

# **1996 SUMMARY REPORT**

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# **FUNKEN & GROOVIN CLAIM GROUP**

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### SUMMARY

The 27-unit Funken and Groovin property covers 675 hectares of rolling topography about 15 kilometres east of Dease Lake in north-central British Columbia. The Stewart-Cassiar Highway passes through Dease Lake, as does the unfinished BC Rail right-of-way. Tractor tote roads from the highway pass two kilometres north and five kilometres south of the property.

Placer gold was discovered on the creek immediately north of the Funken and Groovin claims in 1924 and a 10 metre adit was driven on the property at that time, testing a quartz-chalcopyrite vein on the south bank of Castle Creek. Noranda outlined several coincident copper-zinc soil anomalies on the property in 1978 and mapped gossanous, pyritic, felsic volcanic rocks, locating a chalcopyrite-sphalerite showing at the confluence of Squaw Creek and Little Eagle River. Noranda did further work in 1986, following up on an airborne EM anomaly coincident with the 1978 showing. Prospecting by private individuals in 1990 and 1991 located additional showings in chlorite and quartz-sericite schist with anomalous copper and zinc values. The Funken and Groovin claims were staked in June 1996 by Antioch Investments Ltd. and Jim Lehtinen, followed by limited prospecting. A total of 27 rock samples were taken for Au and 32-element ICP analysis.

The Funken and Groovin property is underlain by rocks of the King Salmon allochthon, which consists of a lower section of mafic/felsic volcanic and clastic sedimentary rocks (Kutcho Formation), and an upper section of limestone and argillaceous sedimentary rocks (Sinwa and Inklin Formations). Recent work has shown that this volcanic rock assemblage is of late Permian to early Triassic age, part of a newly defined terrane which may stretch from northern B.C. to the U.S. border. Approximately 85 kilometres to the east-southeast of the Funken and Groovin property, the Kutcho Formation hosts the Kutcho Creek volcanogenic massive sulphide bodies, the largest of which contains 17 Mt of open-pittable reserves grading 1.62% Cu, 2.32% Zn, 29.2 g/t Ag, and 0.3 g/t Au.

The Funken and Groovin property covers a section of interlayered fine graphitic sediments, mafic to felsic schists, limestone, and coarse clastic rocks of possible volcanic origin. These units strike in an east-west manner along the length of the property, with as yet unresolved structural complexity. Mineralization identified to date consists of disseminated and finely layered pyrite, chalcopyrite and lesser sphalerite in schistose volcanic rocks. Locally, chalcopyrite stringers have been deformed jointly with the foliation.

The rocks which underlie the Funken and Groovin property exhibit similarities to the geology at the Kutcho Creek massive sulphide deposits, such as:

- a thick section of felsic pyroclastic and/or volcaniclastic rocks.
- widespread pyritization of the felsic volcanic rocks.
- Iow grade disseminated and stringer-type chalcopyrite in chloritic schists, possibly representing a feeder zone style of alteration and mineralization.
- intercalation of volcanics with fine grained clastic sediments.
- carbonate alteration of felsic and sedimentary schistose rocks.
- presence of exhalative sedimentary rocks (iron formation).

Future exploration should consist of systematic grid-based electromagnetic, magnetic, soil geochemical and whole rock surveys. Prospecting and detailed geological mapping should focus on altered or mineralized horizons and on geochemical/geophysical anomalies. These surveys will lead to definition of trenching and/or diamond drilling targets.

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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Funken and Groovin claims cover several pyrite+chalcopyrite+sphalerite showings in chlorite and quartz-sericite schists within Kutcho Formation volcanic and sedimentary rocks, approximately fifteen kilometres east of Dease Lake in north-central British Columbia (Figure 1). The Kutcho Creek volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits (17 million tonnes grading 1.6% Cu, 2.3% Zn and 0.3 g/t Au) are hosted by similar stratigraphy 85 kilometres to the southeast. The Funken and Groovin property was staked in June 1996, followed immediately by limited rock sampling. This report details results from the 1996 program and summarizes previous data on the property.

## 2.0 LIST OF CLAIMS

The Funken and Groovin property consists of two contiguous modified grid mineral claims in the Liard Mining Division of British Columbia, as summarized in Table 2.0.1 (Figure 2). Records of the British Columbia Minerals Branch indicate that the claims are owned by Henry J. Awmack. Separate documents indicate that they are held in trust for Antioch Investments Ltd. (75%) and James Lehtinen (25%).

Claim Name	Tenure Number	No. of Units	Record Date	Expiry Year	
Funken	346979	9	June 5, 1996	1999*	
Groovin	346980	18	June 6, 1996	1999*	
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### TABLE 2.0.1 CLAIM DATA

Subject to approval of assessment work covered by this report.

# 3.0 LOCATION, ACCESS AND GEOGRAPHY

The Funken and Groovin property lies 15 kilometres east of Dease Lake in northwestern British Columbia, centred at 58° 26' north latitude and 129° 44' west longitude. The claims lie in the upper part of the Little Eagle River basin, covering most of the Castle Creek drainage. The property lies on the Tanzilla Plateau, characterized by rolling to steep hills, with deeply incised creek valleys. Elevations lie between 1175 metres above sea level on the Little Eagle River to approximately 1420 metres on the slopes of Dome Mountain to the east (Figure 2).

The paved Stewart-Cassiar Highway passes through Dease Lake as does the rail-bed for the unfinished B. C. Rail northern line. A rough tote road, passable by ATV, leaves the Stewart-Cassiar Highway at Dease Lake, follows Hotel Creek up to its divide with the Little Eagle River and then down to a placer operation on Goldpan Creek, 2 kilometres north of the Funken and Groovin claims. A bulldozer track follows Zuback Creek east from the highway passing about 5 kilometres south of the property.

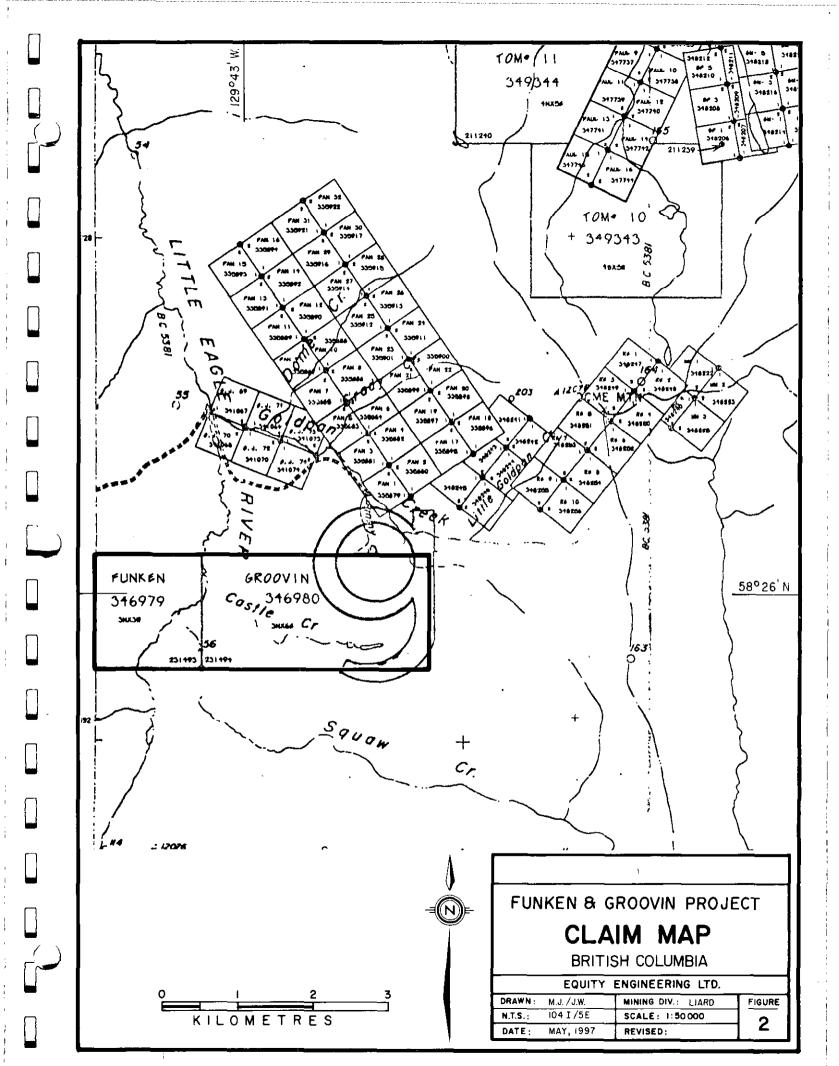
The Funken and Groovin property is subject to a continental climatic regime, with moderate summers and cold winters. Most of the property is covered by a heavy growth of buck brush and alders with patchy spruce and balsam trees.

# 4.0 PROPERTY EXPLORATION HISTORY

# 4.1 Previous Work

The first reported work in the Funken and Groovin project area was exploration for placer gold on Goldpan Creek in 1924 (BCDM Ann. Rept., 1925). This creek has its





headwaters on the northeastern corner of the Groovin claim and joins the Little Eagle River 1,800 metres downstream from the Funken claim. By 1940, 2,716 ounces of gold had been produced from Goldpan Creek, mainly from its lower portion (Holland, 1986). Quartz veins were noted on Castle Creek in 1925 and some hard rock claims staked, but no work was reported on them. It is probable that a 10 metre adit, driven into a quartz vein in pyritic rhyolite on the Groovin claim, dates from this time. Between the 1920's and 1978 there are no records of work being done on the ground covered by the Funken and Groovin claims.

In 1973, a high-grade massive sulphide boulder was found in Kutcho Creek, eighty kilometres east of the Funken and Groovin area, associated with rusty sericite schists in the eastern part of the King Salmon allochthon. This discovery led to the definition of the Kutcho Creek Cu-Zn volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposit and to increased exploration for similar VMS deposits throughout this terrane over the next decade.

In 1978, Noranda Exploration Co. Ltd. established a grid over most of the Funken and Groovin claim area with an east-west, 4.4 kilometre cut baseline and flagged cross-lines run north-south at 200 metre intervals along this baseline for a total of 35.5 line kilometres. Noranda collected a total of 782 B-horizon soil samples at 50 metre intervals along the lines, analysing them for copper, molybdenum, lead and zinc and revealing erratic high copper and zinc values. A vertical shootback EM survey was completed on 13.95 kilometres of line in the western part of the grid using an 1800 mHz frequency and a coil separation of 75 metres. The EM survey showed widespread response in the southwest and north part of the survey, but no specific conductors were highlighted. Also in this program, Noranda conducted geological mapping over about 25% of the property, identifying felsic volcanics and localized chalcopyrite mineralization (MacArthur and Bradish, 1978).

In 1986, Noranda did further geological mapping, a magnetometer survey and an SE-88 EM survey on a 2.8 kilometre reconnaissance line along the Little Eagle River in the western part of the property. This line was established to follow up a conductor identified by an airborne geophysical survey (not in the public domain). The ground geophysical survey detected several conductors, with associated magnetic responses, although none were apparently associated with mineralization. Nine rock samples were taken during the course of mapping (Maxwell and Bradish, 1987).

Maxwell and Bradish (1987) mention that Esso Minerals Canada Ltd. held the Funken and Groovin ground between the two Noranda programs, but there are no records of work being filed. An 18 unit claim was staked in the Castle Creek area in 1989 but again, no work was recorded.

The Acme 1 and 2 claims were staked in 1990 by M. Archambault, covering the same ground as the Funken and Groovin claims. Archambault and Lehtinen (1991) reported on prospecting done on these claims in 1990 and 1991. Part of the 1978 grid was refurbished by re-cutting 2.6 kilometres of baseline and flagging four cross-lines for a total of 1.45 kilometres. Their prospecting focused on previously discovered showings and geochemical anomalies identified by the earlier Noranda surveys. In addition, malachite-stained fragments were noted in a quartz-sericite schist unit west of the Little Eagle River.

### 4.2 1996 Exploration Program

The Funken and Groovin claims were staked by the early afternoon of June 6, 1996. The remainder of that day and the following day were spent re-sampling known occurrences and prospecting. Twenty-seven samples were taken from mineralized float and outcrop; descriptions are attached in Appendix C. These were analyzed geochemically for gold and by ICP for 32 elements at Chemex Labs in North Vancouver. One of these was also subjected to XRF whole rock analysis. Analytical certificates form Appendix D.

# 5.0 REGIONAL GEOLOGY

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The Funken and Groovin claims lie within the King Salmon allochthon, a thrust and faultbounded block of unknown terrane affiliation. It comprises an assemblage of Permian to Lower Jurassic volcanic and lesser intrusive rocks overlain by a sedimentary package (Barrett et al, 1996). This allochthon forms a 10-20 kilometre wide package which has been thrust southwesterly over the Stikine terrane along the King Salmon Fault and overthrust by the Cache Creek terrane to the northeast. To the east, all of these terranes have been truncated by the dextral Kutcho Fault (Figure 3).

The Kutcho Formation is a primitive island arc volcaniclastic sequence which may be more than 1000 metres thick (Thorstad and Gabrielse, 1986). Basaltic to dacitic tuff and breccia are lowermost, overlain by dacitic to rhyolitic tuff and breccia. Tuffaceous argillite, argillite and conglomerate cap the sequence. Thorstad and Gabrielse dated the Kutcho Formation at Late Triassic (210±10 Ma), based on a Rb-Sr isochron derived from eight rock samples. Subsequent U-Pb zircon geochronology of felsic rocks by Childe and Thompson (1995) yielded preliminary ages of 242-244 Ma (near the Permo-Triassic boundary).

Scattered limestone lenses in the upper Kutcho Formation conglomerates increase in abundance upward and grade into massive limestone of the Sinwa Formation, which has been dated as Norian (Late Triassic). It is a grey to white, well-foliated marble and local micrite up to 250 metres thick, commonly pyritic and fetid.

The Lower Jurassic Inklin Formation comprises 1000-1500 metres of intercalated calcareous greywacke, dark grey to black shale and siltstone and black phyllite. Its base is generally marked by conglomerate dominated by limestone and quartz-feldspar porphyry clasts derived from the underlying Kutcho and Sinwa Formations.

Rocks of the King Salmon allochthon were folded by southwesterly vergent, tight folds during a single phase of deformation, probably related to the thrusting that emplaced the allochthon. The intensity diminishes and the style of deformation changes to the northeast of the King Salmon Fault and to the northwest along strike (Figure 3). In the southeast, high amplitude, overturned, isoclinal folds with well-defined axial plane foliation and imbricate thrust sheets are common near the King Salmon Fault. To the northwest, open, similar-style folds predominate, axial foliation is weakly developed and imbricate zones are uncommon (Thorstad and Gabrielse, 1986). The King Salmon allochthon was regionally metamorphosed to greenschist facies during deformation.

#### 5.1 Kutcho Creek Deposit

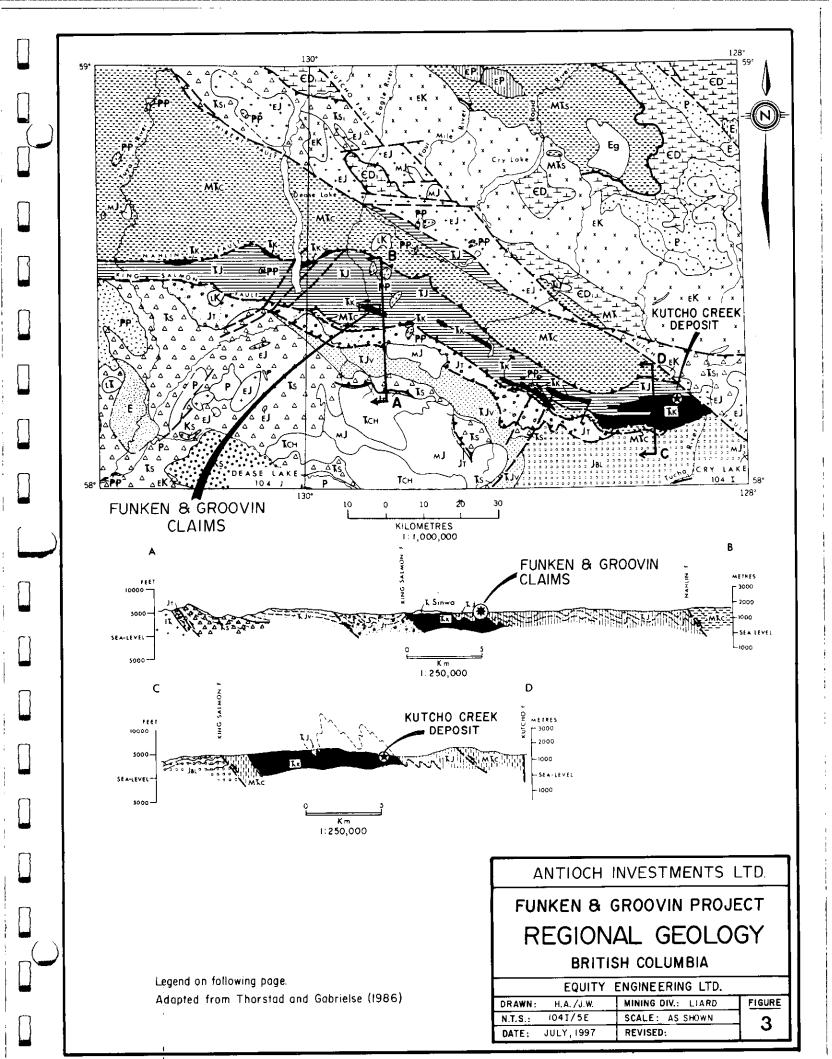
The Kutcho Creek volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposit, located 85 kilometres east-southeast of the Funken and Groovin property, consists of three lenses of pyritic massive sulphide which occur over a strike length of 3.5 kilometres along essentially the same stratigraphic horizon within the Kutcho Formation. The largest lens contains 17 million tonnes of open pit mineable reserves grading 1.62% Cu, 2.32% Zn, 0.3 g/tonne Au and 29.2 g/tonne Ag. The other two lenses contain an additional 11 million tonnes at a similar grade. The following description is abridged from Bridge et al (1986) and Barrett et al (1996).

The section below the immediate footwall rocks of the Kutcho Creek deposit consists of up to 2,000 metres of mafic flows and tuffs, plus dacitic to rhyolitic tuffs. The mafic flows are massive, fine-grained and non-porphyritic. Felsic tuffs are commonly quartz- or plagioclase-phyric crystal tuffs in graded cycles with minor intercalated argillite beds. No hydrothermal alteration is present.

The immediate footwall to the sulphide lenses consists of a 300 metre thick quartzphyric lapilli tuff, commonly altered to quartz-sericite-dolomite-chlorite schist. Included within this is a 5-40 metre thick mafic ash tuff bed with dolomite porphyroblasts. The three massive

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	LEGEND
	(to accompany Figure 3)
٥Ö	PLIOCENE AND PLEISTOCENE
PP	Basaltic flows, ash EOCENE
Eg	Granite, locally miarolytic
E	Conglomerate, shale, siltstone, coal
E₁	Rhyolite
-	CRETACEOUS
uK	Granite
	LOWER AND MIDDLE CRETACEOUS
Ks	Sustut Group: sandstone, shale, conglomerate; nonmarine
LK	Granite MIDDLE JURASSIC
JBL	Bowser Lake Group: pebble conglomerate, sandstone, shale; in part nonmarine; includes
JDL	andesitic volcanic rocks in eastern part
MJ	Granodiorite, monzodiorite, monzonite
	LOWER JURASSIC
JT	Takwahoni Formation: greywacke, shale, conglomerate; minor sandstone, limestone
LJ	Granodiorite, diorite, monzodiorite
	UPPER TRIASSIC AND LOWER JURASSIC
TJ	Sinwa and Inklin Formations: Sinwa limestone; Inklin greywacke, phyllitic slate, conglome
TJv	Andesitic volcanics, flows, breccia
TIZ	UPPER TRIASSIC
ТК	Kutcho Formation: basaltic to rhyolitic schists (flows, breccia, crystal tuff); fine-grained volc sediments, basic schist; conglomerate, may be basal Inklin Formation, in part
LT	Monzodiorite, granodiorite
<b>L</b> 1	MIDDLE AND UPPER TRIASSIC
Ts	Stuhini Group and unnamed rocks: andesite, tuff, breccia, volcanic sandstone
	Peridotite, dunite, pyroxenite
Ts	
MT	Greenstone, rhyolite, chlorite phyllite, tuff; age uncertain
MTs	Sylvester Group: chert, argillite, basalt, limestone, ultramafic rocks, tonalite, diorite
MTc	Cache Creek Group: chert, argillite, ultramafic rocks, gabbro, basalt, limestone
<b>D</b>	PERMIAN Limestone, greenstone, phyllite, chert
P LP	Diorite, granodiorite
	Granite; age uncertain
<b>E1</b>	CAMBRIAN TO UPPER DEVONIAN
CD/CI	Atan, Kechika, Sandpile and McDame Groups: sandstone, siltstone, shale, limestone,
	dolomite
CD	Mainly shelf and platform facies
CD <sub>2</sub>	, Mainly off-shelf facies
_	UPPER PROTEROZOIC
Ρ	Ingenika Group: metamorphosed siltstone, sandstone, shale; limestone, dolomite

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sulphide lenses form elongated ellipsoids separated by gaps of up to 300 metres, emplaced along a 3,500 metre westerly-plunging linear trend occurring within essentially the same moderately north-dipping stratigraphic horizon. Each body consists of multiple layers of massive sulphides (dominated by pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite and bornite), quartz-sericite schist with disseminated sulphides and dolomite-quartz-sericite rock. Lateral dimensions vary from lens to lens, but the maximum thickness for each is about 30 metres. The lenses commonly pinch out up-dip to the south but thicken and interdigitate with lapilli tuff and lapilli crystal tuff on their northern, down-dip edges.

Hanging wall stratigraphy is fairly complex. A quartz-feldspar crystal tuff (quartz-feldspar-sericite-chlorite-dolomite schist) unit, including a coarse volcanic breccia facies, generally overlies the sulphide lenses, pinching out downdip to the north and thickening over the lenses and southward, to a maximum thickness of 250 metres. To the north, this unit interdigitates with a quartz-phyric lapilli crystal tuff. Mafic sills and volcanics occur in clusters within the hanging wall felsic pyroclastics and increase upward into the overlying tuff-argillite unit, which is a heterogeneous assemblage of felsic tuffs and epiclastics with interbedded argillite. These are capped by a conglomerate composed of volcanic-derived clasts, which contains boudinaged lenses of limestone and argillite.

Sericitic, pyritic and dolomitic alteration with minor silicification and quartz veining accompanied the emplacement of the massive sulphide lenses; these are marked by Na depletion and variable amounts of K, Mg, Ca, Si and Fe enrichment. The stratigraphic interval which hosts the lenses is commonly altered over a thickness of 20 metres, for at least 4,000 metres beyond the three known lenses. In the footwall, the alteration extends to about 300 metres stratigraphically below and about 500 metres laterally beyond the margins of the sulphide lenses. Alteration in the hanging wall stratigraphy is less intense, extending about 200 metres above the lenses and about 100 metres beyond them.

A few features of Kutcho Creek could be useful in exploration for similar VMS deposits in the King Salmon allochthon:

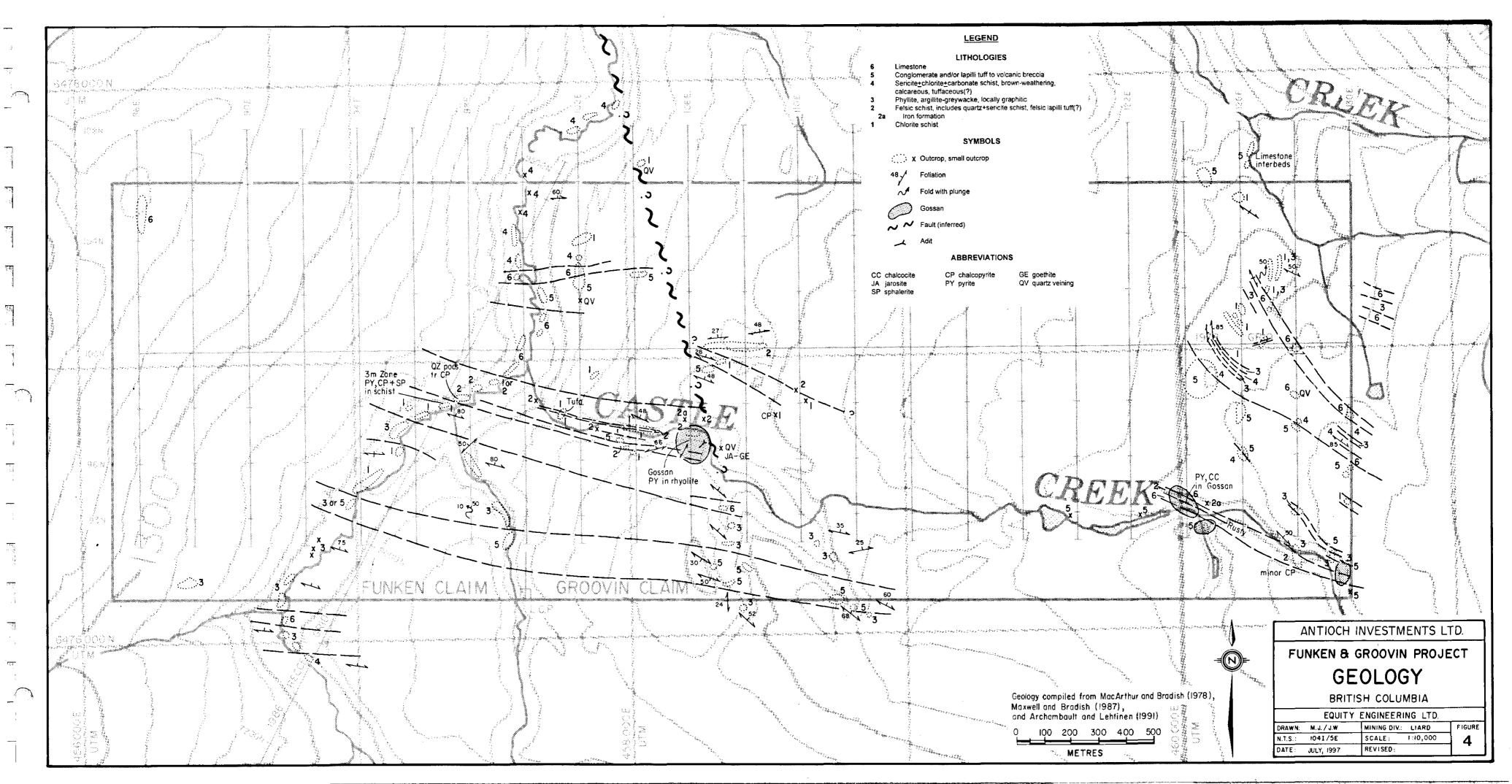
- bimodal, tholeiitic volcanic sequence (possible primitive oceanic arc environment?).
- located in a thick felsic section within the highest volcanic cycle of the Kutcho Formation.
- predominance of proximal felsic volcanics.
- cluster of massive sulphide lenses along a stratigraphic horizon which is well-altered for several kilometres beyond limits of lenses.
- well-developed sericite-pyrite-dolomite footwall alteration marked by major element depletion and enrichment.
- massive sulphide subcrop is marked on surface by spotty high Cu, Zn, Pb, Mo, Ag, As and Hg soil values, due to partial masking by 1-2 metres of boulder-clay till.
- massive sulphide lenses are non-magnetic; weak anomalies along the north edge of deposit are due to mafic rocks in hanging wall.
- massive sulphide lenses are indicated by electromagnetic, induced polarization and charged potential surveys.

## 6.0 GEOLOGY AND MINERALIZATION

### 6.1 Geology

No geological mapping was carried out on the Funken and Groovin claims during the 1996 fieldwork. Figure 4 is a compilation of previous mapping by MacArthur and Bradish (1978), Maxwell and Bradish (1987) and Archambault and Lehtinen (1991). Maxwell and Bradish described the geology as follows:

"The property is underlain by a series of intercalated felsic to intermediate volcanics and clastic sediments, which are believed to be part of the Kutcho Formation. The felsic



volcanics [Unit 2] consist of massive buff and white cherty rhyolite. The highly schistose chlorite schists [Unit 1] represent andesitic volcanics, locally pyritic. The sediments [Units 3 and 5] include greywacke, argillite and conglomerates. The conglomerates [Unit 5] are highly schistose with rounded rhyolite, basalt and granitic fragments and some shaley clasts."

Unit 1 (chlorite schist) may have been partially derived from andesitic or mafic volcanics, as stated above. However, MacArthur and Bradish's (1978) legend includes "quartz eye chlorite schist" within this unit; it likely represents a quartz-phyric felsic flow or crystal tuff which has undergone (hydrothermal) chloritization. The chloritized quartz-eye schist likely lies along Castle Creek between 101E and 105E, where Bradish and Maxwell, in their 1986 mapping, reassigned "chlorite schist" to their "felsic volcanic unit". Similarly, "quartz-feldspar sericite schist" was included by MacArthur and Bradish in their "schistose sandstone"; it could easily be derived from a felsic crystal tuff or flow. Hematitic iron formation (Unit 2a) was discovered in 1996 near 10600E 9750N and 12450E 9450N, in close proximity to the felsic volcanics.

Unit 3 (fine clastics) and Unit 5 (conglomerate) probably correspond to the tuff-argillite and conglomerate units found at the top of the Kutcho Formation elsewhere. Unit 6 (limestone) likely belongs to the overlying Sinwa Formation, although stratigraphic and structural relations are not clear.

Rock units trend roughly east-west. Foliations also trend east-west, with most dips moderately to steeply to the north. The structural setting is not obvious; unit repetitions may be due to a combination of isoclinal folding and imbricate thrusting related to the King Salmon fault. A north-northeasterly trending fault has been inferred between lines 104E and 108E on the Groovin claim, based on the apparent offset of felsic stratigraphy and drainage lineaments.

#### 6.2 Mineralization

A total of 27 rock samples were taken during the 1996 exploration program; hand specimen descriptions are attached in Appendix C (Figure 5). Sample 547355, with 9.33% Cu, was taken from a siliceous, sulphidic layer (or vein?) within chlorite schist near the mouth of Squaw Creek. This sample contained only low values for other base and precious metals. Archambault and Lehtinen (1991) had previously reported a quartz-sericite schist with malachite-stained fragments about 100 metres west of this sample.

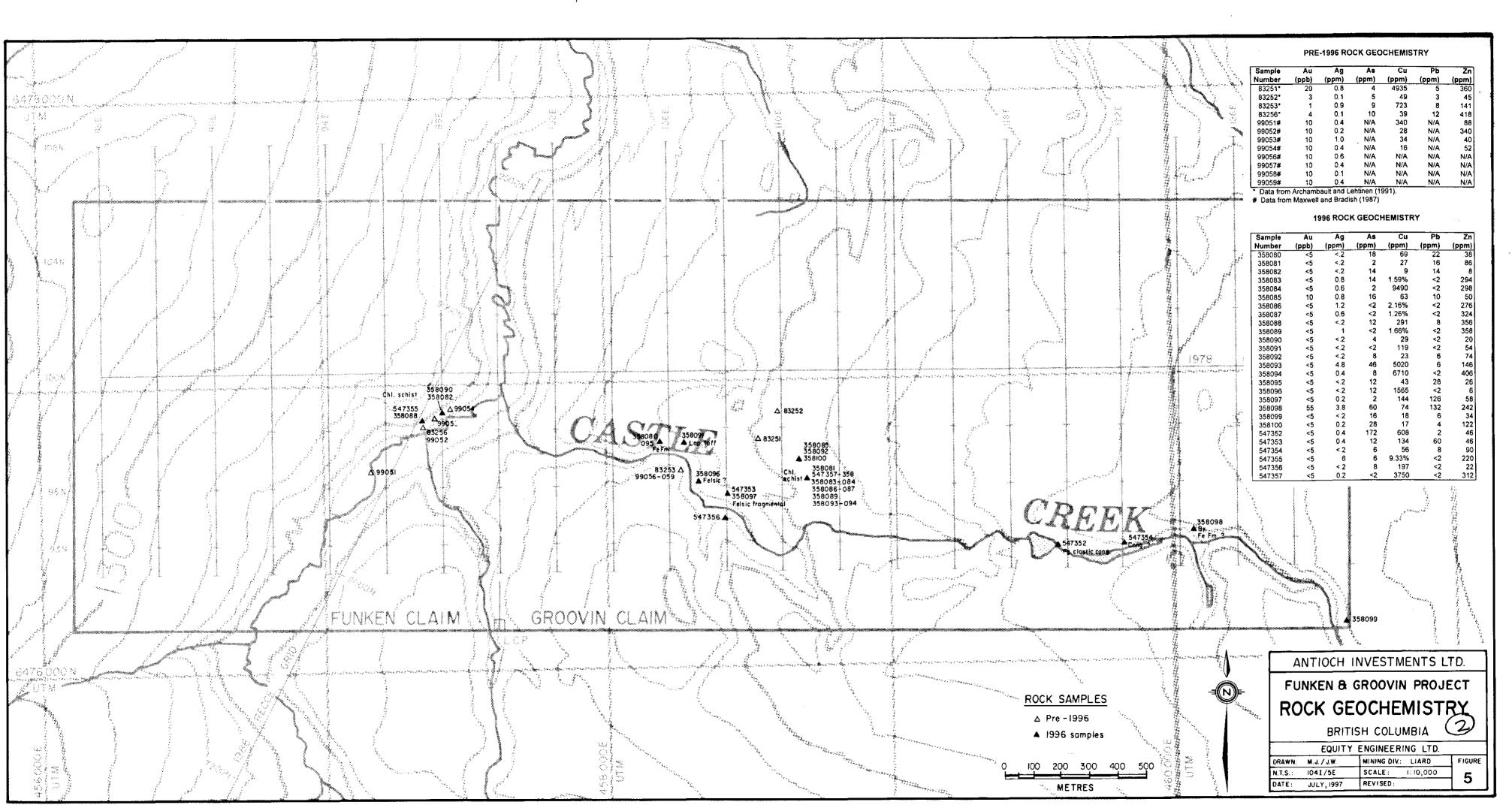
Several samples were taken from an outcrop of highly foliated chlorite-leucoxene(?)carbonate(?) schist near 11100E 9600N, returning up to 2.16% Cu (358086) with low values for other base and precious metals. It contained up to 6% chalcopyrite as blebs and stringers; the stringers have been stretched out and disaggregated along foliation, indicating their emplacement prior to deformation. This outcrop could represent footwall stringer zone alteration and mineralization in a VMS system.

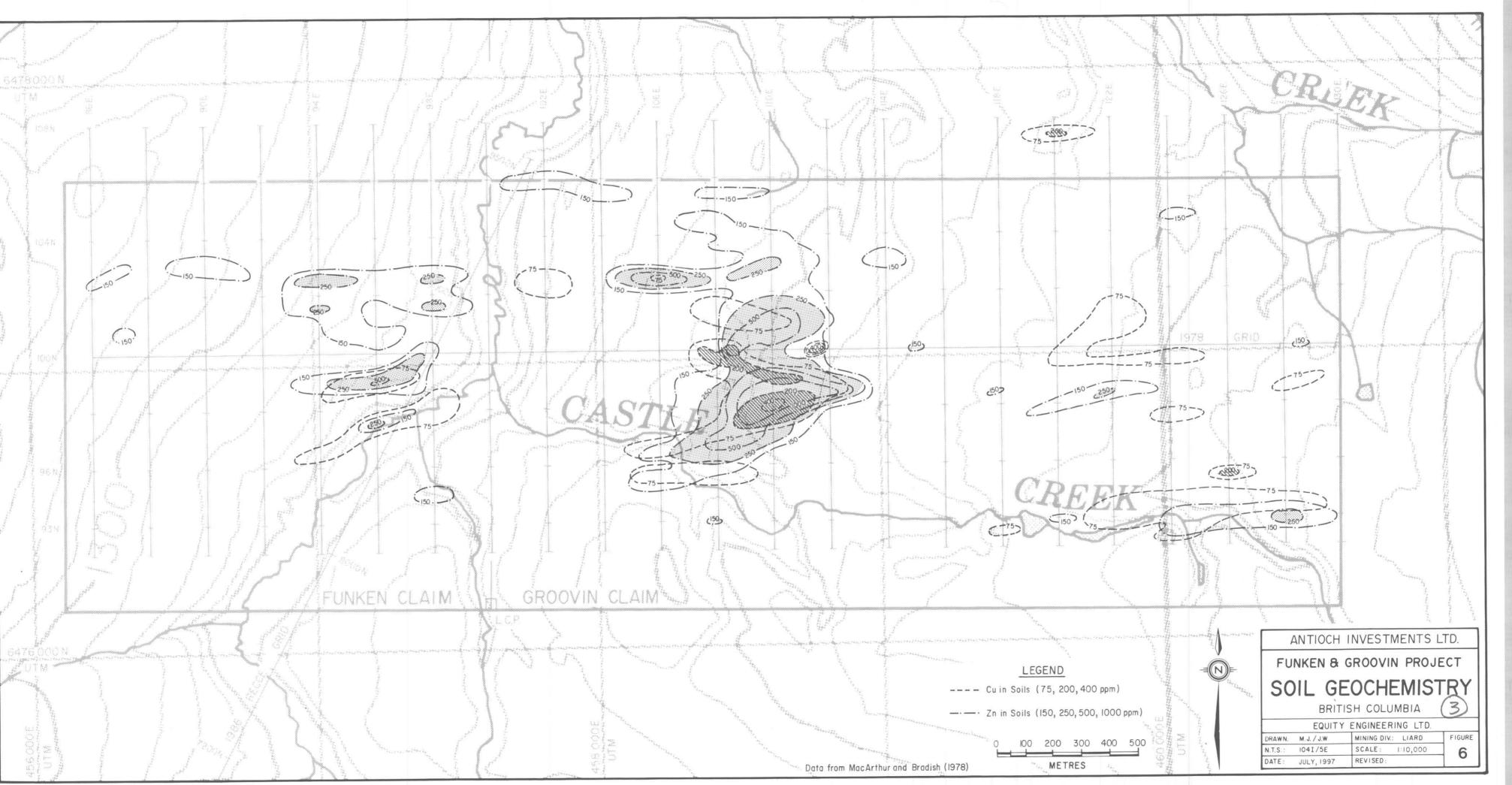
Float of iron formation, consisting mainly of martite with minor specularite and jasper bands, was sampled near 10600E 9750N; samples 358080 and 358095 returned low values for all other base and precious metals. The iron formation could represent an iron-rich exhalite deposited distally in a VMS environment.

Sample 358096 (1565 ppm Cu) was taken from a malachite-stained block of cryptocrystalline quartz. It is not clear whether this was derived from felsic volcanics, a quartz vein or silicification of another lithology.

### 7.0 SOIL GEOCHEMISTRY

Soil samples were taken on 50 x 200 metre centres over the Funken and Groovin claims in 1978 by Noranda (MacArthur and Bradish, 1978), with analysis only for Cu, Zn, Pb and Mo.





Their results have been compiled in Figure 6, with contour levels chosen arbitrarily for Cu (75, 200 and 400 ppm) and Zn (150, 250, 500 and 1000 ppm).

Much of the Funken and Groovin property is covered by varying thicknesses of glacial till. This produces erratic soil anomalies with "thumb-print" highs; intervening low values may be due to low bedrock metal content or to masking of the bedrock geochemical signature by glacial till.

Copper and zinc soil geochemical anomalies are largely coincident. The strongest of these covers an area of 400 x 700 metres on the north side of Castle Creek between lines106E and 112E, with peak values of 470 ppm Cu and 4000 ppm Zn. Little mapping or prospecting has been carried out in this area, but it appears to be underlain in part by felsic and chlorite schists. No mineralization has been discovered to explain the soil anomaly, although chlorite-carbonate schist with discordant, pre-deformation chalcopyrite stringers ("footwall stringer zone"?) outcrops 100 metres southeast of this anomaly and Archambault and Lehtinen (1991) reported "rusty chlorite schist" with 4935 ppm Cu (sample 83251) within the anomaly.

A smaller zinc-copper soil anomaly covers 100 x 500 metres on the west side of Little Eagle River, from lines 94E to 98E at about 9900N. It is also underlain by felsic and chlorite schists, with no reported mineralization. A weaker anomaly to the south overlies chlorite schist with sulphide-silica layers; rock samples graded up to 9.33% Cu.

#### 8.0 GEOPHYSICS

In 1978, Noranda carried out a vertical shootback EM survey over the western end of their grid, from lines 86E to 104E (MacArthur and Bradish, 1978). The southwestern 40% of this area showed a moderate to strong conductivity; this corresponds to the area underlain by the locally graphitic phyllite, argillite and greywacke. The remainder of the surveyed area has a fairly flat electromagnetic response, with the exception of a few weak conductors along the northern claim boundary on lines 94E, 98E, 100E and 102E.

In 1986, Noranda ran SE-88 and magnetics over a reconnaissance line along the Little Eagle River (Maxwell and Bradish, 1987). Two conductors were revealed on the Funken claim, at 8320N and 8480N, accompanied by a weak magnetic response. The northern conductor was apparently caused by graphitic argillite. The one at 8320N is associated with highly foliated chlorite schists containing zones of heavily disseminated pyrite.

### 9.0 DISCUSSION

The Funken and Groovin property lies within the King Salmon allochthon, approximately 85 kilometres west-northwest of the Kutcho Creek VMS deposit, whose main lens contains open pit mineable reserves of 17 million tonnes grading 1.62% Cu, 2.32% Zn and 0.3 g/tonne Au. Its geological situation is similar to Kutcho Creek, with much of the property underlain by mafic and felsic schists of the Kutcho Formation. Their stratigraphic thickness cannot be easily determined, due to limited outcrop exposure and unresolved structural complications. Like Kutcho Creek, the Funken and Groovin property covers the highest volcanic cycle of the Kutcho Formation, extending up into the overlying Kutcho conglomerate and Sinwa limestone. Indications that VMS mineralization may be present on the Funken and Groovin property include:

- iron formation (distal exhalite?)
- chloritized quartz-phyric felsic schists (footwall alteration?)
- sericite-quartz-pyrite alteration of felsic schists

• pre-deformation chalcopyrite stringers in chlorite-carbonate schist (footwall stringer zone?)

• strong but erratic Cu-Zn soil geochemical anomalies associated with the felsic and mafic schists

Despite its clear potential for hosting Kutcho Creek-style pyritic massive sulphides, the Noranda's soil Funken and Groovin property has received little systematic exploration. geochemical grid, with samples taken at 50 metre intervals along lines 200 metres apart, was far too coarse to define zones of mineralization. In future, soil samples should be taken on 25 x 100 metre centres to avoid passing over possible VMS mineralization. The Noranda soil samples were analyzed only for Cu, Mo, Pb and Zn; the Kutcho Creek deposit is also marked by soil anomalies for silver, arsenic and mercury. In addition to these, gold and barium analyses are useful in other VMS camps and should be carried out on the Funken and Groovin claims. No ground geophysics has been carried out over most of the property, including the strong 400 x 700 metre Cu-Zn soil anomaly around line 110E. Very little systematic mapping or sampling has been carried out to date and much of the geological framework has not been well established. Finally, the economics of a VMS deposit of Kutcho Creek's size and grade on the Funken and Groovin property should be considerably better than for Kutcho Creek itself, since the Funken/Groovin lies only 15 kilometres from the highway (and rail-bed for the unfinished BCR northern line) at Dease Lake; road access would be comparatively simple and inexpensive to construct.

Respectfully submitted, H. J. AWATCK BRITCH NGIN Henry J. Awmack, P.Eng. Murray I. Jones, P.Geo. EQUITY ENGINEERING LTD.

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# APPENDIX B

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FUNKEN AND GROOVIN CLAIMS June 6-8, 1996

PROFESSIONAL FEES AND WAGES: Brian Dahl, Prospector 2.5 days @ \$300/day Tim Sullivan, Sampler 2.5 days @ \$225/day	\$ 750.00 <u>562.50</u>	\$ 1,312.50
EXPENSES: Chemical Analyses Accommodation Automotive Fuel Food Helicopter Maps and Publications Materials and Supplies Truck Rental Telephone Distance Charges	\$ 417.30 41.04 36.60 158.87 365.03 11.79 87.49 170.70 9.80	1,298.62
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APPENDIX C

# **ROCK SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS**

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# **ROCK SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS**

358080, 358095 Iron formation

- matrix is black to dark steel grey martite, local specularite, minor jasper bands
- magnetism gone; only very weak response
- cut by vuggy, crystalline quartz-carbonate veins

358081 Chlorite schist

- heavy gossan; coarse crystalline pyrite seams
- moderate chlorite alteration
- bleaching associated with cross-cutting quartz veins (with pyrite cubes common)
- local silica flooding

358082, 358090 Quartz-carbonate vein

- angular float from outcrop along Little Eagle River
- traces of vuggy pyrite along fractures; trace of malachite

358083, 358084, 358086, 358087, 358089, 358093, 358094 carbonate(?) schist

Chlorite-leucoxene(?)-

- - taken from outcrop 4 metres from #547357
  - strong foliation, locally disturbed .
  - dark green clasts(?)
  - weathers brown
  - trace to 6% chalcopyrite, as blebs and stringers (stretched out and disaggregated along foliation); pre-deformation
  - also contains intact, post-deformation quartz veinlet

358085, 358092, 358100 Quartz-pyrite rock

- float at head of small creek near small gossan; similar outcrop in gossan
- pyrite boxwork in foliated cryptocrystalline quartz

358088 Felsic(?)

- proximal float from small gossan below beaver dam at Squaw Creek on Little Eagle River
- aphanitic to weakly porphyritic (or amygdaloidal)
- leucoxene common: light tan, tiny disseminations
- ghostlike fragments?
- possibly silicified
- jarosite-goethite on surface, also in small vugs with quartz crystals

358091 Sericite-chlorite-quartz schist

- clastic rock (lapilli tuff?) •
- cut surface reveals fragmental nature; possible phenocrysts in matrix
- light-coloured felsic fragments
- also porphyritic clasts
- 1-3% disseminated pyrite in pyritohedrons
- traces of iasper

#### 358096 Quartzose rock

- cryptocrystalline quartz, aphanitic
- malachite stains on fractures with abundant jarosite and goethite
- disseminated manganese oxides?

358097, 547353 Quartz-sericite-pyrite schist

- fragmental rock, possibly volcanic •
- silica veins, flooding and bleaching common
- 5-8% pyrite as blebs and crystals

- taken from sidehill at junction of creeks
- brecciated, strongly weathered
- possibly mixed lithology

- locally appears to be hematitic iron formation; also layered tuff or sediment?
- jarosite, goethite, bleaching of layered rock
- vuggy, crystalline matrix; carbonate-quartz?

358099 Sediment or porphyritic flow

- located 30 metres north of post 6E 0N of Groovin Claim
- altered, foliated rock
- granules of quartz common
- carbonate-rich matrix; gives gossanous weathering
- quartz veins/gashes

# 547352 Carbonate-sericite(?)-chlorite(?) schist

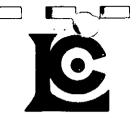
- located where Castle Creek flows into pond
- brown-weathering, locally fragmental
- Fe-carbonate veinlets
- minor fuchsite(?)
- minor malachite stain
- 547354 Carbonate-sericite-chlorite schist (conglomerate)
  - taken just above beaver lodge at upper lake on Castle Creek
  - clasts flattened, rounded in general
  - heterolithic; some siliceous clasts, some limestone
  - traces of cubic pyrite
    - matrix may contain tiny (<<1 mm) phenocrysts</li>
- 547355 Chlorite schist
  - outcrop at beaver dam at Squaw Creek on Little Eagle River
  - siliceous, sulphidic layer from outcrop (could be quartz vein?)
  - chalcopyrite-pyrite as lenses and disseminated blebs
- 547356 Felsic?
  - outcrop above adit
  - strongly bleached and quartz-veined rock
  - white to pinkish colour
  - 3-5% pyrite as fine-grained vug (amygdule?) fillings
  - strongly weathered, with jarosite-goethite
- 547357 Chlorite schist
  - strongly schistose
  - boxwork after pyrite; cubes disseminated throughout
  - stringers of chalcopyrite cross-cut and follow foliation; zigzags indicate predeformation
  - tiny disseminated chalcopyrite blebs
  - could represent footwall stringer zone mineralization

APPENDIX D

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# ANALYTICAL CERTIFICATES

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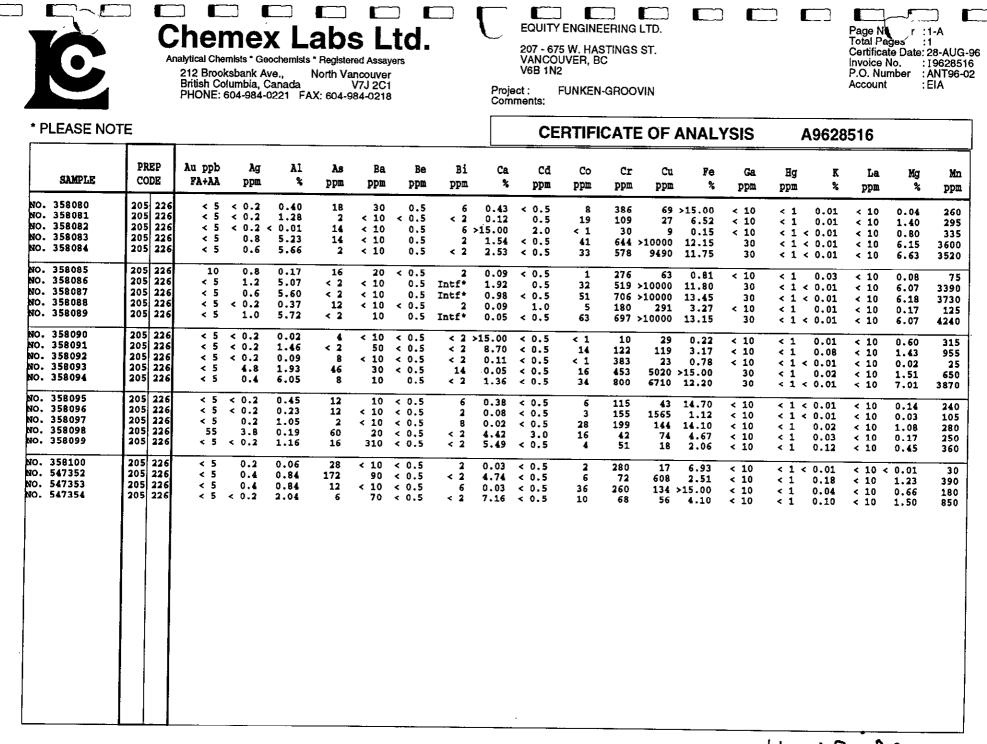
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# ENGINEER'S AND GEOLOGIST'S CERTIFICATES

# ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I, HENRY J. AWMACK, of 1735 Larch Street, Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. THAT I am a Consulting Geological Engineer with offices at Suite 207, 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

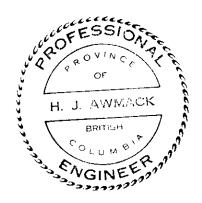
2. THAT I am a graduate of the University of British Columbia with an honours degree in Geological Engineering.

3. THAT I am a member in good standing of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

4. THAT this report is based on fieldwork carried out by Equity Engineering Ltd. crews in June 1996, hand specimens from that work and on publicly-available reports.

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# **GEOLOGIST'S CERTIFICATE**

I, MURRAY I. JONES, of 8606 - 144A Street, Surrey, in the Province of British Columbia, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. THAT I am a Consulting Geologist with offices at Suite 207, 675 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

2. THAT I am a graduate of the University of British Columbia with an honours B.Sc. in Geology (1982).

3. THAT I am a graduate of the University of Ottawa, with a M.Sc. in Geology (1992)

4. THAT I am a member in good standing of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

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