

NAME OF PROPERTY **MALASPINA (FLORENCE)**

LOCATION—Symbol on Map 92 F (MI).

Uncertainty in metres 300.      Lot. 49°57'15"      Long. 124°42'03"

Mining Division **Vancouver**      District **New Westminster**

County      Township or Parish

LotS **14734 to 14737**      Concession or Range

Sec.      Tp.      R.

OWNER OR OPERATOR AND ADDRESS

**Canadian Centura Developments Ltd.**

**DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT**

These deposits lie along the contact of limestone with wide belts of granite. The limestone is also intruded by a series of basic dykes which apparently do not affect mineralization. Mineralization is of contact metamorphic type and consists of sphalerite, pyrite and some chalcopyrite. A 36 lb. sample sent to the Ladysmith smelter assayed Au - trace, Ag 0.24 oz./ton, Zn - 18.48%, Cu 0.73%.

**HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The holdings of this company presently consist of four claims located on Malaspina Peninsula, about 9 miles up the coast from Powell River. The property was originally known as the Florence Group which consisted of the Florence, Scott, Red Metal, Victory, United and Hope claims and fractions.

The Florence Group, owned by the McNaughton Brothers in 1917 was previously explored by two open cuts, a prospect pit and a shaft. During 1923, about twenty tons of ore were sacked for shipment. In 1924 the properties were optioned to W.G. Dickenson. Open cuts were made and a shaft was sunk for about ten feet.

Malaspina Mines, Limited, was organised in 1925 to acquire the Florence Group and the neighbouring John Bull Group and Royal Arch claim (see 92 F/15, Zn 2). The following year the latter two were dropped but the Florence Group was worked until 1928. Work during that period included nearly 500 feet of underground openings from a main adit, diamond drilling in ten holes totalling 1,200 feet, stripping, shallow pits and open cuts.

In 1935 William Young owned what was referred to as the "Roadside Group". It is quite possible that it covered the same ground as the Florence claims. In 1950 the Western Miner reported as follows: "It is rumored that prospector William Young recently optioned his Hillside Group of mineral claims near Powell River, B.C., to the Red Hawk Mining Co. Ltd."

In 1967 Centura Mining Co. Ltd. acquired twenty claims known as the Lund Property which apparently covered the same ground as the Florence Group. They carried on geophysical work and drilled five short holes. The company name was changed to Canadian Centura Developments Ltd. The property at that time was referred to as the Malaspina Group consisting of the Mal 5 to 8 mineral claims. Assessment work sufficient to hold the claims for three years was reported at that time.

HISTORY OF PRODUCTION

REFERENCES

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MAP REFERENCES

Map 92 F (MI), Preliminary Mineral Inventory Map, Sc. 1:250,000; B.C. Dept. of Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Map 92 F/15 E, Powell River, (Topo.), Sc. 1:50,000.

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REMARKS

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