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V.L.F. SURVEY OF THE PIP 2,4,6,8

AND 10 MINERAL CLAIMS (5 UNITS)

# SUMMERS CREEK AREA, SIMILKAMEEN M.D., B.C.

(Work performed June 11 to June 16, 1982)

LATITUDE:49038'28"

LONGITUDE: 120030'38"

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#### SUMMARY

The Pip claims cover part of the Axe porphyry Cu prospect located about 20 km north of Princeton B.C. Ground magnetometer and VLF surveys were conducted over 3.7 km of grid lines to help determine rock unit boundaries and the position of the Summers Creek fault in an area containing very little rock outcrop.

Ground magnetic values predominantly less than 57,000 gammas in the area of lines 8N to 20N occur over mineralized Nicola Group volcanics. Values over 57,000 gammas occur over lines 00 to 6N and are believed to reflect underlying Triassic diorite and Cretaceous granitic rocks.

VLF conductors defined by stations N.L.K.(Seattle, Washington) and N.A.A.(Cutler, Maine) may represent contacts between Nicola Group volcanics and the Summers Creek stock or the Summers Creek fault.

Further ground magnetometer and VLF surveys to the north, east and west should be conducted to more fully interpret the present surveys.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Pip 2,4,6,8 and 10 mineral claims make up part of the Axe alkaline porphyry Cu-Au prospect occuring in Nicola volcanics about 20 km north of Princeton B.C.

As part of the ongoing evaluation of the Axe property and as aid in locating rock unit boundaries and faults in an area of little outcrop, 3.7 km of ground magnetometer and VLF surveys were carried out. The work was conducted by John Donahue between June 11 and June 16, 1982.

#### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Pip mineral claims are located about 20 km north of Princeton B.C. and 5.5 km east of Laird Lake in south-central B.C.(Plate 1). The centre of Pip 6 is located at about 120°30'38" west longitude and 49°38'28" north latitude.

Access to the property is available to all vehicles by turning east off Highway 5, 9.5 km north of Princeton on to the Missezula Lake Road and then following the road north for about 10 km.

#### TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION

The Pip claims are situated along the bottom and steep, west slopes of the Summers Creek valley. Slopes in the steepest portions range up to 40 degrees. Elevations vary from 1100 meters along the western edge of Pip 4 to less than 900 meters along Summers Creek in Pip 10.

Vegetation covering the claims includes large fir, pine, spruce and poplar with willow being very common along Summers Creek. Two fields used for grazing cattle also are found on the claims.

#### PROPERTY AND OWNERSHIP

The Pip claims are located in the Similkameen Mining Division. They are:

CLAIM NAME	RECORD NO.	UNITS	DATE RECORDED	DUE DATE
Pip 2	20782	1	July 31/67	July 31/82
Pio 4	20784	1	July 31/67	July 31/82
Pip 6	20786	1	July 31/67	July 31/82
Pip 8	20788	1	July 31/67	July 31/82
Pip 10	20790	1	July 31/67	July 31/82

Registered owners of the Pip claims are G.I. Burr and E. Mullin of Princeton B.C. The claims were optioned by Cominco Ltd. in the fall of 1980.

#### PREVIOUS WORK

The Pip claims were staked in 1967 by E. Mullin of Princeton, B.C. They were optioned by Quintana Minerals Ltd. in 1968 and subsequently returned to the owners later that year. In May, 1970, Kalco Valley Mines Ltd. optioned the ground and drilled five percussion holes for 110 meters along the eastern edge of the Pip 4 mineral claim (Hicks, 1970). In November, 1970 Kalco Valley Mines Ltd. optioned the property to Amax Exploration Inc.(Christoffersen, 1971) who before year end completed soil geochemical and ground magnetometer surveys, geological mapping and percussion drilling primarily east of the Pip claims. The option was dropped by Amax in 1971 and picked up by Iso Exploration Ltd.(now part of Teck Corp.) in 1972. They carried out an I.P. survey over the claims before dropping the option (Mullan,1972). The claims remained inactive until optioned by Cominco Ltd. in 1980.

#### GEOLOGY

The Axe property occurs in the Intermontane Tectonic Belt of south-central B.C. (Preto, 1979). Underlain by Upper Triassic Nicola volcanics and coeval intrusives, the area is noted for its abundance of copper showings that occur between the Copper Mountain camp to the south and the Afton Mine to the north. Numerous north trending, high angle faults occur throughout the Nicola belt of rocks. These are not only the dominant structural element but are also important in locallizing small alkalic plugs and copper mineralization which is often associated with these quartz poor intrusives.

The geology underlying the Pip claims consists of well bedded and mineralized andesitic and minor dacitic tuffs(Pip 4,6,8,10), bedded siltstones, greywackes and minor pebble conglomerates(Pip 2,4) intruded by coeval diorite and monzonite porphyry stocks(Pip 2,4,6,8) and porphyritic quartz monzonite(Pip 8,10)(Mehner, 1981).

The volcanic and sedimentary rocks are part of the Upper Triassic, Nicola Group. The diorite and monzonite porphyry are believed to be of the same age and are thought to be the sources of sulphide mineralization on the property.

The porphyritic quartz monzonite is part of the 100 M.Y. old Summers Creek stock (Preto, 1979).

#### GEOPHYSICS

#### Ground Magnetic Survey

A ground magnetometer survey was conducted over 3.7 km of grid line with readings taken every 25 meters. The values are listed in Appendix "B" and station locations with contours of the results are shown on Plate 2.

The survey was conducted with a Scintrex MP-2 proton precession magnetometer that measures the earth's total magnetic field to the nearest gamma. Diurnal variation was checked for by establishing base stations where picket lines crossed the roads. Readings were taken at the base stations about every 2 hours with only minimal changes in values observed. Minor corrections were made for lines 6N and 8N by using a graph of time vs the ground magnetic values obtained at the same base station over a period of time.

Background for the survey was taken to be 57000 gammas. Values relative to this were plotted on Plate 2 and contoured. The survey shows the area from line 00 to 10N(Pip 6,8,10) contains a number of poorly defined, weak to moderate magnetic anomalies. This area is thought to be largely underlain by granodiorite to porphyritic quartz monzonite of the Summers Creek stock and possibly mineralized diorite of Triassic age(Mehner,1981).

The area covered by lines 10N to 20N has considerably lower magnetic values, with most of the area being greater than 200 gammas below background. In contrast to the area to the south, this portion of the Pip claims is underlain predominantly by well bedded, altered and mineralized pyroclastic(Pip 2,4,6) and monzonite . porphyry(Pip 2) rocks.

In order to use the ground magnetometer survey results for a more definitive interpretation of rock unit boundaries, and alteration, the survey should be extended to areas of outcrop with better geological control.

# V.L.F.

A VLF survey was conducted over the Pip grid lines using a Geonics EM 16 instrument. Readings were taken on all lines at 25 meter intervals using the Seattle Washington transmitting station N.L.K. and the Cutler Maine transmitter, N.A.A. Data is plotted in standard profile form on Plate 3(station N.L.K.) and Plate 4(station N.A.A.).

The profiles are plotted so as to give right wave crossovers over VLF conductive features. Such features are noted on Plates 3 and 4 by heavy line.

The line to line correlation of VLF features for station N.L.K.(Plate 3) suggests the occurence of a conductor from line OO to at least 8N. This feature may define part of the Summers Creek fault or may represent the contact between the Summers Creek stock to the west and Nicola Group pyroclastics to the east.

The line to line correlation of VLF features for station N.A.A.(Plate 4) is not very well defined, however a conductive feature similar to that shown by station N.L.K. appears to occur.

In order to better define the VLF conductive features, grid line separation should be reduced to 100 meters from the present 200 meters.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The area covered by lines 10N to 20N on the Pip claims has considerably lower ground magnetic values than the area from lines 00 to 10N. Geological mapping im 1981 suggests the area underlain by lines 10N to 20N is underlain by mineralized(pyrite + chalcopyrite), well bedded andesite tuffs, interbedded siltstones and minor dacite tuffs. From line 00 to 10N the area is believed to be underlain by minor mineralized diorite(Triassic) some mineralized tuffs and relatively fresh, porphyritic granodiorite to quartz monzonite of the Cretaceous, Summers Creek stock.

The VLF survey has outlined a conductor that extends from line 00 to 8N. This may define part of the Summers Creek fault or represent the contact between the Summers Creek stock and older, Nicola Group volcanics.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Extend the ground magnetometer survey to areas of good rock outcrop that have been geologically mapped in order to help determine the significance of the low magnetic values on the northern portion of the Pip claims.

2. Do a ground magnetometer survey on lines 14N and 16N.

3. Continue the VLF survey using station N.L.K. to the east, west and north in hopes of establishing the position of the Summers Creek fault and areas of strong rock fracturing that may be associated with copper mineralization.

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# APPENDIX "A"

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

# FOR WORK ON THE PIP MINERAL CLAIMS

# SALARIES

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John Donahue – 6 days @ \$88/day June 11,12,14,15,16,20		\$.	528.00
David Mehner – ½ day field and 1½ days office @ \$135/day June 11, June 21,22			270.00
GEOPHYSICS			
Magnetometer rental for 5 days @ \$15/day E.M. 16 rental for 5 days @ \$15/day			75.00 75.00
TRANSPORTATION			
1 Truck plus gas @ \$30/day for 5 days			150.00
DOMICILE			
7 man days @ \$25/man day	<i>.</i>		175.00
TOTAL		\$	1273.00

## APPENDIX "B"

# GROUND MAGNETOMETER SURVEY RESULTS(IN GAMMAS)

Values plotted on Plate 2 were obtained by subtracting background(57,000 Gammas) from these results.

LINE	STATION	READING	LINE	STATION	READING
ON	900W 925W 950W 975W 1000W 1025W 1050W 1075W 1100W 1125W 1125W 1150W 1175W 1200W 1225W 1250W	56998 57097 57043 57126 57233 57326 57380 57513 57550 57564 57581 57561 57561 57564 57561 57564 57563 57606 57627	4N	850W 875W 900W 925W 950W 975W 1000W 1025W 1050W 1075W 1075W 1075W 1125W 1150W 1125W 1150W 1125W 1200W	57023 57111 57166 57227 56848 57073 57059 57016 57016 57016 57053 57065 57065 57065 57017 56966 57040 57121
00 Base1st 00 Base2nd	890W 890	57100 57083	1stBase 2ndBase	830W 830W	56881 56870
2N	850W 875W 900W 925W 950W 975W 1000W 1025W 1025W 1050W 1075W 1100W 1125W 1150W 1175W 1200W 1225W 1250W	56861 57250 57250 57267 57220 57116 57040 57040 57069 57084 57098 57098 57098 57096 56974 56958 57922 57125 57091	6N	825W 850W 875W 900W 925W 950W 975W 1000W 1025W 1025W 1050W 1075W 1100W 1125W 1150W 1150W 1150W 1225W	57255 57219 57021 56985 57068 57071 56975 56912 57126 57309 57650 57780 57629 57541 57269 57260 57254
2 Base1st 2 base2nd		56915 56903	1stBase 2ndBase	820W 820	57130 57133

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	LINE	STATION	READING	LINE	STATION	READING
	8Ni	800W	56625	12N	1275₩	56854
		825₩	56798		1300W	56830
$\cap$		850W	56785			
$\bigcirc$		875W	57005	1st Base	91DW	56488
		900W	56927	2nd Base	91DW	56491
		025W	56962	22 54000		
		72211 050W	54404	18N	145NW	56929
		770W	56674	1018	1475W	56993
		972W	50050		1500W	56973
					1525W	56970
		TUZSW	57805		172711	5677
		1050W	57230		177011	56722
		1075W	57215		1575W	26721
		1100W	57181		1600W	26709
		1125W	56907		1625W	56706
		1150W	56912		165UW	56705
		1175W	57044		1675W	56743
		1200W	57347		1700W	56763
					1725W	56956
	1st Base	810	56694		1750W	56761
	2nd Base	810	56699		1775W	56741
					1800W	56765
	1 NN	825W	56597		1825W	56754
		850W	56677		1850W	56761
		875W	56692		•	
		07.24 9日台城	56699	1st Base	1435	56832
		200N 025W	54710	2nd Base	1435	66844
		72.7m 050W	56710		1400	00044
$\frown$		770W	56760	201	1500₩	56599
()		772W 4000W	20200	ZON	152514	56693
- <b>-</b>			57567		15506	56726
		TUZSW	57901		フラロ料 45フロは	20720
		1050W	57282		12721	26760
		1075W	57221		1600₩	26721
		1100W	57879		1622W	26/8U
		1125W	56991		165UW	5676Z
		1150W	56841		1675W	56774
		1175W	56758		1700₩	56786
		1200W	56766		1/25W	56813
		1225W	56774		1750W	56855
					1775W	56888
	1st Base	810W	56569		1800W	56851
	2nd Base	810W	56574		1825W	56892
					1850W	57144
	12N	900E	56431		1875W	56964
		925W	56488		1900W	56972
		950W	56511			
		975W	56483	1st Base	1500W	56599
		1000W	56455	2nd Base	1500W	56594
	•	1000#	56493	200 5400	100011	
			5/705			
			JOJ7J 57447			
			26442			
		TTUUW	56400			
		1125W	56520			
$\bigcap$		1150W	56710			
$\checkmark$		1175W	56710			
		1200W	56903			
		1225W	56795			
		1250W	56891			

#### APPENDIX "C"

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## EXPLORATION

#### WESTERN DISTRICT

# STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, DAVID T. MEHNER, OF THE CITY OF VERNON BRITISH COLUMBIA, HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. THAT I AM a Geologist residing at 1715-41st Avenue, Vernon, British Columbia, with a business address at 4405 - 28th Street, Vernon, British Columbia.

2. THAT I GRADUATED with a B.Sc. Hon. Degree in Geology in 1976 and an M.Sc. Degree in 1982 from the University of Manitoba.

3. THAT I HAVE practised geology with Cominco Ltd. from October 1979 to present and as such have a personal knowledge of the facts which I hereinafter depose.

DATED THIS 21 DAY OF JULY, 1982 AT VERNON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SIGNED

David T. Mehner, Geologist I











