#### GEOLOGY AND GEOCHEMISTRY

#### BATEAUX CLAIM

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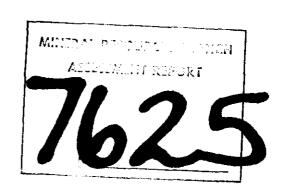
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Prism Resources Noranda Exploration McIntyre Mines Limited

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Bateaux mineral claim lies along a prominent though previously unmapped major fault system. Several anomalous gold samples were obtained from reconnaissance traverses made in the area by J.S. Christie and G.G. Richards in the summer of 1977 and spring of 1978. The property was staked in July, 1978. Property examinations since then have indicated that a section of calcareous Kunga Formation rocks lying along a major drainage is in fault contact with Karmutsen Formation greenstones, and intruded by rhyolite dykes. Widespread siliceous alteration and anomalous gold geochemistry indicate the property worthy of a more detailed mapping and sampling programme.

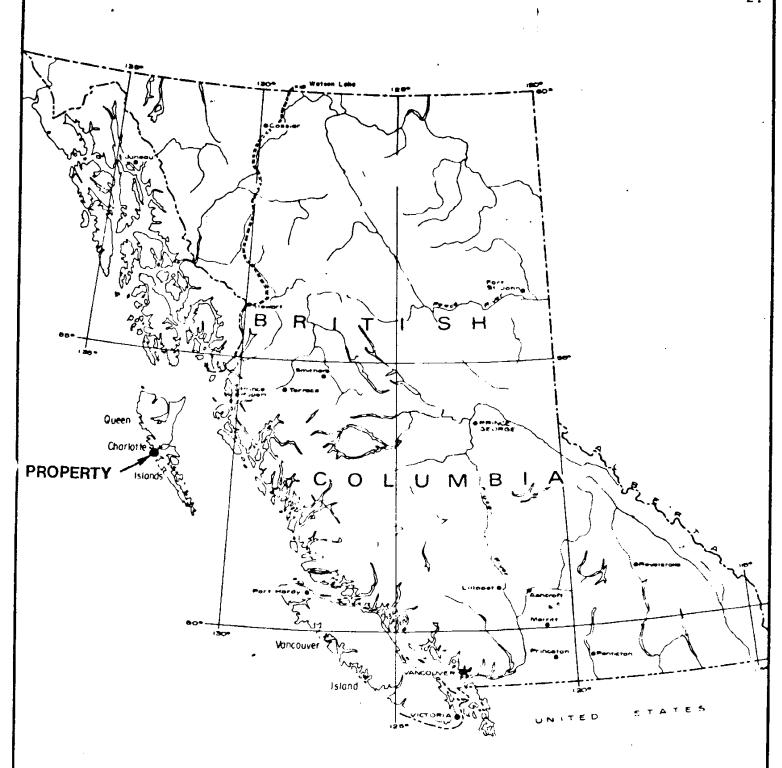
#### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The property is located along the major drainage that flows northwesterly into the head of Kitgoro Inlet at the northwest end of Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands. It is accessible by helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft from Sandspit or by boat from the Pacific Ocean.

#### TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION

The valley floor of the major drainage crossing the property is 200 to 300 metres wide. Valley sides are steep but generally easy to traverse except at the eastern and western ends of the south side. Ridges are from 700 to 1600 feet above sea level.

Steep slopes and valley bottom are heavily timbered with mature Hemlock and Spruce. Ridges and benches are covered in scrubby Cypress swamps.



# FIGURE 1 PROPERTY LOCATION MAP BATEAUX CLAIM

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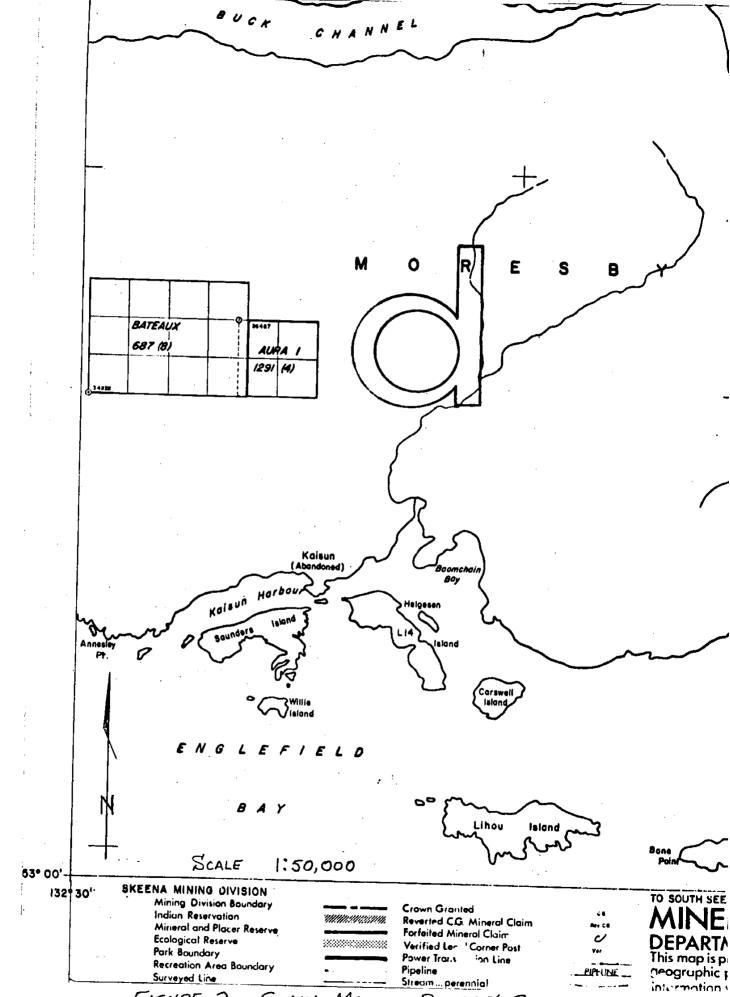


FIGURE 2. CLAIM MAP - BATEAUX CLAIM

#### GEOLOGY

The following description is a generalization made on a few visits to the property (See figure 3 for dates). Most of the hillsides above the base of slope have not been traversed.

#### General

The oldest rocks on the property are massive dark green and grey flows, flow breccias, tuffs and possibly some argillites of the Lower Triassic and older Karmutsen Formation.

Above the Karmutsen and probably largely in fault contact with it, the Triassic-Jurassic Kunga Formation consists of basal massive grey limestone overlain by thin bedded flaggy bldck limestones grading upward to thin bedded limy argillites. Some of the Jurassic Yakoun Formation, overlying the Kunga, may be present on the property in volcanic breccia outcrops at sample sites R32 and R34.

Small quartz eye rhyolite dykes of probable Tertiary age are also common. They have been found in the northwest corner of the claim cutting massive limestones of the Kunga Formation and volcanic breccias of the Yakoun Formation. Float of similar rock has been seen in numerous small creeks draining the north side of the valley. The dykes are mineralized typically with 1/2 to 3% disseminated pyrite and are associated with local intense quartz veining and silicification.

#### Structure

The dominant structure on the property is a fault system that extends from Buck Point, at the northwestern tip of Moresby Island, southeastward some twenty-five miles past the head of Peel Inlet. The fault system appears to be a major

regional control of mineralization on this property as well as the BUCKHORN property to the NW and the OVERPROOF property to the SE. The fault system is not well exposed although some fault strands have been identified on the BATEAUX claim (figure 3).

#### Alteration and Mineralization

Rhyolite dykes and possibly plugs intruding limestones on the south side of the valley are locally intensely silicified and They contain 1/2 to 3% disseminated pyrite quartz veined. and rare arsenopyrite, usually in the wider quartz veins (3 cm). Limestones in the same general area, but also across the valley on the north side, contain abundant sintery quartz veins up to one or two metres wide individually but occasionally coalescing to form pervasive silicification up to 10 metres These veins are barren of sulphide and are rarely anomalous for Au, As, Sb, or Hg (figure 3). Kunga argillites and Yakoun volcanics contain 1 - 5% pyrite and rare arsenopyrite. Near R31 and R34 they are more fractured than the rhyolites and limestones. Approximately 1500 metres along the south side of the valley, outcrops display the above textures. Beyond this 1500 metres the minute rock type is Karmutsen greenstone that is only locally altered. Small zones of quartz veins occur adjacent to the above described zone. Some of these veins contain 2% arsenopyrite and 1 - 5% pyrite and are highly anomalous in gold (Sample 58461).

#### GEOCHEMISTRY

Reconnaissance geochem sampling in 1977 followed by base of slope silting along both sides of the major drainage crossing the Bateaux claim in 1978 indicated a large area of high background Au-As geochemistry with sporadic high Hg geochemistry. The property was staked in July 1978 and then examined with several major mining companies working out of Vancouver. The results of these property examinations are shown in figure 3

and indicate an encouraging geochemical pattern when combined with the known geology. One centre of highly anomalous geochemistry runs at and near sample sites J5367 (950 ppb Au) J5368 (6000 ppb Au). Host rock at this site is quartz eye rhyolite. Targets in this area include the rhyolite itself and whatever underlies the valley floor in the immediate area. Another target may exist at depth if it could be shown that a more favourable host rock exists beneath the limestone. Limestone is generally considered a poor host rock for bulk gold mineralization but a calcareous argillite as is abundant in the Kunga Formation is considered a much better host.

Only the area described above has been examined in any detail. The base of slope geochemistry however indicated a much broader anomalous geochem pattern covering the whole of the Bateaux claim. Much more work needs to be done to test potential for further targets. It is interesting to note that the silt draining the outcrop sampled by J5368 (6000 ppb Au) and only 10 metres downstream ran only 15 ppb Au!

Rock chip samples were made up from three to ten rock chips, were small enough to fit into standard kraft sample bags and are therefore only preliminary in nature. Silt samples were collected with a spoon from active silt in creeks. Soil samples were collected from the B-horizon which occurred from 1 cm to 10 cm beneath the A-horizon.

The McIntyre Mines samples (series BAT 1-10 and 58461-58468) were collected on August 7, 1978 and analyzed at Chemex Labs. For Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag and Mo, a one gram sample was digested in perchloric nitric acid and analyzed by atomic absorption. Pb and Ag were corrected for background absorption. For Ba, Ca,

and Sr a one-half gram sample was digested in a solution of perchloric nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid, taken to dryness, taken up in a hydrochloric acid solution containing sodium or potassium and then analyzed by atomic absorption. For Hg, a one gram sample was digested in nitric acid with a small amount of hydrochloric acid and then analyzed by flameless atomic absorption. For As, a one gram sample was digested in perchloric nitric acid and then analyzed by flameless atomic absorption. For Sb, a one gram sample was digested in hydrochloric acid and analyzed by atomic absorption. For Au geochem, a 5 gram sample was ashed and digested in aqua regia. A gold bromide complex was extracted bwith MIBK and analyzed by atomic absorption. Au assays were determined by the standard five assay technique.

The Noranda Exploration samples (series J5351 to J5369) were collected on March 21, 1979 and analyzed at the Bondar-Clegg Lab. For arsenic, samples were dissolved in perchloric nitric acid and analyzed colorimetrically. For Au, samples were ashed, dissolved in hot aqua regia and analyzed by atomic absorption. For Hg, samples were dissolved in a controlled aqua regia solution and analyzed by closed cell atomic absorption. For Sb, samples were analyzed by X-ray fluorescence.

The Prism Resources samples (series Rl to R45) were collected on April 8, 1979 and analyzed at Vangeochem. The samples were analyzed geochemically for gold by treating a ten gram sample with an organic acid and analyzing with atomic absorption

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results of the preliminary surveys are encouraging. A complete geological-geochemical survey should be done on the claim to provide a thorough understanding of contact relationships and geochemical highs.

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#### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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- I am a Professional Engineer of the Province of British Columbia, residing at 818 West 68th Ave, Vancouver, B.C., V6P-2V2.
- I am a graduate of the University of British Columbia
   B.A.Sc. Geology 1968, M.A.Sc. Geology 1974.
- 3. I have practised my profession as a mining exploration geologist, continuously since 1968.
- 4. This report is based on my personal knowledge of the district, and mapping of the geology at the property.

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## APPENDIX

GEOCHEM RESULTS



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