Exploration highlights, North Central and Northeast regions, 2020

Overview
For the North Central Region, exploration expenditures were estimated at $225.3 million (Table 1). This includes expenditures in the Northeast Region, estimated at $11.7 million. The largest share of exploration expenditures in the North Central Region was spent in the Sonora District, which is contiguous to the northeast part of the region. Exploration activities carried out in the District focused on porphyry copper-gold exploration and development assets of the Kwanika and Stardust projects. A nine-hole 4350 m diamond drilling program returned results including 44 m grading 1.57% Cu, 1.08 g/t Au, and 28.2 g/t Ag. Results will be used to prepare a global resource estimate and a preliminary economic assessment in early 2021.

Northeast Region

Northeast Region exploration expenditures were estimated at $350.0 million (Table 1). Exploration activities carried out in the region focused on porphyry copper-gold exploration and development at the Mt. Milligan (Centerra Gold Inc.) Porphyry Cu-Au-Ag operation. The project has three deposits: Mount Milligan, Mount Polley, and Mount Dake. The Mount Milligan deposit, which has the largest resource, is currently the only producing mine in the region.

Mineralized Districts

Northeast Districts

Northeast coal fields

Exploration and drilling estimates

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Minerals and selected projects, Northeast and North Central regions

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