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#### GEOCHEMICAL REPORT

S.I.B. 1 - 16 CLAIMS

#### SKEENA MINING DIVISION

#### NTS MAP 104B/9W

130° 27' West Longitude; 56° 37' North Latitude

Owner CONSOLIDATED SILVER BUTTE MINES, LTD.

Operator.

RYAN EXPLORATION CO., LTD.

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### History

The areas drained by the upper reaches of the Stikine, Iskut, Unuk and Bell-Irving Rivers have been prospected for gold since the late 1800's when prospectors passed through the region on their way to the interior. The heaviest concentration of effort has been around and north of Stewart, due to its location at tidewater, but continuation of similar rock-types through to the Taku River and generally east of the crest of the coast range implies the significance of this general region.

The mineralization near Tom MacKay Lake was discovered in 1932 and active prospecting continued through 1940 fostered by the increases in gold prices in 1934. Two adits, both completely accessible exist on the property, and are the result of sporadic mining activities. Several attempts to delineate mineralization with "winkie-type" diamond drills has been conducted in the general vicinity of these adits. However, because of the very nature of the mineralization, and the shallowness of the holes, it is doubtful that the results would add significantly to current data. Evidence of three larger diameter holes exists a short distance north of the Emma Adit, but little information is available.

In 1975, Texas Gulf acquired a lease on the properties and conducted substantial mapping, sampling and geophysical programs. As a result, diamond drilling was undertaken in 1976 in an attempt to delineate zones of massive sulfides adjacent to

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"rhyolite-domes" but due to discouraging results, the property was then turned back to the owners. May-Ralph Resources, Ltd. acquired an option in 1979 mining some hygrade materials and helicopturing them out to the Bell-Irving Road.

With the dramatic increase in metal prices in the late 1970's, Ryan Exploration Co., Ltd., initiated a reconnaissance program in portions of the Western Cordillera. North of Stewart, efforts were concentrated on properties with precious metal values as it was suspected that the remoteness, fine-grained type of mineralization and its antimonial or arsenical nature may have contributed to the area having been bypassed. A spectacular color, anomaly croppingout over eleven kilometers, accompanied by significant gold and silver values and similarities between observed rock-types and those of producing districts lead to acquistion of the properties. The property is comprised of 16 contiguous claims, presently held by Ryan Exploration Co., Ltd. under terms of the 1980 agreement with Consolidated Silver Butte Mines, Ltd. (the S.I.B. 1-16 inclusive mineral claims).

#### Physiography

The center of the project area is located at 130° 27' west longitude and 56° 37' north latitude (fig. 1); NTS may reference 104B/9W (pl. 1), approximately 80 km north of Stewart, B.C. Access to the claims is best afforded by helicopters, available on a casual basis in Stewart through Vancouver Island Helicopters which operates a 206 and Jet Ranger. Camp supplies, drilling

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FIGURE |



equipment and additional personnel should be trucked-up the Bell-Irving Highway to Teigen Creek, approximately 75 kilometers north of Mesiadin Junction and then conveyed 38 kilometers to the west by helicopter to the camp site. Amphibious, or float equiped aircraft, could be employed after July 1st, landing on Tom MacKay Lake, four kilometers west of the area. Current plans by B.C. Hydro indicate that a dam might be sited on the Iskut River eleven kilometers to the north.

Generally, the property lies above timberline 750 meters which maximum relief of approximately 700 meters and the highest point at an elevation of 1,300 meters immediately west of camp. Extremes in relief are limited to local areas and should not be considerd a significant problem. Along the southern edges of the property, this situation changes and the land rapidly pitches-off into the Unuk River Canyon.

Vegetation, consisting of scrub trees, alders and some evergreens is subdued as the claims generally overlie an alpine area. However, moving to the south into the Unuk River Canyon and tributaries a definite increase in vegetation is noted becoming very heavy, and constituting a considerable impediment to mapping, sampling and access.

Precipitation is heavy and exceeds 125 cm. per year. While the summers are drier, heavy amounts of rain fall in May, June and September. Wet snow, up to one or two foot depths, should be expected anytime after the middle of September, but substantial

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amounts do not accumulate until late October. Temperatures below O° C. are expected in the latter part of August but do not constitute a problem for drilling or camp activities until the middle of October or later. Due to heavy accumulation of snow during the winter, July 1st would probably be the earliest date that activities out of tent camps would be expected to operate efficiently. The construction of a substantial A-frame by Ryan Exploration Co, Inc., however, allows preparatory activities to begin early in June.

#### GEOLOGY

#### General Statement

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Generally, the area north of the Unuk River is underlain by a moderately folded sequence of volcanics and sedimentary rocks of marine origin. Deposition occurred in a near shore, island arc environment. Upper Triassic sediments cropout west of Harrymel Creek while the rocks underlying the claims area are considered to be of the Hazelton Group with the Bowser Group bordering them to the north and northeast (Souther, Brew and Okulitch, 1979).

Intrusive materials constitute only a minor proportion of the rocks in the region, with Late Triassic quartz diorites cropping out in the upper portions of Harrymel Creek and only minor scattered occurrences of Jurassic diorites noted elsewhere. The Late Cretaceous and Early Tertiary phases of the coast crystalline belt are well to the west, perhaps as much as ten kilometers.

The major trends within the region are generally northwest to southeast with major paralleling lineaments. Within the claims

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area, a north-northeast trend is prominent and is the result of a local paleo-depositional surface. Significant north to northwest structures are present throughout the region producing offsets along the north-northeast trends in the claims area. These are evidenced on the coast by long fiords and major river valleys and prominent gulches in the interior. The oldest and most subdued regional feature is a rather ill-defined east-west trend which is most apparent along portions of major river valleys.

#### GEOCHEMISTRY

#### Introduction

During the fall of 1982, sixty-eight (68) stream sediment samples and twenty-seven (27) rock chip samples were collected on the S.I.B. claims, an area 1,000 meters by 4,000 meters. Samples were collected from all major drainages at intervals of three hundred (300) meters or less. As many tributaries as possible, regardless of size were likewise sampled. Samples were obtained from what is considered active sediments with sample size necessarily in excess of 10 gr. in order to supply suitable amounts of material for the various analysis. Samples were contained in "poly-type" bags labeled and containerized in burlap for shipping. All samples were shipped to U.S. Borax's Research Laboratory, 412 Crescent Way, Anaheim, California 92801.

The samples are shipped wet and undergo routine drying procedures upon receipt, followed by signing and retention of the -80 mesh portion of the sample. Geochemical determininations for copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, and silver were made by the usual

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method of acid digestion with aqua-regia and analysis by atomic absorption. Gold was determined by fire assay, follwed by digestion of the DORE' bead in aqua-regia and analysis by atomic absorption. Tungsten was determined colorimetrically with dithiol after fusion of the sample with potassium bisulfate and digestion in HC1. Arsenic was determined colorimetrically in pyridine -silver diethyldithio-carbamate after fusion with potassium bisulfate, digestion with concentrated HC1 and generation of arsine.

#### Results

Orientation surveys have been conducted in several areas where jurassic volcanic and sediments exist in an alpine terrain and are exposed to similar climatic conditions.

Using previously described sampling methods and analytical procedures background values were established for copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, silver and gold at 18 ppm, 2 ppm, 15 ppm, 50 ppm 0.7 ppm and no value, respectively and anomalous values were set at the mean plus two standard deviations 150 ppm, 15 ppm, 50 ppm 195 ppm, 1.6 ppm and 0.35 pm, respectively (Kock and Link, 1970). Using these latter values, little is overlooked on a reconnaissance basis. Previous reconnaissance work, however, has lead to the establishment of the claim boundaries over the anomalous area, thus eliminating the necessity of redefining this zone. From a considerable amount of data collected in the cordillera, higher values have been established which have proven to lead directly to the specific mineral occurrence and they are:

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copper - 170 ppm, molybdenum - 15 ppm, lead - 75 ppm, zinc 250 ppm, silver - 1.7 ppm and gold 0.40 ppm. It is these values which are considered noteworthy and their existance along strike from known occurrences defines zones where soil sampling and geophysics should be employed.

Anomalous values are found on the Eskay Creek divide and along the creek draining to the southwest from this divide. Information collected on float and bedrock at the time of sampling indicate that the valley is underlain by a sequence of shales and graywackes. As a result, much of the higher zinc values are discounted and only become pertinent where they coincide with good lead and silver values. A strong anomaly exists around divide lake and in streams draining the ridges on both sides (pl. 2). Pyrite mineralization occurs in a sequence of rhyolitic vitrophyres and flow breccias, however, only narrow veins carrying galena, sphalerite and silver values were noted near an old adit (sample 3746) and west of divide lake (sample 3747) (pl. 3).

Good silver values (samples 3756 - 3763) were obtained from streams draining to the southwest from Argillite Creek divide but are of unknown origin as no significant mineralized float or bedrock was noted. Streams draining to the west off of a significant red stained cliff are strongly anomalous (samples 3749, 3751, 3753, 3754 and 3011). The cliff is composed of rhyolitic vitrophyres and flow breccias and are heavily mineralized with pyrite and arsenopyrite. Stockwork quartz veining is very prominent but carried only minor amounts of sulfides. Galena

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and sphalerite were noted in trace amounts where the pyrite mineralization was the strongest.

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### EXPENDITURES

Helicopter:	Long Beach Helicopter 6 Hours @ \$425/hr.	\$ 2,550.00
Geologist:	Evaluation of data and report 8 Hours @ \$165/hr.	1,320.00
Crew Leader:	August 20th - 29th @ \$1,800/mn.	600.00
Field Assistant:	August 20th - 29th @ \$1,500/mn.	500.00
Samples:	95 for Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn, Ag @ \$4.55/sample	432.25
	95 for Au goechem, fire assay, AA finish @ \$4.00/sample 95 W @ \$3.75/sample	380.00 356.25
Food:	\$1,500.00/man/day	300.00
Camp Equipment:		200.00
Base Map:	1:6,000	75.00
Drafting:	10 Hours @ \$6.00/hr.	60.00
Report Prep:	Typing 4 hr. @ \$20.00/hr Copying Miscellaneous	80.00 30.00 25.00
TOTAL		\$ 6,908.50

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#### PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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I received Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Geology from Washington State University in 1967 and 1968, respectively, and a Master of Science degree in Geology from Idaho State University in 1971. From 1972 through 1976, while employed by El Paso Mining and Milling reconnaissance, detailed mapping and drilling projects were supervised in Southeastern Alaska. Since 1977, I have been retained as a consultant by U.S. Borax and Chemical Company supervising exploration programs in Southeast Alaska, Alaska interior and the coast range of British Columbia, Canada.

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## APPENDIX A

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Stream Sediment Geochemistry

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## USBRC Geochemical Analysis

Sample <u>Numbe</u> r	Cu ppm	Mo ppm	Рb <u>ppm</u>	Zn ppm	Ag ppm	Au ppm	W ppm
MR- 3001 MR- 3009 MR- 3011 MR- 3012 MR- 3014	42 56 75 38 38	5 5 5 5 5 5	41 87 116 41 24	396 254 104 114 124	2.3 2.2 4.4 1.7 2.1	0.30 0.06 0.03 0.05 0.05	17 8 5 1 2
MR- 3015 MR- 3017 MR- 3018 MR- 3019 MR- 3021	149 206 31 179 50	5 7 5 5 5	42 59 10 23 22	158 183 96 199 194	2.9 2.3 0.9 1.4 1.7	0.10 0.08 0.05 0.06 0.05	11 2 2 21 4
MR- 3055 MR- 3056 MR- 3057 MR- 3058 MR- 3059	164 133 72 119 140	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	34 30 37 34 27	185 200 260 207 179	1.0 1.0 1.3 1.2 1.0	0.09 0.06 0.05 0.05 0.12	2 2 5 3 14
MR- 3060 MR- 3062 MR- 3063 MR- 3064 MR- 3065	162 151 75 627 62	5 5 5 6 5	96 84 42 35 50	341 281 235 280 248	1.7 2.4 1.8 1.4 2.2	0.12 0.12 0.05 0.05 0.06	3 3 3 4 2
MR- 3066 MR- 3068 MR- 3069 MR- 3070 MR- 3072	55 54 47 120 95	5 5 5 5 5 5 5	20 41 70 42 35	198 300 162 254 201	1.7 2.0 2.0 1.1 0.9	0.12 0.10 0.18 0.10 0.10	7 3 1 15 2
MR- 3073 MR- 3076 MR- 3077 MR- 3079 MR- 3080	124 76 60 130 63	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	21 32 40 23 55	169 132 254 181 235	1.5 1.2 2.0 1.0 2.4	0.09 0.06 0.05 0.09 0.18	4 7 17 13 12
MR- 3081 MR- 3748 MR- 3749 MR- 3751 MR- 3752	49 125 60 40 68	5 5 7 7	63 258 90 107 71	288 274 503 337 437	3.1 7.6 6.0 5.5 2.8	0.14 0.09 0.12 0.06 0.12	13 4 5 6
MR- 3753 MR- 3754 MR- 3755 MR- 3756 MR- 3757	95 38 81 79 85	32 11 7 9 6	464 62 57 96 85	469 423 478 485 568	18.5 4.3 3.8 4.8 4.2	0.75 0.04 0.03 0.03 0.03	0 4 5 4 8

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Sample	Cu	Mo	Pb	Zn	Ag	Au	W
<u>Numbe</u> r	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	<u>ppm</u>
MR- 3959	66	5	44	363	4.3	0.05	0
MR- 3760	64	5	54	332	3.2	0.14	6
MR- 3761	68	5	39	361	4.2	0.20	7
MR- 3762	67	6	50	428	5.4	0.04	0
MR- 3763	67	4	44	363	4.8	0.08	5
MR- 3764	98	6	45	439	1.2	0.36	12
MR- 3765	63	6	29	367	1.5	0.06	6
MR- 3766	82	9	68	485	0.2	0.09	10
MR- 3849	77	5	60	251	2.1	0.09	9
MR- 3850	281	5	2270	880	7.4	0.18	11
MR- 3851 MR- 3853 MR- 3854 MR- 3855 MR- 3856	126 42 42 39 68	5 5 5 5 5 5 6	330 85 527 296 191	116 359 602 497 503	12.0 2.3 2.4 3.7 1.8	0.08 0.21 0.27 0.24 0.06	3 3 4 3
MR- 3857 MR- 3858 MR- 3859 MR- 3864 MR- 3865	21 89 75 65 63	5 5 8 7	68 248 51 32 17	140 423 338 442 395	2.0 2.3 2.0 1.3 1.3	0.06 0.06 0.06 0.04 0.04	3 76 36
MR- 3866	72	6	24	413	1.6	0.03	3
MR- 3867	55	45	59	584	1.7	0.03	8
MR- 3868	59	26	38	430	2.5	0.03	6
MR- 3869	41	26	28	790	2.7	0.03	9
MR- 3870	42	11	22	349	1.8	0.05	5
MR- 3871	35	14	18	305	1.4	0.03	13
MR- 3872	26	11	18	141	1.4	0.03	3
MR- 3873	46	9	28	285	1.5	0.12	5
MR- 3874	7 <b>4</b>	7	18	403	1.6	0.03	3

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## APPENDIX B

Rock Sample Geochemistry

## USBRC Geochemical Analysis

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San	nple	Cu	Mo	Pb	Zn	Ag	Au	₩
<u>Nu</u> n	<u>nbe</u> r	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	₩
MR-	3002	24	17	157	45	3.9	0.03	12
MR-	3003	18	5	81	29	1.8	0.05	13
MR-	3004	10	5	40	71	1.0	0.06	10
MR-	3005	34	5	26	322	1.7	0.74	16
MR-	3006	9	5	27	6	3.7	0.18	21
MR- MR- MR- MR+ MR-	3007 3008 3010 3013 3016	15 7 8 87 64	5 5 22 5	104 29 29 75 6	38 23 40 5	3.5 1.3 3.7 5.7 2.2	0.44 0.14 0.24 0.05	32 18 10 5 25
MR-	3020	14	5	5	5	1.2	0.05	20
MR-	3022	5	15	9	20	1.1	0.03	4
MR-	3051	11	5	116	9	4.1	0.32	11
MR-	3052	6	14	9	17	0.7	0.05	6
MR-	3053	5	10	21	28	2.0	0.06	16
MR-	3054	5	29	19	17	0.9	0.03	6
MR-	3061	127	5	43	58	1.8	0.05	29
MR-	3067	20	5	40	40	1.4	0.06	11
MR-	3071	95	5	5	12	1.6	0.05	9
MR-	3075	26	5	13	155	1.7	0.03	25
MR- MR- MR- MR- MR-	3078 3744 3745 3746 3747	60 110 15 667 941	5 5 6 10	43 24000 311 6830 2240	220 1940 112 27500 21600	6.8 555.0 3.8 34.6 21.6	0.03 2.39 0.08 4.95 3.06	6 7 6 11 7
MR-	3750	17	7	288	_90	4.6	0,26	7
MR-	3767	32	5	134	508	2.4	0,12	6







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