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical surveys, trenching, 2605 m of diamond drilling (41 holes) and 1283 m of rotary percussion drilling (17 holes). During 1988, BYG continued exploring on its own by carrying out surface trenching and 85 holes (5397 m) of diamond drilling. A previously unrecognized near-surface oxide zone was discovered and the underground sulphide reserves were expanded. Metallurgical testing, mill flow sheet designs, tailings disposal and environmental impacts were studied at this time, and commercial gold production began on

January 1, 1997. Production continued intermittently until February, 1999, when all mining and operations ceased.

Between 1994 and 1997, BYG conducted exploration consisting of diamond drilling on the Brown-McDade and Flex (990 m, 12 holes in 1994), Flex and Huestis (1490 m, 21 holes in 1995), Webber and Flex (780 m, 10 holes in 1996) and Vince Vein (745 m, 9 holes in 1997). During 1997, a program of overburden stripping and excavator trenching was completed on the Flex zone. During 1998, a further 16 holes (1092 m) were drilled on the Flex Zone.

In May, 1999, BYG Natural Resources went into receivership (D. Manning and Associates) and was also convicted of violating its water license. In July, 1999, the federal government took over mine-site maintenance.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Mount Nansen mine is located 60 km west of the village of Carmacks, Yukon and is accessible by a gravel road from Carmacks to the minesite. The property consists of 257 mining claims and 30 mining leases covering an area of 53 km<sup>2</sup>.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Mount Nansen district is underlain by metamorphosed intrusive, sedimentary and volcanic rocks of the Yukon-Tanana Terrane. These rocks are intruded by Early Cretaceous felsic plutonic rocks and overlain by mid-Cretaceous Mount Nansen mafic to intermediate volcanic rocks and related sub-volcanic feldspar porphyry dykes and plugs.

The Mount Nansen property is host to four distinct gold deposits: Brown-McDade, Webber, Huestis and the Flex Zone. The zones are situated in a series of anastomosing veins in northwesterly trending faults or shear zones. The gold and silver mineralized structures consist of fault-shear-hosted veins and associated clay-rich and bleached alteration zones. The veins occur in a 2.5-km-wide corridor which has been traced over a strike length of 15 km. Clay-rich leach zones near the surface are underlain by blankets or lenses of gold-rich supergene ores.

#### Brown-McDade Zone

The Brown-McDade Zone lies at the southeasterly end of the belt. It is 55 m long by 200 m wide and consists of quartz veins and associated feldspar porphyry dykes.

The oxide ore of the Brown-McDade is currently being mined by a small open pit. A mineable open-pit reserve of 110 000 tonnes grading 12.33 g/t Au and 78 g/t Ag was outlined in the open pit, with an additional 80 000 tonnes of low-grade mineralized rock. Most of this was mined out by late 1998. Underground resources are estimated at 222 000 tonnes grading 6.8 g/t Au and 57.0 g/t Ag below the open pit.

#### Webber Zone

A diluted oxide reserve of 102 500 tonnes grading 7.83 g/t Au and 466.4 g/t Ag has been established in the Webber deposit from extensive trenching, drilling and underground development.

#### Huestis Vein

Mineable sulphide reserves of 148 600 tonnes grading 11.75 g/t Au and 79.7 g/t Ag have been defined on the Huestis vein by trenching, diamond drilling and detailed underground sampling. The ore is sulphide-rich and refractory.

#### Flex Zone

A preliminary, shallow open-pit design encloses a calculated mineable resource of 81 700 tonnes grading 7.37 g/t Au and 312.5 g/t Ag.

There is a geological sulphide reserve on the Flex Zone of 599 247 tonnes grading 8.88 g/t Au and 190 g/t Ag.

### PRODUCTION

The initial capacity of the mill was 700 tonnes/day.

Gold production from surface oxide ores commenced during the week of October 18, 1996 and the company poured the first bar of gold on November 23, 1996. Commercial production began on January 1, 1997. The mill was established to process 700 tonnes/day; intended yearly production is 50,000 oz. (1.5 million g) Au. The gold was sold through Gerald Metals Inc.

In January, 1997, the company produced 2700 oz. (84 000 g) Au and 13,000 oz. (400 000 g) Ag. Ore throughput increased to 450 tonnes/day which is 64% of design capacity. Recoveries averaged 88% and the head grade averaged 0.235 oz./ton (8.06 g/t) Au equivalent.

The unanticipated presence of clay-alteration minerals in the ore forced the daily milling rate down to less than 325 tonnes during the first nine months of operations. The problem was solved by installing a semi-autogenous grinding mill (SAG). Also, record rainfall aggravated

existing difficulties milling the gold-rich, clay-altered ores and restricted capacity to 36%. The SAG mill was operational by the end of August, 1997. During July and August, 1997, the mill operated largely on stockpiled ores leaving the high-grade open-pit clay-altered ores to be mined and processed when the SAG mill became operational.

Unseasonably heavy rainfall created a water imbalance problem in late 1997. There was inadequate provision for run-off of the rainfall, which led to an environmental discharge danger. BYG engineered a water treatment system in the spring of 1997 by transporting facilities from the Canamax mine controlled by YGC. The treatment facility enabled the company to meet water quality discharge levels.

The mine restarted production at the end of January, 1998 and delivered its first gold and silver for sale in April, 1998. At first, production was limited to 50% of the mill's

700 tonne/day capacity, then installation of new pumping facilities allowed the mill to operate at full capacity. BYG estimated that it would be able to produce gold at an operational cost of \$160/oz.

The company downsized in 1998 and carried out exploration and drilling programs to delineate additional oxide ore reserves on the Mount Nansen mine property, particularly on the nearby Flex Zone. The mine shut down in the spring of 1999.

<b>Total production in 1998</b>
472 kg (15,190 oz.) Au • 1208 kg (38,849 oz.) Ag

<b>Total production in 1999</b>
15 500 tonnes at a grade of 7.5 g/t Au and 50 g/t Ag, or 3738 oz. (116 200 grams) Au and 24,917 oz. (775 000 grams) Ag

# MOUNT SKUKUM/SKUKUM CREEK/GODDELL PROPERTIES

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## PROJECT STATUS

Reserve delineation ongoing



Mount Skukum/  
Skukum Creek/Goddell

### Location

40 km west of Carcross

### Ownership

Tagish Lake Gold Corp.

### Commodity

Gold, silver

### Ore type

Mount Skukum: quartz-carbonate

Skukum Creek: quartz-sulphide

Goddell: breccia

### Resource estimates

Mount Skukum	109 200 tonnes indicated	13.4 g/t Au
Skukum Creek (Rainbow and Kuhn zones)	160 000 tonnes measured	6.52 g/t Au, 257 g/t Ag
	640 000 tonnes indicated	6.84 g/t Au, 203 g/t Ag
	90 000 tonnes inferred	6.53 g/t Au, 225 g/t Ag
Goddell	320 000 tonnes indicated	11.02 g/t Au
	280 000 tonnes inferred	9.21 g/t Au

### Mining method

Underground, 365 days per year

### Mine life

8 years

### Processing method

Conventional mill, 365 days per year

### Power

on-site diesel generation

## HISTORY

The Wheaton River area first received attention in the early 1890s when prospectors discovered gold-bearing quartz-stibnite veins. With the completion of the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad in 1903, the area became more accessible to prospecting and numerous other gold and silver occurrences were located between that year and 1906. Stibnite mineralization was discovered approximately 11 km east of Mount Skukum at Goddell Gully in 1909, and in 1922, gold-silver mineralization

was discovered on the southeast side of Skukum Creek approximately 5.3 km southeast of Mount Skukum.

Exploration activity slowed with the beginning of World War One and did not resume until the 1960s when activity increased and stibnite veins in the Goddell Gully, Becker-Cochrane, Wheaton River and Skukum Creek areas were re-examined. During the 1970s, most of the exploration activity in the Wheaton River District was carried out in search of copper, molybdenum and uranium.

In 1981, exploration activity peaked in the Wheaton River District due to an increase in the price of gold and the discovery of gold-bearing quartz-carbonate veins in the Mount Skukum volcanic complex by AGIP. The project became the site of the Mount Skukum Gold Mine which, from 1986 to 1988, mined 223 439 tonnes of ore and recovered 77,796 oz. (2 419 700 g) Au by underground methods. In 1986, Omni Resources Inc. reported geological reserves of 745 000 tonnes grading 7.9 g/t Au and 305 g/t Ag on their Skukum Creek property. From 1985 to 1988, Berglynn Resources Inc. carried out an exploration program on the Goddell Gully property located at the southeast corner of the Mount Skukum property and adjoining ground held by Omni Resources Inc. This program led to the intersection of high-grade gold mineralization in drill core. The Omni, Berglynn and Mount Skukum Gold mine properties were dormant from 1991 to the mid-1990s.

Omni Resources completed a drill program on the Goddell gold project in 1995. The five-hole, 2820-m diamond-drill program confirmed a large, well mineralized shear zone. The shear zone is open to extension in depth and length. Omni Resources completed a 620-m decline in December, 1996 at the Goddell shear zone. The Goddell shear zone was acquired from Arkona Resources Inc. and 276 Taurus Ventures. In April, 1996, Omni Resources entered into an agreement with Trumpeter Yukon Gold whereby Trumpeter would finance Omni through equity over one year to earn a 50% joint interest in Omni's holdings. The agreement further provided the opportunity for Trumpeter to enter into a 50/50 joint venture with Omni on the Mount Skukum properties.

During 2000, the two companies, Omni Resources Inc. and Trumpeter Yukon Gold Inc., merged into Tagish Lake Gold Corp., which now holds 100% of the interest in the property.

The Skukum Creek deposit was drilled by Tagish Lake Gold Corp. in 2001. Based on the drill results and the resampling of historical holes, three new zones have been identified. All three zones could be mined from the existing underground workings.

During 2002, underground workings were rehabilitated and a program of 2500 m of diamond drilling was undertaken, primarily on the Rainbow Zone. In 2003, the company extended the underground workings to provide a platform for diamond drilling. An independent technical report commissioned early in 2003 significantly upgraded the resources of the property.

During 2004, the company commissioned a preliminary feasibility report examining alternative scenarios for production from the Skukum Creek deposit and carried out diamond drilling on the Goddell deposit.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Skukum gold-silver property is located 80 km southwest of Whitehorse, Yukon. The property covers 1088 full or fractional quartz claims and covers 3 known gold mineral deposits.

### MOUNT SKUKUM DEPOSIT

Mineralization on the Mount Skukum property consists of gold within epithermal quartz carbonate veins hosted in an Eocene volcanic caldera complex. Underground mine production began on the Main Cirque body in 1986, at a rate of 300 tonnes/day and continued until August, 1988, when that orebody was exhausted. Approximately 223 400 tonnes of ore were mined and 77,796 oz. (2 419 700 g) Au were recovered. The mineral processing facility remains on site. It is a conventional Merrill-Crowe crushing, grinding, cyanidation, zinc precipitation circuit with cyanide destruction using the Inco SO<sub>2</sub> system. It is estimated that about 98 885 tonnes of oxide ore grading 14.75 g/t Au remain at the Lake Zone. There has been no development on Mount Skukum since 1989.

### SKUKUM CREEK DEPOSIT

The Skukum Creek property was originally staked in 1922 and obtained by Omni Resources in 1984. Exploration and development proceeded quickly on the property from 1985 to 1988. The program, financed largely through flow-through share funding, included more than 24 000 m of surface and underground diamond drilling and 2200 m of underground development on the 1300 and 1350 levels.

The Skukum Creek deposit is located 5.25 km southeast of Mt. Skukum, and lies immediately to the southeast of the Mt. Skukum volcanic complex on the south side of Skukum Creek. It is a structurally controlled, polymetallic gold-silver deposit hosted in mid-Cretaceous granodiorites, quartz monzonites and granites of the Coast Plutonic Belt. The rocks are leucocratic, medium- to coarse-grained and may be porphyritic.

Rhyolite and andesite dykes have intruded the granitoids along faults, contacts and other zones of weakness. The rhyolite dykes are aphanitic to porphyritic, flow-banded

and locally spherulitic and auto-brecciated. The andesites are fine-grained to porphyritic.

Six mineralized zones have been identified on the property. They occur in faults and/or shears associated with the northeast-trending Berney Creek fault. The two principal zones are Rainbow and Kuhn. The Rainbow Zone has a strike length of 265 m, extends 360 m down dip from surface, with intercepts of up to 49.2 g/t Au and 528.7 g/t Ag over 10.7 m. The Kuhn Zone has a strike length of 200 m and extends 350 m down dip from surface, with intercepts of up to 33.1 g/t Au and 202.3 g/t Ag over 8.6 m. Both zones are open along strike and at depth. The mineralized rock has been indicated by drilling to continue horizontally along strike.

Zones within the Skukum Creek deposit consist of polymetallic veins within fault zones. The fault zones pinch and swell, attaining widths of 1 to 10 m, although they may reach widths to 20 m. The veins are composed of quartz-sulphide minerals with carbonates, clay minerals and rare barite. The quartz-sulphide mineral veins commonly surround a rhyolite core. Strong propylitic and phyllic alteration is common adjacent to, and within, the veins.

Sulphide minerals including pyrite, galena, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, stibnite, arsenopyrite, pyrargyrite, tetrahedrite and argentite occur in stringers, bands and fine to coarse disseminations. Sulphide mineral content ranges from moderate to high. Native gold may also be present.

### **GODDELL DEPOSIT**

The Goddell gold-bearing breccia, part of the Skukum Creek property, was drilled in 1995 and 1996.

The Goddell Gully deposit is named after the creek in which the showing was first found. It is located 10.5 km to the east of Mt. Skukum, and is a fault-controlled gold-antimony deposit hosted in mid-Cretaceous granodiorites. The main gold-bearing zone, the P.D. Zone, does not outcrop at surface.

Goddell Gully lies on the eastern margin of the Mt. Skukum volcanic complex. Cretaceous granodiorite is the dominant rock type present, and grades locally into quartz monzonite. The granitoids have been intruded by rhyolitic and andesitic dykes along faults, lithologic contacts and zones of weakness. Within the granodiorite, the Goddell fault strikes 90° to 110° and dips steeply to the south. On either side of the shear zone are intrusions of quartz feldspar porphyry dykes. Three bands of black breccia have been localized by shearing and brecciation. The black breccia consists of quartz monzonite, rhyolite, andesite and quartz veins. There appear to have been multiple episodes of rhyolitic and andesitic intrusion as well as faulting and hydrothermal alteration. Phyllic and argillitic alteration extends into the granitic wallrocks.

The easterly trending Goddell fault is the main structure, extending over 6 km. The other structures on the property follow a northeasterly trend, believed to be related to caldera collapse.

Exploration has focussed on known mineralized zones close to, and within, the shear zone. The zones consist of polymetallic veins, composed of sulphide minerals in a quartz-pyrite-calcite clay gouge. The Goddell Gully Zone consists of multiple sub-parallel veins within a 50-m-wide zone of intense shearing, brecciation and alteration. Close to surface, stibnite pods form the dominant mineralized rock within the zone. Recent exploration has focussed on the P.D. Zone, lying to the south of the Goddell fault, and the Becker-Cochrane Zone lying 4 km east along strike of the fault.

The P.D. Zone is located at depth, and appears to thicken with depth as compared to the sulphide breccia zones closer to surface. The P.D. Zone has been explored over a 400-m strike length and a vertical extent of 170 m, with intercepts of up to 26.2 g/t Au over 11.1 m. The zone remains open in all directions.

Sulphide minerals present include pyrite, with minor stibnite, sphalerite, arsenopyrite and jamesonite. Geochemically, there appears to be a good correlation between gold and arsenic.

# RED MOUNTAIN PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Underground exploration planned

### Location

80 km northeast of Whitehorse.

### Ownership

Tintina Mines Limited

### Commodities

Molybdenum

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Resource estimate

Total inferred resources of 187.3 million tonnes grading 0.167% MoS<sub>2</sub> including 21.3 million tonnes grading 0.29% MoS<sub>2</sub> within a high-grade core



## HISTORY

The area was first explored for silver-lead veins as far back as 1915. The property was first staked as the Fox claims by Boswell River Mines in 1967. Work in 1967 included an airborne magnetic, EM and radiometric survey. In 1968, Boswell followed up with a soil geochemical survey, and built a tote trail from the South Canol Highway and drilled 16 diamond drill holes (3126 m) in 1969. Boswell's property was fringe staked in 1969 by Northwest Explorers Limited (NW claims) and McGregor Telephone & Power Construction Company Limited (Mac claims), both of which performed geochemical surveys that year. The NW group was further investigated during 1971 by Hudson's Bay Oil & Gas Company Limited. The Fox group was restaked in November of 1971 by J.B. O'Neill as Habitant claims. Some geological work was conducted on the property but the property was allowed to lapse.

The porphyry occurrence was staked once again in June of 1975 by R.G. Hilker as the Bug claims (Y99583). Tintina Silver Mines Limited optioned the property in 1975 and performed mapping and hand trenching in 1976, before entering a joint venture in late 1977 with Amoco Canadian Petroleum Company Limited. Amoco enlarged the property and explored with an IP survey in 1978 and drilled 32 holes (21 391 m) in 1978-1982 to earn a 50% interest. Tintina Silver's 50% interest was transferred to Tintina Mines Limited in June 1991. Several Bug, SM and Gub claims were transferred to Tintina Mines Limited in November 1993. In August 1993, Amoco Canada Petroleum's 50% interest was purchased by Tintina Mines Limited. In the summer of 1995, Tintina Silver resampled selected sections of diamond drill core.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Red Mountain porphyry molybdenum property is located approximately 80 km northeast of Whitehorse on NTS 105C/13. The property is situated within a mid-Cretaceous, multi-phase igneous complex intruding Paleozoic argillaceous sedimentary rocks. The property is accessible by helicopter from Whitehorse.

## GEOLOGY, MINEROLOGY AND ORE RESERVES

In typical porphyry style, molybdenite, with or without pyrite, is contained within a quartz stockwork cutting an oval-shaped 1450- x 650-m Late Cretaceous quartz-monzonite porphyry stock and in fractures within adjacent Paleozoic argillaceous sedimentary rocks.

The porphyry stock is complex and multi-stage with a classical concentric alteration pattern. It is cut by a barren, post-mineral, quartz-eye diorite stock which also trends east and dips to the south. The mineralized zone is at least 1500 m by 425 m in area, extends to a depth of more than 1125 m, and is badly segmented by barren sills and/or dykes associated with the diorite stock.  $\text{MoS}_2$  grades are zoned outward around a richer core.

Most of the Amoco drill holes bottomed in mineralization. Resources at the end of 1982, as calculated by D.W. Asbury, were total inferred resources of 187.3 million tonnes grading 0.167%  $\text{MoS}_2$  (using a 0.10%  $\text{MoS}_2$  cutoff), including 21.3 million tonnes grading 0.293%  $\text{MoS}_2$  (using a 0.25% cut-off) within a high-grade core of the deposit.



# SA DENA HES PROPERTY

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Stock symbol, TEK.A (Toronto Stock Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

Care and maintenance



### Location

50 km northeast of Watson Lake

### Ownership

Teck Cominco Limited (50%),  
Korea Zinc (50%)

### Commodity

Lead, zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Mineral resource

Indicated: 2 190 000 tonnes

Zinc: 10.4%

Lead: 2.6%

### Mining method

Underground, 365 days per year

### Processing method

Conventional mill, 365 days per year

### Employees

100

### Power

6.2 MW, on-site diesel generation

## HISTORY

Mineralization was discovered on the Sa Dena Hes property in 1962 by the Frances River Syndicate. The property was worked on at various times by Atlas Explorations, Cima Resources, and Canamax Resources. Curragh Resources (80%) and Hillsborough Resources Limited (20%), as joint venture partners, acquired the property in 1989 from Canamax Resources. Between April, 1989 and August, 1990, the joint venture spent a further \$5.3 million on a field program of geological exploration and diamond drilling. Following completion of the detailed geological assessment, the joint venture decided to proceed with construction of the project and work commenced in October, 1990.

In early 1991, a socio-economic agreement was signed by the joint venture, the Kaska Dena First Nation, the Town of Watson Lake and the Yukon government. The objective of the agreement was to ensure that business and employment opportunities were available to local residents on a preferential basis. In addition, an agreement between the joint venture and the Kaska extended business, employment and training opportunities to the Kaska, as well as an option to purchase a 10% interest in the mine.

The Sa Dena Hes mine began production in August, 1991 and ceased operations in December, 1992 because of low metal prices. In September, 1993, the Ontario Court

appointed Coopers & Lybrand as the interim receiver acting for the Bank of Nova Scotia for the Sa Dena Hes and Stronsay (Cirque) assets.

The Sa Dena Hes and Stronsay (Cirque) lead-zinc properties were bought by Teck (25%), Cominco (25%), Korea Zinc (40%) and Samsung (10%) in December, 1993. The four partners paid an estimated \$43 million for the Sa Dena Hes and the Stronsay (Cirque) properties. There has been no production at Sa Dena Hes since closure in 1992. Teck and Cominco have formed Teck Cominco Limited.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Sa Dena Hes lead-zinc mine is located approximately 45 km north of Watson Lake. It is owned by Teck Cominco (50%) and Korea Zinc (50%). The property covers approximately 5600 hectares.

Production began at the Sa Dena Hes mine in August, 1991 and ceased operations in November, 1992 due to low zinc prices. During the 14 months of operation, the mine produced 607 500 tonnes of concentrate containing 374 400 tonnes of payable zinc and 290 200 tonnes Pb. Infrastructure on site includes the underground mine, ore handling facilities, a 1500-tonne/day conventional mill, loadout facilities, tailings and reclamation system, shops, warehouse, security and first-aid office, a 200-person camp, administration building, and a 6.2 MW power plant.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The indicated mineral resource on the property is 2 190 000 tonnes grading 10.4% Zn and 2.6% Pb.

### EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANS

In August, 1997, Cominco announced that Sa Dena Hes might open in the second quarter of 1998. Pre-operational work, including contract tenders for road upgrading and underground rehabilitation, was initiated. Cominco, Teck and Korea Zinc upgraded the mine's infrastructure and prepared for the mid-1998 start. However, due to poor market conditions, the re-opening was cancelled in December, 1997.

At full production, the operation would produce 75 000 tonnes/year of zinc-lead concentrates. Output would be sold into Asian markets, with Korea Zinc the most likely smelter.

In October, 1997, Cominco and the Liard First Nation signed a socio-economic participation agreement related to the Sa Dena Hes mine.

# SILVERTIP PROPERTY

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Stock symbol, SSO (Toronto Venture Exchange)

## PROJECT STATUS

On hold



### Location

Northern British Columbia, 80 km southwest of Watson Lake, Yukon

### Ownership

Silver Standard Resources Inc.

### Commodities

Silver, lead, zinc, gold

### Ore type

Massive sulphide

### Mineral resource

1.12 million tonnes (indicated)  
grading 378 g/t Ag, 7.7% Pb, 9.5% Zn and  
0.9 g/t Au

1.45 million tonnes (inferred)  
grading 284 g/t Ag, 5.4% Pb, 8.3% Zn and  
0.5 g/t Au

### Mining method

Open-pit for the first 2 years then  
underground, 365 days per year

### Mine life

4-5 years

### Employees

Approximately 140 when operational

## HISTORY

The Silvertip property has been intermittently explored since 1955, when high-grade silver and lead values were returned from Silvertip Hill. Exploration on the property from 1956 to 1968 consisted of mapping, soil sampling, line cutting, drilling, geophysical surveys and underground development. The property lay dormant until 1981 when Regional Resources Limited restaked the area. Throughout most of the 1980s and 1990s, Regional Resources explored the mineral occurrence from both surface and underground. A significant program of diamond drilling was carried out and a massive sulphide resource was delineated.

When spectacular silver-rich mineralization was intersected in the underlying limestone formation in 1981, the property became classified as a major precious-base-metal deposit. Over the next three years over \$15 million was spent on intensive exploration that attempted to define the mineral resource. Underground exploration took place in 1985, 1989 and 1990, revealing that the

mineral occurrence was deposited in a network of tabular and pipe-like bodies.

In 1996, Imperial acquired the Silvertip property by purchase of 100% of the shares of Regional Resources Limited, which was subsequently renamed Silvertip Mining Corporation (SMC).

In 1997, exploration was focused on the expansion of known ore bodies. Two new zones of high-grade massive sulphide mineralized rock were discovered through geological mapping, seismic surveying and 8000 m of follow-up drilling. The zones are known as the Silver Creek Extension Zone and the Discovery North Zone. A 1998 geophysical exploration program identified several additional anomalies, outside of the known deposit.

In April, 1999, Imperial optioned a 60% interest in Silvertip to Peruvian Gold Limited whereby Peruvian was to spend \$5 million over three field seasons with a minimum commitment of \$450 000 in 1999. Imperial retained operatorship throughout the option period,

preserving cash and offsetting the risk associated with deep drilling, and retained the right to buy back a 20% interest in the property by making subsequent expenditures of \$2 million.

A total of 5.65 line-km of CSAMT survey was completed in July, 1999 as part of phase one. The survey revealed three well defined areas exhibiting anomalously conductive signatures. A 2000-m drill program to test the anomalies was completed in the fall of 1999. Results were most encouraging, with one hole intersecting 31 m grading 318 g/t Ag, 8.65% Zn and 5.53% Pb. Existing underground workings were dewatered in December and 22 holes were drilled in January, 2000. Peruvian Gold Limited dropped its option in November, 2000.

In November, 2001, Imperial Metals voluntarily filed for, and was granted, protection from creditors to reorganize its business. On December 2, 2002, Silver Standard Resources purchased the Silvertip property from Imperial Metals by agreeing to pay \$1.2 million and issuing 100 000 shares.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The Silvertip property is located in northern British Columbia, 80 km west of Watson Lake, Yukon. Access is by a 25-km 2-wheel drive gravel road from kilometre 1128 of the Alaska Highway. The property covers approximately 227 square km. It contains the Silver Creek-Discovery zinc-silver-lead massive sulphide deposits, and some barite deposits about 11 km to the northeast. In all, 2200 m of underground workings are developed in and near the zones. At the portal, infrastructure includes a 25-m-long shop, generator shack, electrical shop, dry, core shack, lined fuel farm, a 10 000-tonne high-grade stock pile, lime mixing shed and three settling ponds. A 40-person Atco trailer camp is located approximately 2 km north of the portal.

Silvertip Mining Corporation submitted an environmental assessment application to the BC government in 1998.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Silvertip prospect is situated on Silvertip Mountain, near the last tributary of the Tootsee River called Silvertip Creek.

“The deposits occur in a carbonate and clastic sedimentary sequence of the Cassiar terrane, which has been intruded into the west by the mid-Cretaceous Cassiar batholith. The sediments include the Kechika, Sandpile, McDame and Earn groups. The deposits are situated on the west limb of a broad, open, northwest trending synclinorium, the core of which is occupied by volcanics, sediments and ultramafic rocks of the Devonian-Triassic Sylvester Allochthon. Massive sulphide zones occur in limestones of the Middle Devonian McDame Group. This unit is unconformably overlain by clastic sediments of the Upper Devonian-Mississippian Earn Group, which consists of two upward-coarsening sequences of turbiditic flows. Several exhalative horizons, consisting of fine-grained massive to laminated silica and/or barite, with pyrite, sphalerite and minor galena occur in the Earn Group sediments. Two of these, the Upper and Discovery zones, occur near the base of the second cycle, and contain lead-zinc-silver mineralization. Sulphides within the exhalite zones are restricted in extent although exhalites are wide-spread and may be stratigraphically correlatable.” (from BC Minfile, 1040 038)

The deposit contains the following resources:

Resource category	Tonnes	Silver grade (g/t)	Contained silver (oz.)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)	Gold (g/t)
<b>indicated</b>	1 120 000	378	13,612,900	423	409 000	7.7 9.5 0.9
<b>inferred</b>	1 450 000	284	13,241,200	411	848 000	5.4 8.3 0.5

## PRODUCTION PLANS

Silvertip Mining Corporation had planned to employ up to 150 people during the construction stage, and approximately 140 people during operation. The first two years of production would remove 0.74 million tonnes of ore by open-pit mining. The remaining 1.83 million tonnes would be removed by underground mining throughout the following two to three years.

Silvertip Mining Corporation proposed that the Goldstream Mill from Revelstoke, BC, be moved to the Silvertip site and upgraded. A crushing and dense media separation (DMS) circuit would then be added and the mill would treat 1500 to 2000 tonnes of ore per day. Conventional crushing, grinding and flotation processes would be used. Waste rock would be stored underwater, either in the flooded open pit or in a storage facility that would be built in the Silvertip Creek valley. Seven to ten daily truck-loads of concentrated ore, each containing 40 to 50 tonnes, would be transported to either Skagway, AK, Stewart, BC or Fort Nelson, BC.

# TINTA HILL PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Seeking option



### Location

38 km northwest of Carmacks

### Ownership

Midnight Mining Limited

### Commodities

Copper, gold, lead, zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Estimated resource

843 000 tonnes

Copper: 0.35%

Gold: 2.57 g/t

Lead: 4.71%

Zinc: 6%

Silver: 183.2 g/t

## HISTORY

The Tinta Hill property was first discovered and staked as a gold showing in 1931 by George McDade. Trenching and shallow shafts were excavated on a 4000-foot (1200-m) vein. The property was restaked by Conwest Exploration Company Limited in 1959. A program of bulldozer trenching indicated a strong mineralized shear over 3000 feet (900 m) long. Five BX-sized diamond drill holes totaling 1345 feet (410 m) were drilled in 1960. Old trenches and shafts were remapped and a profile was run across the hill for adit purposes. Canex Aerial Explorations Ltd. acquired the property in 1966 and carried out geochemical and electromagnetic surveys. In 1968, Silgold Mines Ltd. optioned the property from Canex, and cleaned out and sampled the existing trenches. Exeter Mines Ltd. drilled 1126 feet (343.2 m) in four BQ holes in 1973. Exeter also relogged core that could be found from the 1960 drill holes and calculated drill-indicated and inferred ore reserves. Exeter remapped trenches on the property, as well as carrying out a soil-sample grid program over a 7000- by 2000-foot (2000- by 600-m)

area. A total of 271 soil samples, collected and assayed for silver, lead, copper and gold, indicated anomalous values centred on the Tinta 2 and 4 claims.

In 1974, Exeter Mines Ltd. changed its name to Tinta Hill Mines. VLF-EM surveys carried out in 1973 and 1974 indicated conductors parallel to the mineralized shear zone. A total of 4041 feet (1232 m) of BQ diamond drilling was completed in 21 holes for the purpose of testing the vertical and horizontal extensions of the main Tinta vein zone. In 1975, metallurgical testwork, involving a series of flotation tests on core reject samples, was undertaken in order to determine concentrate grades and recoveries. Tinta Hill drilled one hole in 1976 to a depth of 417 feet (127 m), and recalculated the drill-indicated reserves.

The claims reverted to Placer Development Ltd. and were optioned in 1979 by a joint venture between Silver Tusk Mines Ltd. and Panther Mines Ltd. In 1980, a total of 516 m of drifting and crosscutting in the No. 1 adit was completed. In 1982, another 457 m in the No. 2 adit

was completed. The No. 2 adit is 366 m west and 45.7 m lower in elevation than No. 1. In 1982, three holes were drilled on the main zone, totaling 969 feet (295 m). Three additional holes were drilled to test other anomalies.

International Consolidated Platinum performed trenching in 1987 under a joint venture agreement. Mill City Gold then optioned the property in 1988 and completed an 8-hole, 3752-foot (1144-m) diamond drill program on the Tinta 1 and 2 claims, along with prospecting, and soil and stream sampling.

Silver Tusk performed road work in 1989 and trenching in 1991, 1992 and 1994. Silver Tusk allowed all of the claims except Tinta 1 and 2 to lapse. Midnight Mines Limited staked the Tinta 3-10 and Hill claims in 2000, and the Tinta 1 and 2 claims in 2002.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Tinta Hill property consists of 48 mineral claims located approximately 38 km northwest of Carmacks on NTS map sheet 115 I/6 and I/7 in central Yukon. The claims are accessible via the Freegold road, a government-maintained 54-km gravel road. Tinta Hill is a smaller hill on the southern flanks of Granite Mountain. The portals of the two adits on the Tinta property need repair; however, ice within the underground workings could be removed to enable sampling along the drifts.

### GEOLOGY AND MINEROLOGY

The Tinta Hill property is located in the Yukon Cataclastic Complex consisting of Upper Paleozoic extrusive and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks. The Yukon Crystalline Terrain (early Paleozoic rocks metamorphosed and intruded by younger Jurassic to Cretaceous plutonic rocks) is south of the property. The Big Creek Fault is a major structural feature which trends west-northwest

along Big Creek and divides the two packages of rocks, with the Yukon Cataclastic Complex located on the north.

The oldest rocks in the area are Paleozoic schists and gneisses, intruded by large stocks and batholiths of granite, granodiorite and syenite (Jurassic to Cretaceous), all intruded by dykes and small stocks of Cretaceous to Tertiary age.

The property lies within an unglaciated portion of the Dawson Range. The principal rock type on the property is a granodiorite to quartz diorite/monzonite of Triassic (?) age. The intrusive is generally medium- to coarse-grained and locally porphyritic. Gneissic amphibolite occurs to the north of the main shear zone. Surrounding are volcanic rocks consisting of dacite, andesite and rhyolite porphyries.

Mineralized rock on the property is confined to several shear zones. Quartz-carbonate veins within and outside the main shear contain auriferous pyrite, sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite and argentiferous tetrahedrite. Locally, veins have been altered to clay minerals. Pyrite, sphalerite, galena and chalcopyrite also occur as veinlets and disseminations in both hanging wall and footwall altered host rocks.

The main mineralized shear zone has been identified as a pinch-and-swell structure over a length of some 11,500 feet (3510 m), which is open at both ends. A second major vein system appears to parallel the main vein, approximately 150 m to the north.

The potential to expand the reserves on the property is excellent as the zone is open to the northwest, the southeast and to depth. Additional subparallel and parallel zones located by the VLF-EM survey have been partially tested. The potential for bulk tonnage targets on the property has never been assessed.

# TOM PROPERTY

## Hudson Bay Exploration and Development

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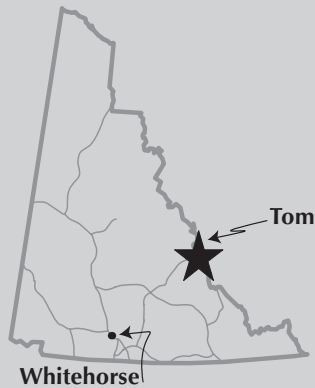
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### PROJECT STATUS

Inactive



### Location

13 km southeast of Macmillan Pass

### Ownership

Hudson Bay Exploration and Development

### Commodities

Lead, zinc, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Resource estimates

#### West zone

6 864 800 tonnes

Lead: 4.44%

Zinc: 7.16%

Silver: 42.6 g/t

#### East zone

2 418 900 tonnes

Lead: 11.13%

Zinc: 8.42%

Silver: 145.4 g/t

## HISTORY

Extensive work has been carried out on the Tom property since it was first staked by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting in 1951. It was explored with mapping and hand trenching in 1951, and 37 drill holes (5435 m) between 1951 and 1953. From 1966 to 1979, additional exploration work, including 1809 m of drifting and 75 underground drill holes (3617 m), was completed. Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting completed part of a major feasibility study between 1980 and 1982 including additional underground work, engineering and environmental studies. A joint feasibility study with Aberford Resources Ltd., which included the nearby Jason deposit, was completed in 1985. At this point, a total of 3523 m of underground development, 4970 m of underground diamond drilling and 14 630 m of surface drilling had been completed on the property.

In July, 1988, Cominco Ltd. optioned the Tom property for a 60% interest through expenditures of \$5.5 million and

cash payments totalling \$4 million before the end of 1993. Cominco remapped the property and drilled four holes (2226 m) in 1988, four holes (2175 m) in 1989, seven holes (3578 m) in 1990 and eight holes (2882.7 m) in 1991. Cominco dropped its option in 1992.

## PROPERTY SUMMARY

The Tom deposit is located about 13 km southeast of Macmillan Pass on the Yukon-Northwest Territories border and is accessible via the North Canol Road. A 700-m airstrip is situated midway between the Tom and Jason properties.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Tom property is underlain by fine-grained black clastic rocks of the Devonian-Mississippian Earn Group. Mineral consists mainly of galena, sphalerite and barite and is concentrated in three zones: Tom East, Tom West

## TOM PROPERTY

and Tom Southeast. The Tom West zone is a tabular body 1200 m long and up to 40 m thick which dips 70 degrees west. It extends down-dip for 360 m. The Tom East zone consists of fault-bounded pods of high-grade laminated barite, chert, sphalerite and galena near the hinge of an anticline. The Tom Southeast zone is thinner and higher grade than most of the Tom West zone. It consists of a tabular body 400 m long and 0.5 to 6.0 m thick, which dips 60 to 70 degrees east.

Mineable reserves for the Tom East and West zones are published at 9 283 700 tonnes grading 7.5% Pb, 6.2% Zn

and 69.4% Ag using a 7% Zn + Pb cutoff, a 15% dilution factor and 90% recovery.

A feasibility study of the Tom and adjacent Jason deposit, prepared by Hudson Bay and Aberford Resources Ltd. in December, 1985, recalculated the combined mineable reserves of both deposits as 8 969 695 tonnes grading 7.09% Pb, 8.53% Zn and 79.79 g/t Ag. This study proposed the joint development of the two deposits.

### *Summary of tonnage and grades, Tom deposit.*

	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Silver g/t</b>	<b>Zinc %</b>	<b>Lead %</b>
<u>Tom West Zone</u>				
Geological resource <sup>1</sup>	13 385 400	28.5	6.53	3.19
Mining reserves <sup>2</sup>	6 864 800	42.6	7.16	4.44
<u>Tom East Zone</u>				
Geological resource	2 337 100	167.3	9.68	12.8
Mining reserves	2 418 900	145.4	8.42	11.13
<u>Tom Deposit - Total</u>				
Geological resource	15 722 500	49.1	7.00	4.61
Mining reserves	9 283 700	69.4	7.49	6.19

<sup>1</sup>geological resource - 5% Zn + Pb cut-off

<sup>2</sup>mining reserves - 7% Zn + Pb cut-off, 15% dilution factor, 90% recovery



# TULSEQUAH CHIEF PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Permitting complete; project approval received;  
application made for Mine Development Certificate



### Location

100 km south of Atlin, B.C.

### Ownership

Redfern Resources Ltd. owns 100% of the Tulsequah Project. Redfern Resources is owned by Redcorp Ventures Ltd.

### Commodities

Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Resource estimate

From the project approval certificate, December, 2002

	Measured and indicated	Inferred
<b>Tonnes</b>	5 940 000	3 000 000
<b>Au, g/t</b>	2.59	2.42
<b>Ag, g/t</b>	107.41	107.86
<b>Cu %</b>	1.42	1.10
<b>Pb %</b>	1.26	1.19
<b>Zn %</b>	6.72	6.38

### Mining method

Underground, 343 days/year

### Processing method

Conventional mill, 365 days/year

### Mine life

9 years minimum

### Employees

199

### Power

12 MW, on-site diesel

## HISTORY

In 1923, W. Kirkham of Juneau, Alaska discovered the Tulsequah Chief deposit while prospecting in the Tulsequah River valley. The initial discovery of a highly mineralized showing located above the present 6500 level adit (400 m above sea level) initiated a wave of prospecting activity in the area. The ensuing years of intensive prospecting efforts culminated in the 1929 discovery of the Big Bull deposit some 7 km to the south. The Sparling, Banker and Polaris-Taku deposits were also discovered in 1929. The Tulsequah and Big Bull deposits were acquired by Cominco in 1946 and were put into production by 1951. For six years, both deposits were

mined at an average rate of 482 tonnes/day. In 1957, due to low metal prices, Cominco was forced to close its operations with substantial reserves in place. From 1957 until 1971, the mine site lay dormant and unexplored.

During operations in the 1950s, the Tulsequah Chief deposits were considered to be shear-zone controlled. In 1971, re-examination of the local geology by Cominco geologists led to identification of volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) mineralization. Ten years passed before the next wave of exploration commenced. In 1981, 1:250 000 and 1:50 000 mapping was conducted. This work was followed in 1982 by airborne Dighem and Questor Input AEM geophysical surveys conducted by

Cominco and Redfern Resources Ltd., respectively. The 1:50 000 mapping work was originally published in 1984 and then in 1987 it was further refined and republished for Cominco.

In 1987, ongoing discussions between Cominco and Redfern led to an agreement whereby Redfern acquired the right to earn up to a 40% interest in the Tulsequah Chief deposits. Redfern secured a 100% interest in 1992 and continued exploration until 1994. All work since 1994 has been focused on feasibility and permitting. Redfern has spent almost \$30 million on exploration, delineation drilling, metallurgical testing, environmental work, engineering design and feasibility studies on the property since 1987.

Redfern completed the required environmental review and received approval from the BC government in 1998. All permitting work on the project was then temporarily suspended following a June 28, 2000 decision by a BC Supreme Court judge which determined that the BC government had not provided sufficient opportunity for consideration of concerns raised by the Taku River Tlingit First Nation prior to approving the project. The company and the BC government have appealed the decision and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation cross-appealed. A review process, focused on the aboriginal concerns, commenced in September, 2000. In December, 2002, the company received a project approval certificate from the British Columbia government.

In 2000, Redfern Resources Ltd. became a wholly owned subsidiary of Redcorp Ventures Ltd.

In 2003, a drill program was carried out at Tulsequah, which expanded the known extent of the sulphide mineralization.

In 2004, infill drilling was carried out and a resource estimate compliant with 43-101 standards was commissioned.

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Tulsequah Chief project, 100% owned by Redfern Resources Ltd., is a former base and precious metal producing mine hosting copper, lead, zinc, gold and silver mineralized rock. The project site is located in the British Columbia Coastal Mountain Range near the Alaska border, some 64 km northeast of Juneau, Alaska. Access to the property is currently by helicopter or fixed wing from Atlin or Juneau. Redfern is proposing a 160-km access road

to be constructed from the minesite to the existing road near Atlin and operated as a restricted access road under the BC Mining Right-of-Way Act. The project will employ about 200 people. The crews will be flown in from either Vancouver, Smithers or Whitehorse and the workers will reside in a mine camp. Power requirements are estimated at about 12 MW.

## **GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES**

The Tulsequah Chief property is predominately underlain by folded, faulted and metamorphosed pre-Permian, volcano-dominated rocks of the Mount Eaton Group as well as intrusive rocks of the coast Plutonic Belt. The Tulsequah Chief property contains Kuroko-type volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits which are believed to have precipitated on the sea floor adjacent to fumaroles associated with felsic submarine volcanism. Thin-banded to massive pyrite occurs here, with lesser amounts of sphalerite, chalcopyrite and galena.

### **From the project approval certificate, December, 2002**

	<b>Measured and indicated</b>	<b>Inferred</b>
<b>Tonnes</b>	5 940 000	3 000 000
<b>Au, g/t</b>	2.59	2.42
<b>Ag, g/t</b>	107.41	107.86
<b>Cu %</b>	1.42	1.10
<b>Pb %</b>	1.26	1.19
<b>Zn %</b>	6.72	6.38

## **PRODUCTION PLANS**

Underground mine production is estimated at 2466 tonnes/day over a minimum nine-year mine life. The proposed milling plan involves gravity concentration within the grinding circuit, followed by differential flotation to recover free gold and to produce separate copper, lead and zinc concentrates. It is estimated that in full production, the mine will deliver 52,620 oz. (1 637 000 g) Au, 2,655,000 oz. (82 580 000 g) Ag, 98 million lb. (44 million kg) Zn, 22 million lb. (10 million kg) Cu and 10 million lb. (4 million kg) Pb annually. Concentrate would be hauled from Atlin, BC to port facilities in Skagway, Alaska.

# UNITED KENO HILL PROPERTY (ELSA)

## PROJECT STATUS

Yukon government is managing the mine site.



## Location

Elsa

## Commodities

Silver, lead

## Ore type

Sulphide

## Geological reserve (1995, 1996)

856 302 tonnes

Lead: 3.9%

Zinc: 4.8%

Silver: 1026.03 g/t

## Geological resource

856 382 tonnes

Lead: 4.80%

Zinc: 3.90%

Silver: 1026 g/t

## Mining method

Underground, 365 days/year

## Processing method

Conventional mill, 365 days/year

## HISTORY

Silver and lead mineralization was first discovered on the property in 1903. Treadwell Yukon Company Limited acquired the better showings in the area and began shipping hand-cobbed ore in 1921. Treadwell mined the deposits from 1921 to 1941; a total of 1.5 billion grams Ag were produced during this time. In 1945, Frobisher Exploration Company Ltd. and Conwest Exploration Company Ltd. formed Keno Hill Mining Company Ltd. United Keno operated the mine from 1946 until 1988. A strike from September, 1980 to May, 1981 severely curtailed production. Low silver prices forced the mine to close from July, 1982 to August, 1983. In January, 1989, the mine was closed due to low silver prices. From 1946 to 1988 about 5.08 billion grams Ag were produced from the Hector-Calumet, Galkeno, Bellekeno, Elsa, Keno (No. 3 & 9), Lucky Queen, Silver King, Sadie-Ladue and Husky mines. In 1990, Archer, Cathro and Associates mined over 100 tonnes of high-grade ore from open-pits on the Lucky Queen, Keno #3 and Keno #9 veins.

In July, 1990, BLM Mines Inc., a unit of Bharti Laamanen Mining Inc. (BLM) of Sudbury, Ontario, purchased the 44.8% interest in United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. formerly held by Falconbridge Ltd. In 1991, Romith Investments and Stephen Powell each acquired directly or indirectly, 50% of the issued and outstanding common shares of BLM. In September, 1993, United Keno Hill retained mine engineers Watts, Griffis and McQuat Ltd. (WGM) of Toronto, Ontario to undertake a complete review of its Elsa area properties, geological reserves and mine plans. A surface drilling program was completed in the Silver King, Husky SW and Bellekeno areas during the summer of 1994. From mid-October, 1994 to April, 1995, underground drilling and rehabilitation were conducted on the Bellekeno and Silver King mines. A feasibility study by Rescan Engineering on the property was completed in October, 1996.

United Keno Hill Mines was issued a Class A Water License in January, 1998, however, United Keno Hill Mine could not put the property into production. In September, 1999, the Supreme Court of the Yukon ordered that the mine assets and property be sold. On February 18, 2000, the company applied for creditor protection. On September 26, 2001,

AMT Canada Inc. purchased the Elsa silver-lead-zinc property and assets from the court for \$3.6 million.

On November 6, 2001, Gretna Capital Corporation, a Canadian wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Cart, purchased 100% of AMT Canada Inc. for a purchase price of \$2 882 092. The purchase price reflected the issuance of shares and the payable balance to the Yukon Supreme Court. On February 15, 2002, Pacific Cart changed its name to Maverick Minerals Corporation.

In November, 2001, AMT Canada Inc. applied for a Yukon Quartz Mining Production Licence. The company planned to reprocess tailings at Elsa. In January 2003, AMT defaulted under the terms of its purchase agreement. On February 14, 2003, the Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory ordered AMT divested of all of its mining claims and assets. Nevada Pacific Gold Ltd. carried out due diligence on the property, but returned it to the Supreme Court in June, 2003. The Yukon government is currently managing the environmental and other maintenance at the minesite; this work is being funded by the federal government.

In September, 2004, the Yukon Supreme Court approved a plan put forward by the court-appointed receiver to sell the bankrupt United Keno Hill Mines.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The silver veins are located approximately 350 km north of Whitehorse, Yukon, in the vicinity of the villages of Elsa and Keno Hill. A 45-km, all-weather gravel road from the town of Mayo provides access. Several underground and open-pit silver-lead-zinc mines in the Keno Hill area produced 148 million oz. (4.60 billion g) Ag, 482 million lb. (219 million kg) Pb and 4 million lb. (2 million kg) of cadmium from the Elsa operations.

AMT Canada Inc. acquired 676 mining leases, 286 mineral claims, two crown grants, ownership in three mining leases, 36 mineral claims and a lease hold in one claim.

Facilities on the property include a 500-ton (450-tonne)/day concentrator, numerous buildings, and machinery.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

More than 65 mineral deposits and prospects have been identified within the Keno Hill district. All of the mineable silver veins to date occur in an area 26 km long and 1 to 6.4 km wide. The deposits consist of mineralized

vein-faults 0.3 to 30 m wide in the Keno Hill Quartzite. Underground development and diamond drilling were completed at the Bellekeno and Silver King mines during 1995 and 1996, resulting in the calculation of geological reserves totaling 856 302 tonnes grading 1026.03 g/t Ag, 4.8% Pb and 3.9% Zn.

### PRODUCTION PLANS

United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. conducted surface and underground exploration with the goal of increasing existing reserves to support an initial five-year mine life at a historic average grade of approximately 1300 g/t Ag. The company hired Watts, Griffis and McQuat Ltd. of Toronto to oversee the 1994-1995 exploration programs and to undertake a complete review of its Elsa area properties, geological reserves and mine plans. A surface drilling program was completed in the Silver King, Husky SW and Bellekeno areas during the summer of 1994. From mid-October, 1994 to April, 1995, an underground drilling (\$5 to \$8 million) and rehabilitation program was conducted on the Bellekeno and Silver King mines, which increased reserves at both mines. A Type B Water License from the Yukon Water Board was issued for this work. Water treatment facilities were constructed in the fall of 1994 for three of the mine sites, and the Bellekeno and Silver King mines were substantially rehabilitated.

In 1996, the company resumed the underground exploration and development program on the Bellekeno and Silver King mines in an effort to increase reserves and establish mineable ore reserves. Environmental fieldwork and background data gathering also continued.

Rescan Engineering completed a feasibility study on the property in October, 1996. The feasibility study supported the company's view that it could reduce costs and increase efficiency. United Keno Hill Mines adopted the recommendations of the feasibility study and, based on its conclusions, planned to implement a program of rehabilitation and development intended to permit the recommencement of commercial production from Elsa in 1998. In March, 1997, United Keno Hill Mines ceased work on the property pending raising capital.

AMT Canada Inc. intended to open-pit-mine vein ore from the Flame and Moth Keno 18, and Shamrock K deposits; conduct underground mining at the Husky, Husky SW, Ruby and Bellekeno, and use both open-pit and underground methods at the Silver King and Onek deposits. The company also intended to reprocess existing tailings.

# WELLGREEN PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Exploration ongoing



### Location

125 km northwest of Haines Junction

### Ownership

Northern Platinum Ltd.

### Commodities

Copper, nickel, platinum, palladium

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Geological resource

42.33 million tonnes

Copper: 0.35%

Nickel: 0.36%

Platinum: 0.51 g/t

Palladium: 0.34 g/t

### Mining method

Open-pit, 365 days/year

### Processing method

Conventional mill, on-site smelter

### Mine life

12 years

### Power

35 MW

## HISTORY

The Wellgreen deposit was discovered in 1952 by the Yukon Mining Corporation Limited and optioned to Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Ltd. From 1952 to 1955, Hudson Bay explored with 4267 m of drifting and raising from four levels, two internal shafts and 19 815 m of surface and underground drilling. The property was transferred in 1955 to Hudson-Yukon Mining Company Ltd. They conducted a Turam survey in 1968, drilled 762 m, prepared a feasibility study in 1969, and arranged a marketing agreement with Sumitomo in 1970. Due to underground problems, initial production from the 544 tonne/day mill was delayed from September, 1971 to May, 1972, and was suspended in July, 1973 after treating only 171 652 tonnes. Total production was 33 853 tonnes of concentrate, grading 7.4% nickel and 6.6% Cu.

The property was optioned in June, 1986 by the Kluane Joint Venture (All-North Resources Ltd. and Chevron

Minerals Ltd.) which carried out grid soil sampling, mapping, prospecting, bulldozer trenching and test geophysical surveys. Hudson-Yukon was purchased by Galactic Resources Ltd. in June, 1986 and merged with All-North Resource Ltd. in November, 1986. In 1987, additional soil sampling, bulldozer trenching, geophysical surveys, underground rehabilitation, and 4932 m of diamond drilling in 45 holes were carried out. In 1988, the 4250 level was rehabilitated, and 34 underground holes were drilled totaling 5500 m. On surface, bulldozer trenching, and 37 holes totalling 6073 m were drilled, in addition to bulldozer trenching. Metallurgical tests and a preliminary feasibility study were carried out in 1988 and 1989.

J.P. Sheridan and Northern Platinum optioned the property in June, 1994 from All-North Resources. All-North Resources granted an option to earn an 80% interest to Sheridan in return for \$80 000 cash and a commitment to spend \$4 million on exploration by

November 30, 2002. Sheridan, in turn, assigned the option to Northern Platinum, retaining back-in rights for half of that company's interest at the feasibility stage. Sheridan is a director of Northern Platinum. Northern Platinum has been carrying out reserve evaluation drilling, underground sampling and exploration.

In the summer of 1999, Northern Platinum Ltd. received Vancouver Stock Exchange approval to purchase Kaieteur Resource Corp. (formerly named All-North Resources Ltd.) and J.P. Sheridan's 20% interest in the Wellgreen property for \$25 000 cash and 150 000 Northern Platinum shares. Northern Platinum now owns 100% interest in Wellgreen, subject to a 1.5% net smelter return in favour of Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd. Upon completion of a positive feasibility study, Belleterre Quebec Mines Limited has the right to back into the project for a 50% interest upon paying 50% of Northern Platinum's costs.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Wellgreen platinum group element (PGE)-rich, copper-nickel deposit is located in the southwestern Yukon, approximately 317 km northwest of Whitehorse and 125 km northwest of the town of Haines Junction. The property consists of 91 claims held under a renewable 21-year mining lease. An intensive underground sampling program took place on the Wellgreen deposit during the winter of 1997-98. The goal of the program was to determine the grade and tonnage of massive sulphide minerals which could quickly be extracted if a mining operation was to commence.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

Mineralized rock on the Wellgreen property occurs within a variably serpentinitized, 20-km-long ultramafic body, known as the Quill Creek Complex, that intrudes Permian sedimentary and volcanic rocks. Three main zones of PGM-enriched copper-nickel mineralized rock have been outlined on the Wellgreen property: the East Zone, the West Zone and the North Zone. Proven and probable reserves are estimated to be 50.03 million tonnes grading 0.35% Cu, 0.36% nickel, 0.54 g/t Pt and 0.34 g/t Pd.

Northern Platinum did not conduct any exploration on the property during 1995. During the 1996 program, a total of 57 holes were drilled. The drill results confirmed previous tonnage and grade calculations, and several zones of higher grade material were indicated. A mining plant, complete with compressors, generators, office facilities, bunk house and cook house facilities has been established near the portal of the adit.

During the summer of 1997, drilling took place on the Linda claims, southeast of the Wellgreen deposit. Assays over 1.3 m of massive sulphide minerals returned average grades of 4.12% Ni, 0.89% Cu, 0.06 oz./ton (2 g/t) Pt and 0.043 oz./ton (1.5 g/t) Pd. The lower showing is disseminated to semi-massive sulphide minerals over a width of 20 feet (6 m) of broken rock ranging from 2.94% Cu and 3.02% Ni, with platinum and palladium assays as high as 0.13 oz./ton (4.5 g/t) Pt and 0.40 oz./ton (14 g/t) Pd. Drilling in the vicinity of the lower showing intersected sulphide mineralized rock grading 0.175% Cu and 0.187% Ni over 20 feet (6 m).

Northern Platinum conducted a program during 2001 of geology, geochemistry, geophysics, underground rehabilitation, trenching and diamond drilling on the Wellgreen property. A significant new showing was discovered, the SP, which highlights the potential of the entire Kluane Mafic-Ultramafic Belt.

### PRODUCTION

A 1989 preliminary feasibility report by consultants Watts, Griffis and McQuat proposed open-pit mining at 10 000 tonnes/day (3.65 million tonnes/year) at an average stripping ratio of 3.5:1; processing by conventional mill producing a concentrate with approximately 15% combined copper and nickel as well as PGMs and cobalt, gold and silver in the ore; and, a Noranda reactor-type smelter to reduce the shipping cost. The smelter would produce a 40% copper-nickel matte on site. Capital costs were estimated at \$228 million and operating costs were thought to be about \$18.61/tonne of ore. The power requirements are expected to be about 35 MW and the project should employ 400 to 500 people.

# WOLF PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

On hold



### Location

90 km southeast of Ross River

### Ownership

Atna Resources Ltd. (66%) and  
YGC Resources Ltd. (34%)

### Commodities

Zinc, lead, silver

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Mineralized material

4.1 million tonnes

Zinc: 6.2%

Lead: 1.8%

Silver: 84 g/t

## HISTORY

The first recorded discovery of mineralization on the Wolf property was in 1955, but it wasn't until 1966 that Newmont Mining Corp. staked claims, constructed a tote road and carried out mapping, soil sampling and hand trenching. Hesca Resources Ltd. restaked the property in 1972 and drilled two X-ray holes in 1974. Newmont and Asamera restaked in 1976, and explored in 1977 and 1978 with geochemical, geophysical and mapping surveys, trenching and drilling. Amax, which transferred its interest to Canamax Resources in 1982, staked the ground in 1982 and carried out surface work in 1983.

YGC Resources Ltd. staked the Wolf claims in 1990 and Cominco surrounded the Wolf claims a few days later with the Fox claims. YGC tied on the Lynx claims in 1991. Later in 1991, Cominco optioned the Wolf and Lynx claims from YGC and performed mapping,

geochemistry and geophysics. The option was dropped and in 1995, YGC then optioned the Wolf claims to Atna Resources. Atna carried out lithochemical sampling and reconnaissance geological mapping in 1995 and 1996, followed by three diamond drill holes (399 m) in 1996. The three holes intersected significant, but subeconomic zinc, lead and silver. In 1997, Atna carried out a C\$400 000 drill program (nine holes, 2956 m) and intersected massive sulphide mineralization. Continued drilling (30 holes, 6625 m) in 1998 located the down-dip extension of the mineralized upper horizon. A total of 31 diamond drill holes over a 600-m strike length and a 500-m down-dip width into the deposit have been completed. The property was dormant in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Atna has completed its option requirements (65% interest for expenditures of \$1.5 million over a five-year period).

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The Wolf property is located approximately 90 km southeast of Ross River, Yukon, on NTS map sheets 105G/5 and 6 in the Finlayson Lake volcanogenic massive sulphide camp. The property is 45 km west of Cominco's Kudz Ze Kayah deposit and 65 km from the Wolverine deposit. The property consists of 33 mineral claims covering an area of 689 hectares. Access is by helicopter from Ross River or from the Hoole airstrip, located on the Hoole River, 22 km north of the property.

### GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Wolf property is underlain by Devonian to Mississippian volcanic rocks, including felsic tuffs, pyroclastic flows, trachyte flows, mudstones, and carbonates, which form an arcuate belt nearly 5 km wide and 130 km long. The belt lies within the Pelly Mountains and hosts numerous volcanogenic massive sulphide showings.

The Wolf deposit is hosted in one of four stratigraphic levels of volcanogenic massive sulphide and exhalative barite mineralization. Sulphide mineralogy consists of pyrite, sphalerite, galena and rare chalcopyrite. Selenium

is not present in the Wolf mineralization. The deposit is a tabular massive sulphide horizon across a 600-m strike length and approximately 500 m in the down-dip direction. Most of the mineralized rock is hosted in a higher grade "keel" that has a strike length of 125 m, a down-dip length of 400 m, an average thickness of 12 m and dips 45 degrees to the south. The stratigraphy may have been overturned.

The Wolf deposit has 4.1 million tonnes of mineralized material, grading 6.2% Zn, 1.8% Pb and 84 g/t Ag as calculated by the company in 1999.

Engineering studies undertaken during 2000 indicate that the upper part of the Wolf deposit could be mined by open-pit methods.

The Wolf deposit is open along strike and down-dip. Discovery of the East Slope Zone, 1200 m east of the Wolf deposit, has enhanced the exploration potential of the property. Additional drilling will be required to determine the potential of the discovery and the intervening area between the Wolf deposit and the East Slope Zone.



# WOLVERINE PROPERTY

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## PROJECT STATUS

Permitting stage



### Location

130 air-km southeast of Ross River

### Ownership

Yukon Zinc Corp., 100%

### Commodity

Zinc, lead, copper, silver, gold

### Ore type

Sulphide

### Probable reserves

(estimated by Hatch Associates Ltd., November, 2000)

3.47 million tonnes

Zinc: 12.43%

Lead: 1.44%

Copper: 1.37%

Silver: 336.6 g/t

Gold: 1.59 g/t

### Resource

4.9 million tonnes

Zinc: 13.06%

Lead: 1.59%

Copper: 1.43%

Silver: 378.1 g/t

Gold: 1.76 g/t

### Mining method

Underground

## HISTORY

The property was originally staked as the Fetish claims in July, 1973 by Finlayson JV (Chevron Canada Limited, Union Oil Company of Canada Ltd., and Marietta Resources International Ltd. and Messrs. L.T. and Harris Clay), which conducted grid soil sampling, mapping and trenching later in the year and drilled two holes. Additional Fetish claims were staked in August, 1974. The property was restaked as the Kink claims in September, 1982 by Archer, Cathro and Associates and optioned briefly to Esso Mineral Limited, which conducted airborne and geophysical surveys later in the year.

By July, 1993, only one Kink claim remained and the rest of the property was restaked as the Foot 1-20 claims by Atna Resources, which later added the Pak and Toe

claims. Atna explored with prospecting, geological mapping, and soil and silt geochemistry in September, 1993. The property was optioned by Westmin Resources Limited. and a drill program in 1995 resulted in the discovery of the Wolverine deposit on the Kink claims. By the end of 1995, Westmin had earned a 60% interest in the project and entered into a 60/40 joint venture, with Westmin as operator.

In February, 1998, Boliden Limited acquired the assets of Westmin Resources Limited. In May, 1998, Boliden Westmin Ltd. entered into a letter of intent with Expatriate Resources Ltd. to sell its interest in mineral properties and assets in the Finlayson Lake area, including Boliden Westmin's 60% interest in the Wolverine project. Expatriate completed the sale agreement with Boliden in

## WOLVERINE PROPERTY

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March, 1999 and became the operator of the Wolverine joint venture.

In 1999, joint venture partners Expatriate Resources and Atna Resources spent \$200 000 conducting metallurgical and marketing investigations on the Wolverine ore.

On March 1, 2000, Expatriate Resources Ltd. announced an agreement to purchase 560 km<sup>2</sup> of prime exploration lands from Cominco Ltd., including the Kudz Ze Kayah and GP4F deposits. The Finlayson project consolidated the Kudz Ze Kayah, GP4F and Wolverine deposits into a single development plan. A positive pre-feasibility study was completed by Hatch Resources and additional drilling was completed by Expatriate Resources on the Wolverine deposit.

In September, 2001, Expatriate Resources terminated the acquisition agreement with Teck Cominco for the Kudz Ze Kayah project.

In April, 2003, Expatriate Resources announced plans to evaluate the joint development of the Wolverine deposit with its Logan deposit, located approximately 170 road-km south. Expatriate has since decided on a stand-alone development scenario for the Wolverine deposit.

In November, 2004, Expatriate submitted its Project Description Report to the Yukon government's Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. This report describes the development of the Wolverine deposit as a 1250-tonne/day underground mine.

Subsequent to this, Expatriate announced a reorganization plan whereby the company's non-Finlayson district, Yukon, exploration projects would be transferred to a new exploration company.

In December, 2004, following the closing of the transaction, Expatriate changed its name to Yukon Zinc Corp.

## GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY AND ORE RESERVES

The Wolverine deposit is a high-grade volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) body. The zinc-copper-lead-silver-gold mineralized rock is hosted within a thick sequence of felsic volcanic rocks interbedded with argillaceous and epiclastic sedimentary rocks of probable Devonian age within the Yukon-Tanana Terrane. The main sulphide minerals in the deposit, in decreasing order of abundance,

are pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite and galena. Most of the silver occurs with argentian tetrahedrite, with the remainder occurring in galena and electrum.

The 1996 field program, which cost an estimated \$6 million, commenced with construction of an air strip near the Wolverine deposit. Drilling started in mid-March and was completed in October. The known Wolverine Zone was expanded to the northwest with the discovery of the Lynx Zone immediately to the west. Exploration was also done on the Fisher Zone and Toe claims. The 1996 drilling program significantly expanded the known area of mineralization at Wolverine and brought the number of massive sulphide intersections from 15 in 1995, to 49 at the end of the 1996 program. Systematic geological and geochemical evaluation of the numerous airborne geophysical targets on the remainder of the claims was also carried out in 1996.

During the 1997 program, the Sable Zone was discovered 1.6 km southeast of the Wolverine Zone by recognition of the footwall-type alteration zone in a drill hole. Thin zones of high-grade massive sulphide minerals were intersected in two holes along with significant alteration. Chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite veins in chlorite-altered footwall rocks suggest feeder-style alteration associated with a massive sulphide deposit.

Drilling in 1997 took place on the margins of the Wolverine deposit as outlined by the 1995 and 1996 drilling. Of the 22 successfully completed holes drilled in the Wolverine deposit during 1997, 19 intersected ore-grade mineralized rock.

In 2000, Expatriate Resources drilled seven holes in the Lynx zone of the Wolverine deposit, along the proposed path of an underground drift. The drill results confirmed a previous interpretation of the deposit based on wider spaced drilling conducted in earlier programs. Expatriate also drilled the down-dip extension of the Wolverine deposit and intersected additional massive sulphide mineralized rock.

## FUTURE PLANS

In October, 2004, Expatriate announced plans to move the development of the Wolverine deposit to bankable feasibility and a production decision. The company has earmarked roughly half the proceeds of a recently completed brokered financing for test mining of the deposit

and feasibility study. It plans to mobilize mining equipment and supplies to the property in early January, 2005.

Expatriate's Class B Water License Application is in the review process and the company will shortly file a Project Description Report in support of its application for a Class A Water License, required for mine development.

Expatriate is seeking to have the Class A Water License in place by early 2006, at which time the bankable feasibility study should be complete and ready for project financing and a production decision. Construction is expected to take from 12 to 18 months, resulting in an anticipated start of production in the second half of 2007.





