

NAME OF PROPERTY SILVER KING (SKOOKUM) (LAMARR)

OBJECT LOCATED - Map 671 A, #4.

UNCERTAINTY IN METRES 100. Lat. 54°54'48" Long. 126°52'55"

Mining Division Omineca District Range 5 Coast

County Township or Parish

Lot Concession or Range

Sec Tp. R.

OWNER OR OPERATOR AND ADDRESS

## DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT

Small irregular quartz-lenses are found intermittently along one or more crooked and branching shear-zones which traverse volcanic breccias, light-coloured flow-rocks, and rhyolite dykes of the Hazelton group. The zone is poorly defined and very irregular in attitude. In general it strikes easterly and dips 45 to 70° north and has been exposed for a total length of about 1,500 feet. It contains discontinuous stringers and lenticular masses of shattered quartz ranging in width from one inch to 6 feet. The quartz contains variable amounts of galena, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, sphalerite, and a little native copper and silver. Small quartz-lenses containing variable amounts of mineralization are found in two prospect adits about 1,200 feet southeasterly from the main workings.

Associated minerals or products of value - Gold, copper, lead, zinc.

## HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The property is located at the 5,000 foot elevation at the head of Driftwood Creek 15 miles northeast of Smithers.

The Silver King group of 8 claims was owned by P.J. Higgins of Spokane from prior to 1917. The property was reportedly optioned in September 1917 to the Goldfields Consolidated Company and work continued into 1918. There is no record of this company as a Canadian incorporation. In November 1919 Higgins optioned the property to Seattle interests and development work continued into May 1920. The workings at that time included a 19 foot adit on the west side of the creek, and a 96 foot adit on the east side. These interests incorporated The Steamship Mining Company, Limited, in August 1920 but no further work was done and the option lapsed.

No further activity was reported until the summer of 1922 when Messrs. Foley and Lee agreed to do certain development work for a small interest in the property; they drove a 185 foot adit "Foley tunnel" at the 5,310 foot elevation. Owner Higgins carried out additional work during 1924-25. In 1926 H.L. Messner optioned the property (16 claims) and Babine Silver King Mining Company, of Wallace, Idaho, was organized to carry out development work. A new crosscut adit was driven 197 feet at the 4,960 foot elevation to explore the vein under the old East side adit. From the crosscut, drifts were driven 110 feet west and 130 feet east. A small amount of ore recovered from this development work was shipped in 1927. Limited development work was reported in 1928 and 1929. A Babine Silver King Mining Company, Limited, was incorporated in British Columbia in December 1929. Its relationship to this property, if any, is not known.

Omineca Silver King Mines, Limited, was incorporated in August 1930. Some exploration and development work was reported in 1930 and 1931. The claims subsequently lapsed.

The showings were restaked as the Skookum 1-6 and Elk 1-6 claims by Jens Baker and associates, of Smithers, in 1937. A raise was driven from the 4,960 elevation adit to the old East side adit and a small amount of ore was recovered and shipped.

H.L. Messner and associates acquired 22 located claims and a fraction, part of which was the old Silver King

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## HISTORY OF PRODUCTION

In 1927, 7 tons of sorted ore were shipped from this property. From this ore 2 ounces of gold, 660 ounces of silver, 236 pounds of copper, 694 pounds of lead, and 768 pounds of zinc were recovered.

In 1937 a shipment of 19,481.8 pounds of sorted ore was made to the Dept. of Mines Sampling Plant at Prince Rupert. This ore assayed: Gold, 0.31 ounce per ton; silver, 70.5 ounces per ton; copper, 1.2%; lead, 3.6%; zinc, 2.7%.

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*Silver Cup Resources Ltd (BCNL 6/09/84, P.3)*

## MAP REFERENCES

Map 69-1, Smithers, Hazelton, and Terrace Areas, (Geological compilation), Sc. 1":4 miles, British Columbia Dept. of Mines.

#Map 671 A, Houston, (Geol.), Sc. 1":4 miles (1942).

Map 2048, Driftwood Creek, (Geol.), Sc. 1":1 mile - accomp. Summary Report 1924, Pt. A.

Map 5318 G, Driftwood Creek, (Aeromag.), Sc. 1":1 mile.

\*Map 93 L/15, Driftwood Creek, (Topo.), Sc. 1:50,000.

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ground. They incorporated La Marr Gold Mines, Limited, in August 1938. Trenching and 100 feet of adit was driven in 1940. The company charter was surrendered in 1946.

## REMARKS

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