

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION (PROSPECTING)
OF THE
PARK MINERAL CLAIMS

SKEENA MINING DIVISION
93E/6W
LATITUDE 53°22'N - LONGITUDE 127°21'W

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**GEOLOGICAL BRANCH
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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SUMMARY

Moraine boulders hosting significant sulfide mineralization were discovered at the tongue of a small glacier near the northwest boundary of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. These boulders were traced to their source and the 40 unit Park claims were staked. Mineralization occurs primarily as lenses of massive bornite interbedded with phyllites and calcite/wollastonite skarns. Evaluation of the property during August, 1982 involved a preliminary geological investigation of the property and rock chip sampling of mineralized outcrops. Future work will be devoted to detailed geological mapping and possibly an airborne geophysical survey.

INTRODUCTION

The Park mineral claims are located on the northwest border of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in west-central British Columbia (FIGURE 1). This property is approximately 45 kilometers southeast of the village of Kemano. Elevation of these claims ranges from 1158 meters on the southeast boundary to 1800 meters at the northwest corner of the property.

The property consists of 40 units in two claims as shown on the claim map (FIGURE 2).

Park 1 - staked August 3, 1982, tag no. 63784

Park 2 - staked August 3, 1982, tag no. 63783

Both of these claims are located within the Skeena Mining Division. The coordinates are approximately $53^{\circ}22'N$ and $127^{\circ}21'W$.

Access to the property is best accomplished by helicopter from Bella Coola, British Columbia, 115 kilometers to the southeast. Another possible alternative for close access to these claims is a newly constructed logging road up the Kimsquit River, 25 kilometers due south. There is also an unused mining road, 2 kilometers to the east, which extends 7 kilometers up from Whitesail Lake through Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. This road could serve as another alternative



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FIGURE 1
LOCATION OF THE
PARK CLAIMS

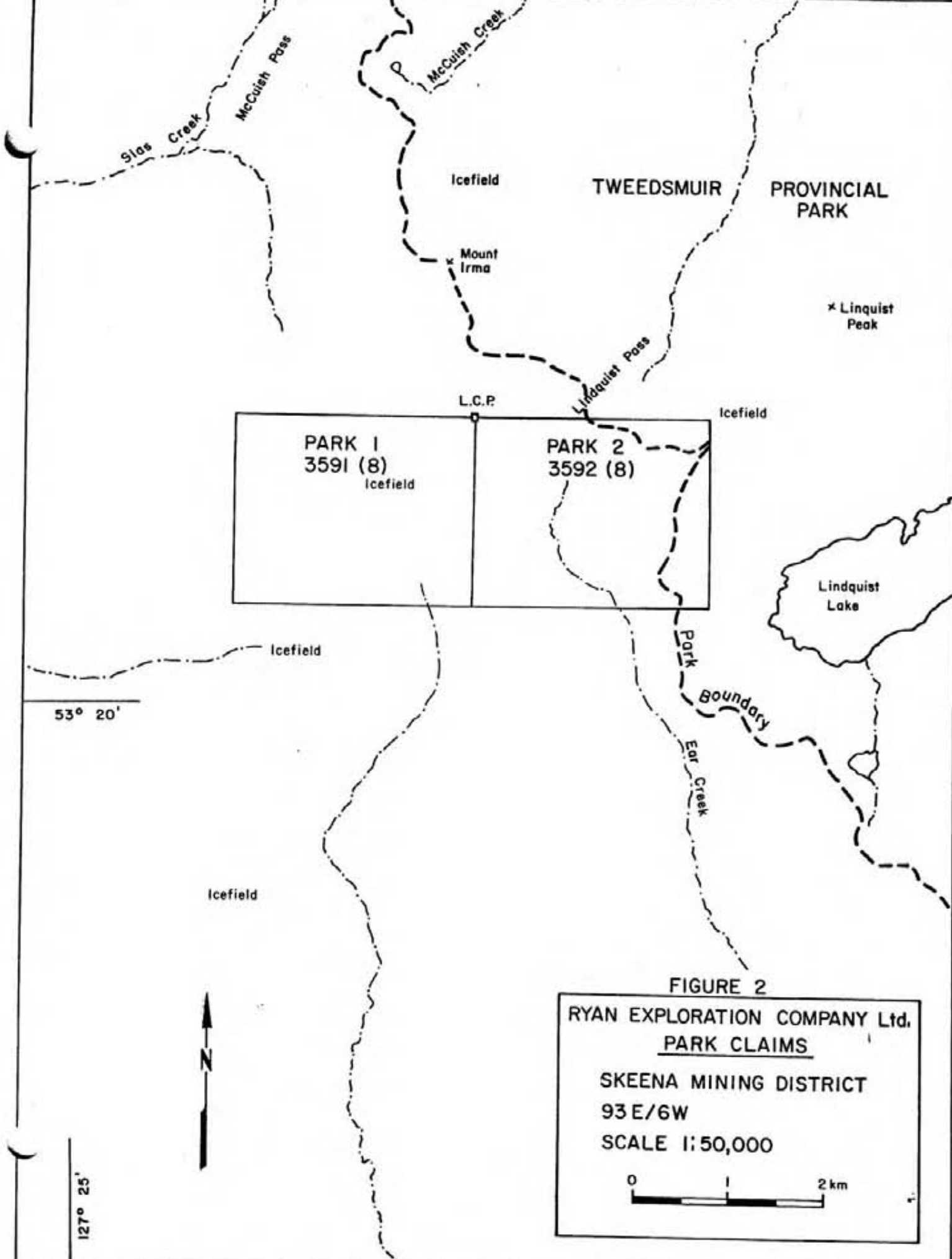


FIGURE 2

RYAN EXPLORATION COMPANY Ltd.
PARK CLAIMS
 SKEENA MINING DISTRICT
 93 E/6W
 SCALE 1:50,000



provided permission could be obtained from the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing.

The property was investigated by Barry Devlin from August 18, 1982 to August 21, 1982. Samples were collected and shipped for analysis at U.S. Borax Research Corporation in Anaheim, California.

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Park claims lie on the eastern flank of the Coast Mountains. Geological mapping of the Whitesail Lake (NTS 93E) map area was originally carried out by Duffell (1959) and then remapped by Woodsworth (1979). Woodsworth describes the area as being underlain by the Coast Plutonic Complex on the west, the Intermontane Belt on the east, and by a narrow, intensely faulted transition zone in the center. The Coast Plutonic Complex consists of an isoclinally folded Central Gneiss Complex, plutonic rocks and the felsic and mafic tuffs of the Gamsby Group. The Intermontane Belt is underlain by the volcanic Lower Jurassic Hazelton Groups, the sedimentary Lower Cretaceous Skeena Group and Upper Cretaceous to Miocene(?) non-marine volcanics. Block faulting is the most dominant structure in the area.

PROPERTY GEOLOGY

A preliminary investigation of this property indicated that the area is primarily underlain by the metamorphic rocks of the Paleozoic(?), Gamsby Group. According to Woodsworth (1980), this group is represented by the following: "felsic and mafic tuff and volcanogenic sandstone, phyllite, amphibolite, lesser marble, skarn, flaser gneiss, mylonite and schist, all metamorphosed to greenschist and (?) amphibolite facies." Woodsworth also described a Mesozoic and/or Cenozoic chloritized quartz diorite which was observed along the northern boundary of the Park 1 claim.

Phyllite is the most predominant rock type on the property. This unit is typified by a well-developed banding or foliation, with characteristic light green and dark green patches. The phyllites are bluish to steel grey in color, fine-grained and display a waxy texture. Local rusty orange weathering was observed. Interbedded with the phyllites are minor beds of calcite/wollastonite skarn. The skarn beds are more resistant and display a lesser degree of banding. However, this banding continues to parallel the banding of the phyllites. This skarn unit is fine-grained and crystalline with obvious radiating crystals of wollastonite. Epidote

alteration is pervasive in both the phyllites and skarns along with local silicification and minor randomly oriented milky quartz veins. In places, garnet and magnetite mineralization was found to be associated with the skarn beds.

Crosscutting the entire property is a prominent pink-orange unit, which is conformable with the surrounding phyllites and may represent a dike or sill. The composition is similar to that of a rhyolite or a quartz latite and consists of well-developed, rounded, quartz-eye phenocrysts in a fine-grained siliceous matrix. The characteristic pink-orange color is probably a result of potassium feldspar weathering.

Although the map area has been metamorphosed, the foliation continues to parallel the original stratification. The beds have a general east-west strike, trending from 045° to 120° with a dip direction approximately 56° to the south.

MINERALIZATION

The most significant mineralization occurs as lenses of massive bornite interbedded with the phyllite and calcite/wollastonite skarn units. These mineralized lenses are generally small and average approximately 5 meters long and 1 meter across. However, one skarn lense hosting bornite mineralization was discovered and measured 25 meters in length and 7.5 meters in width. This particular lense averaged 4.0% copper, 0.1% lead, 0.9% zinc, 0.010 oz/ton gold and 11.25 oz/ton silver. The other smaller lenses were usually richer and samples ran as high as 9.2% copper, 0.4% lead, 1.7% zinc, 0.034 oz/ton gold and 30.56 oz/ton silver.

Bornite mineralization is inevitably associated with epidote. However, in places either garnet or magnetite, or both, were present with the bornite and epidote. A pervasive malachite and minor azurite stain is also associated with the bornite mineralization. In addition, minor chalcopyrite occurs with the bornite and is usually associated with intense silicification within the calcite/wollastonite skarn unit. The skarn beds may also host small bands of amber or green colored sphalerite. The phyllites contained disseminated pyrite up to 1 percent and minor sulfide mineralization was observed in the randomly oriented quartz veins.

The location of rock chip samples and corresponding assay values are shown on the accompanying geologic map (FIGURE 3, in pocket).

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Only a minimum amount of study has been carried out on the Park claims, but this work has indicated the presence of very significant mineralization scattered throughout the property. Much of the claim is still relatively unexplored and the main reason being an extensive glacial covering. This includes varying thicknesses of ice cover as well as the presence of extensive glacial moraines. Despite the restrictions caused by the glaciers, the strongest mineralization was discovered on a mountain peak which protrudes through the glaciers in the center of the claim group. It is possible additional mineralized showings extend beneath the glaciers and might be discovered later in the season.

There are no identical mineral occurrences of this type in the immediate area surrounding the Park claims. However, to the east and along strike, are the Deerhorn (Harrison) gold and scheelite deposits. These occurrences are presently unexploitable because they lie within the boundaries of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. The abandoned Deerhorn gold mine occurs within a faulted quartz vein which outcrops in batholithic rocks near the contact between the coast intrusions and the rocks of the Hazelton Group. Mineralization at the Deerhorn scheelite deposit, which lies about 1 kilometer to

the east of the Park claims, bears the closest resemblance to the mineralization on the Park claims. It appears that on this deposit, contact metamorphism has probably formed the scheelite mineralization which occurs within the following: minute fractures, a stockwork of quartz stringers, as small grains in diorite and as large crystals within volcanics.

In conclusion, on the Park claims, phyllites and skarns host numerous small lenses of massive sulfides, principally bornite. This sulfide mineralization is skarn-type and has a probable contact metamorphic origin. Since many copper skarn deposits are spatially and genetically related to porphyry copper deposits, mineralization on the Park claims may be an indication of a porphyry copper deposit nearby.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Further work done on the property should include detailed geological mapping of the entire property, along with prospecting for additional mineralized showings. Because of the substantial elevations on this property, this work must be carried out late in the field season, when most of the snow has gone. Access to certain areas on the property is restricted by glaciers which have a number of large crevasses. Therefore, ground geophysical surveys cannot be carried out and an airborne geophysical survey is suggested for locating additional mineralized bodies.

ITEMIZED COST STATEMENT

WAGES:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Nature of Work</u> | <u>Days Worked</u> | <u>Total Days</u> | <u>Rate Per Day</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Barry Devlin | Field work | Aug. 18-21 | 4 | \$84.00 | \$ 336.00 |
| | Report writing | Mar. 01 | 1 | 84.00 | 84.00 |
| Troy Milinkovich | Field work | Aug. 18-21 | 4 | 65.00 | <u>260.00</u> |
| Total Wages | | | | | \$ 680.00 |

FOOD & SUPPLIES:

Aug. 18-21 4 days 8 man-days @ \$20.00/day \$ 160.00

TRANSPORTATION:

Helicopter 2 hours @ \$425.00/hour \$ 850.00
Fuel 45 gallons @ \$2.25/gallon \$ 101.25

REPORT PREPARATION:

Map blow-up \$ 180.00
Drafting, typing, reproduction 100.00

ANALYSES:

33 rock chip samples analyzed for: Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag, Au
@ \$17.00/sample \$ 561.00

Total Costs \$2,632.25

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, Barry D. Devlin of #24-3039 East 56th Avenue,
Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia, hereby certify
that:

1. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Honours
Geology from the University of British Columbia
in 1981.
2. I have worked summers in mineral exploration
since 1978.
3. I have been permanently employed by Ryan
Exploration Company, Ltd. since May 4, 1981.
4. This report is based on personally working on
the Park claims during August, 1982.

Barry D. Devlin.

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PASS

TWEEDSMUIR
PROVINCIAL
PARK

Icefield

PARK-1
3591 (8)

PARK-2
3592 (8)

Icefield

LINDQUIST

LEGEND

- Outcrop
- Geological Contact (Actual, approximate, assumed)
- Probable fault
- Bedding
- Foliation
- Fracture or vein
- Claim post
- Rock chip sample location

SAMPLE RESULTS (values in ppm)

| SAMPLE # | Cu | Pb | Zn | Au | Ag | Sample Width |
|----------|---------|------|---------|------|--------|------------------------|
| 23564 | 31,700 | 128 | 124,000 | 0.36 | 362.0 | moraine boulder |
| 23565 | 8790 | 27 | 2480 | 0.08 | 92.5 | moraine boulder |
| 23567 | 113 | 12 | 120 | 0.03 | 3.0 | creek floor |
| 23568 | 123 | 14 | 171 | 0.03 | 2.4 | moraine boulder |
| 23585 | 655 | 13 | 64 | 0.03 | 1.7 | moraine boulder |
| 23586 | 14,700 | 90 | 35 | 0.06 | 198.0 | moraine boulder |
| 23648 | 81,300 | 114 | 563 | 0.66 | 980.6 | grab sample |
| 23649 | 19,200 | 951 | 163 | 0.15 | 180.3 | grab sample |
| 23701 | 57,000 | 130 | 207 | 0.11 | 99.1 | grab sample |
| 23702 | 87,500 | 499 | 207 | 0.14 | 425.1 | grab sample |
| 22294 | 54,800 | 121 | 218 | 0.15 | 1038.9 | 3 meters X 1 meter |
| 22295 | 91,500 | 77 | 182 | 0.26 | 915.4 | 4 meters X 0.30 meters |
| 22296 | 78,000 | 74 | 455 | 0.12 | 980.6 | 3 meters X 0.25 meters |
| 25306 | 52 | 44 | 36 | 0.02 | 1.4 | grab sample |
| 25307 | 55,700 | 99 | 88 | 1.14 | 234.5 | 7 meters X 1 meter |
| 25308 | 34,600 | 68 | 103 | 0.90 | 136.1 | 6 meters X 0.80 meter |
| 25438 | 216 | 247 | 302 | 0.02 | 6.6 | 50 meters X 3 meters |
| 25439 | 48 | 3730 | 16,600 | 0.08 | 18.7 | 6 meters X 0.36 meter |
| 25446 | 530 | 45 | 35 | 0.02 | 1.3 | grab sample |
| 25447 | 162 | 16 | 15 | 0.02 | 1.3 | grab sample |
| 25448 | 66 | 102 | 15 | 0.03 | 2.0 | 5 meters X 2 meters |
| 25449 | 19 | 105 | 34 | 0.26 | 1.5 | talus boulder |
| 25450 | 11,600 | 197 | 850 | 0.08 | 161.5 | 1 meter X 0.30 meter |
| 25451 | 3040 | 30 | 1900 | 0.08 | 25.3 | 3 meters X 1 meter |
| 25452 | 22,900 | 83 | 5740 | 0.06 | 128.5 | 10 meters X 5 meters |
| 25453 | 63,700 | 130 | 740 | 0.08 | 747.4 | HIGH GRADE |
| 25454 | 9020 | 40 | 146 | 0.06 | 33.8 | 2 meters X 0.15 meter |
| 25455 | 390 | 160 | 114 | 0.03 | 9.1 | 5 meters X 1 meter |
| 25456 | 245,000 | 764 | 5020 | 0.59 | 1190.0 | HIGH GRADE |
| 25457 | 29,700 | 72 | 6040 | 0.38 | 271.0 | |
| 25458 | 19,800 | 2850 | 16,600 | 0.20 | 269.5 | TOTAL WIDTH |
| 25459 | 71,900 | 393 | 5600 | 0.39 | 606.9 | 25 meters X 7.5 meters |
| 25460 | 37,800 | 564 | 396 | 0.20 | 582.9 | 2 meters X 0.20 meter |

field, black argillaceous shale
25306

25307-308
massive barite lens - 13m X 1m
in banded phyllite
abundant galena
minor magnetite, garnet

25309-295
small barite lenses
in banded phyllite (spinel)
massive calcite / wollastonite
massive garnet

25439-439
bed of calcite / wollastonite
spinel in banded phyllite
(contains 5 cm thick bed
of sphalerite)

Quartz dyke or sill
red or pink color with
rounded Quartz-eye phenocrysts

25446
silicified talus
(garnet)

25447
silicified talus lenses
over 15 meters thick

25448
dark brown phyllite
(disseminated pyrite)

25456-459
massive barite lens - 2.5m X 7.5m
interbedded with banded
phyllite and calcite
massive calcite / wollastonite
massive garnet

25460-460
small barite lens
in silicified phyllite

25455
banded
calcite - wollastonite
within phyllite

23564
moraine boulders

23565
banded phyllite and
calcite / wollastonite
(spinel, barite, chalcopyrite
massive spinel)

23567
quartz float - volcanic breccia
(disseminated pyrite & chalcopyrite)

23568
moraine boulder
(massive barite)

25449
talus boulders
Quartz with abundant pyrite (10%)

23585-586
moraine boulders
banded phyllite with galena
& arsenic (chalcopyrite, pyrite, & magnetite)

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RYAN EXPLORATION COMPANY, LTD.
PARK CLAIMS
GEOLOGIC SKETCH
&
SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
NTS 93E/6W
SKEENA M.D.
British Columbia
SCALE 1:5000