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INTRODUCTION

"Mineral Inventory of the Alberni Region, Vancouver Island, British Columbia", is the product of an office study undertaken to augment the field mapping program that was part of the LITHOPROBE study of southern Vancouver Island. The study relied mainly on assessment reports, MINFILE and minor incidental field visits. The British Columbia Geoscience Research Grant Program provided funds to support the study.

The LITHOPROBE study of Vancouver Island was initiated to investigate the third dimension in an area with an active subduction zone (Clowes *et al.*, 1984). LITHOPROBE, funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada, is a coordinated series of geophysical, geological and geochemical investigations undertaken by government, university and industry geoscientists. The Vancouver Island study was conducted in the first years of the project. It was spearheaded by four vibroseismic profiles on southern Vancouver Island with the principal one a transect across the island from near Parksville to Bamfield and one of the others along the Nitinat valley (Yorath *et al.*, 1985). Greater resolution of surface geology and stratigraphy than that provided by existing 1:250 000 scale mapping was needed to interpret these profiles. Hence two years of field mapping was initiated at 1:50 000-scale to provide these data (Sutherland Brown *et al.*, 1986). Although the project expected spin off benefits to accrue to mineral exploration from the improved resolution, no provision was made for studies of the economic geology. This office study evaluates some of the economic potential of the area.

The LITHOPROBE project involved 1:50 000 mapping of the following areas: Little Nitinat River (92C/15), Alberni Inlet (92F/2), Horne Lake (92F/7), the Vancouver Island part of Parksville (92F/8), and parts of Barkley Sound (92C/14) and Nanaimo Lakes (92F/1). This study deals only with areas that were mapped as shown on Figure 1, called the Alberni region for convenience.

HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND MINING

Exploration and mining in the Alberni region have been highly episodic and mineral developments have varied from episode to episode, partly because of local conditions and partly because of industry-wide trends. Because of ready access by sea, and the existence of harbours and near shoreline exposures, exploration for lode gold, copper and iron was intensive along the Alberni Inlet and China Creek early in British Columbia's lode mining history. Also, the discovery of placer gold during this period on lower China Creek lead to the early exploration in its headwaters. Much exploration took place in the early 1890s leading to typical small scale production of copper and gold between 1898 and 1906 from the Monitor, Southern Cross, Cascade, JJJ, WWW and Victoria claims (*see* Table 1). The copper properties received renewed attention and were placed into production again during the time of high metal prices of World War I (Monitor and Sunshine). Gold exploration in the 1930s resulted in development and production of vein and precious metal-rich skarn deposits at the Victoria, Havilah, Thistle and WWW properties, with some carry over after World War II at the Black Panther.

Widespread exploration for iron and copper skarns along the British Columbia coast in the early 1960s lead to the re-evaluation of the properties along Alberni Inlet and inland at Avallin and eventually to the mining of the Nadira deposit. This exploration cycle evolved into the province-wide search for porphyry copper deposits which, in the Alberni region, was manifest in extensive work between 1965 and 1972 at the Andy, Fit #2, DA and SR (WET) properties. Activity subsided until the 1980s when, kindled by the discovery of the HW volcanogenic massive sulphide deposit at Buttle Lake and fanned by the discovery of the Lara deposit at Mount Brenton, exploration in the upper Sicker Group rocks became intensive. Exploration was beginning to wane until the recently announced discovery of a new type of deposit in the Sicker, the Debbie 900 zone.

Coal prospecting and exploration extended throughout the Nanaimo coal measures in the late 19th Century but significant coal seams were found only along the south shore of Nanoose Bay. The Wellington seam, at the base of the Extension Protection Formation, was developed by a shaft in 1916 and a slope mine in 1921. Production started in 1924 with major output to 1926 and minor output continuing until 1942.

Producer	Minfile Number	PRODUCTION YEARS	TONNAGE (t)	AU (g)	AG (g)	Cu (Kg)	Рв (Kg)
Monitor	092C 009	1900-1901, 1918	1 289	0	0	233 960	
Nadira	092C 034	1960	4 665	0	0	61 929	
Southern Cross	092C 067	1905-1906	290	0	5 132	6 104	
Victoria	092F 079	1898, 1934	365	9 425	1 679	88	
		1936					
Havilah	092F 082	1936, 1939	949	8 056	43 669	1 925	5 750
Thistle	092F 083	1938-1942	6 283	85 874	65 969	309 088	
Black Panther	092F 084	1947-1948,	1 715	15 832	29 642	226	5 588
		1950					
Sunshine	092F 129	1916	5		218	869	
Kitchener	092F 138	1929	168	124	653	5 366	
Three Jays	092F 140	1898-1899,	1 981	1 929	75 207	148 889	
		1902					
WWW	092F 141	1899, 1935, 1940-1941	106	14 650	15 552	244	1 100
Cascade	092F 157	1904-1905	113		3 235	14 629	
BDQ	092F 348	1940	1	62	156	11	
Total			17 930	135 952	241 112	738 328	12 438
COAL PRODUCTION							

TABLE 1 MINERAL PRODUCTION OF ALBERNI REGION

Lantzville 092F 324 1924-1942 259 528

GEOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF THE ALBERNI REGION

Vancouver Island is a characteristic part of Wrangellian terrane and was most likely fully developed before its accretion to the North American Cordillera. Pre-accretionary Wrangellia is dominated by three thick, discrete volcanic piles separated by thinner platformal sequences and penetrated by a major group of plutons that are consanguineous and substantially coeval with the youngest pile (*see* Figure 1). The tectonic settings of the three superposed volcanic sequences evolved from a primitive marine arc to a marine rift, or back-arc rift, and then to a mature emergent arc (Sutherland Brown and Yorath, 1987). Neither the base nor the top of these superposed piles has been recognized but the measured accumulation is over 12 twelve kilometres.

Rocks of the early marine arc form the Sicker Group of Late Devonian age. These are separable into two thick formations: the Nitinat which is dominated by augite-phyric basaltic andesite agglomerates, and the McLaughlin Ridge which is characterized by volcaniclastic sandstones but also which contains aphiric andesitic pillow lavas or felsic volcanics (*see* Figure 2). The Sicker Group is overlain by Carboniferous and Permian sedimentary strata, the Buttle Lake Group, that resulted from the development of a shallow marine platform. The basal formation is a thinly bedded one, the Cameron River (now called the Fourth Lake Formation), comprised of chert, argillite, sandstone and bioclastic limestone. Overlying it is a massive bioclastic crinoidal limestone, the Mount Mark Formation and above this is a thin unit of sandstone and shale, the St. Mary's Lake Formation.

Minor folding, uplift, erosion and deposition of shales occurred through the Middle-Triassic before the eruption in the Karnian of the Karmutsen Formation, a thick pile composed of uniform ferro-tholeiite. Though of consistent chemistry the Karmutsen is composed of three stratigraphically superposed effusive facies of differing texture, a lower pillow lava member, an intermediate pillow breccia and an upper massive amygdaloidal flow member. In addition there is a hypabyssal suite of sheeted-dykes and sills. This marine rift assemblage is overlain by a late Karnian sedimentary sequence characterized by a mainly shallow water carbonate, the Quatsino Formation. This limestone is in turn overlain by two thin units of Norian age, a flaggy argillite and limestone, the Parson Bay Formation, and a reefoid limestone, the Sutton Formation.

The third pile forms a mature and emerging arc, the Bonanza Group of Early Jurassic age. This consists of a lower, partly marine, fine-grained red felsic tuff, the Redbed Creek facies, and a thick upper facies comprising early pyroclastic andesites grading upwards to subaerially deposited rhyolitic tuffs. The Island intrusions were comagmatic with the Jurassic volcanism but their emplacement and cooling continued beyond the time of eruption.

Post-accretionary sequences in the Alberni region are represented by the sandstone, shale, and conglomerate of the Nanaimo Group of Late Cretaceous age, and mainly by units of the first cycle. These consist of a local conglomerate, the Benson facies, and a more widely distributed sandstone facies of the Comox Formation, overlain by a shale and turbidite unit, the Haslam Formation. The basal part of the second cycle, the Extension Protection Formation, also occurs locally in the region. Plutonism was renewed in the middle to late Paleogene and early Neogene resulting in the emplacement of the Catface intrusions of quartz diorite porphyry.

MINERAL DEPOSIT CLASSIFICATION AND METALLOGENY

The diverse, voluminous and long lasting volcanism, related plutonism, intercalated reactive carbonates, and repeated tectonic activity provided a uniquely fertile environment for metallic mineralization in Wrangellia as a result of the provision of a wealth of sources, conduits and hosts. This fertile environment is attested to by the high density of mineral occurrences in the Insular Belt. In an exposed area of about 50 000 square kilometres (southern Insular Belt), 765 deposits were inventoried in MINFILE (Sinclair *et al.*, 1978). This amounts to 15.4 occurrences per 1000 square kilometres, the highest density of any belt and twice the average for Cordilleran British Columbia. Most of the deposits of this study are of minor importance but they confirm and reinforce the pattern evident for the major deposits.

FIGURE 2

COMPOSITE WRANGELLIAN STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN, ALBERNI AREA AND PROPOSED NOMENCLATURE

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	EARLY J	SINEMURIAN			REDBED CR. FACIES		-9000	PLAGIOPHYRIC ANDESITE AGGLOMERATES AND FLOWS
208 •	-	NOBIAN		/	SUTTON FM.	TTT	-	REEFOID LIMESTONE FLAGGY LIMESTONE · RED SANDSTONE-SHALE
225 •		NONIAN			PARSON BAY FM.	i i i i i i	-	FLAGGY BLACK SHALE AND LIMESTONE FLAGGY BLACK MICRITIC LIMESTONE
	IIASSIC	CADINIAN	VANCOUVER GROUP	N FM	MASSIVE LAVA		8000	MASSIVE GREY MICRITIC LIMESTONE MASSIVE AMYGDALOIDAL BASALT FLOWS AND MINOR HYALOCLASTITE
	TE TR	CARNIAN		UTSE	PILLOW BRECCIA MBR	0 0 H 0 0 0 H 0 0 0 H 0 0 0 H 0 0 0 H 0		BASALTIC PILLOW BRECCIA AND HYALODASTITE
230	LAJ				PILLOW LAVA MBR		6000	INTERFINGERING PILLOW LAVA AND PILLOW BRECCIA FERROTHOLEIITE BASALTIC PILLOW LAVAS
280 .		FARLY PERMIAN	BUTTLE	ST	MARYS LAKE FM	Parado	E6000-	SANDSTONE-SHALE RHYTHMITES
		PENNSYLVANIAN	LAKE		MT. MARK FM		-5000	FLAGGY LIMESTONE
360 •		MISSISSIPPIAN	SUBGROUP	CA	MERON RIVER FM		<u> </u>	CHERT, ARGILLITE, SANDSTONE
					McLAUGHLIN RIDGE FM		4000	APHYRIC ANDESITE PILLOW FLOWS AND BRECCIAS VOLCANIC CONGLOMERATE CYCLIC VOLCANIC SANDSTONE SILTSTONE ARGILLITE AND CHERT MINOR DEBRIS FLOWS
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TABLE 2TABLE OF FORMATIONS

	Symbol	Formation and Facies
Catface Intrusions	Tg	Catface plutons
	KEP	Extension Protection
	KH	Haslam
Nanaimo Group	KC	Comox, sandstone facies
	KCb	Comox, Benson facies
	Inc	felsis plutops
Island Intrusions	Jga	intermediate plutons
Island Intrusions	Jg	metic and hybrid plutons
	JBIII	mane and nyong platons
	JBi	hypabyssal intrusions
Bonanza Group	JBk	Klanawa facies
	JBr	Redbed Creek facies
	T .C	S. the s
	115 T-DD	Sutton
	TrO	Parson Day Quatrino
Vanaouvar Group	T _* V:	humebussel intrusions
vancouver Group	TrKo	massive lava members
	TrKb	nilow breccia members
	TrKo	pillow lava members
	IIKa	pinow lava includers
	PSt.ML	St. Mary's Lake
Buttle Lake Group	PMM	Mount Mark
	PCR	Cameron River (Fourth Lake Formation)
Sicker Group	PMR	McI aughlin Ridge
Sicker Group	PN	Nitinat
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The density of mineral occurrences in the Alberni region is nearly twice that of the Insular Belt as a whole (30 per 1000 square kilometres) and the metallogeny is substantially similar to that of the rest of Vancouver Island. Table 3 shows the classification of deposits in the Alberni region, the contained metals, host units, and provides Vancouver Island and local examples in a framework related to pre-accretionary (Wrangellian) or post-accretionary age and syngenetic or epigenetic origin in the broad sense. The following brief descriptions are keyed by numbers (in brackets) to the classification of deposit types in Table 3.

The population of pre-accretionary occurrences and the major deposits consist of iron, copper and zinc sulphides, precious metals, molybdenite and magnetite that occur in volcanic massive sulphide, skarn, porphyry and vein deposits. The common setting of Kuroko-type volcanic massive sulphide deposits (1A) on Vancouver Island is in the upper part of the Sicker Group, in or adjacent to rhyolites of the McLaughlin Ridge or Myra formations. Significant discoveries have not yet been made in the Alberni region. Massive sulphide mineralization occurs within dykes (1B) related to the Karmutsen Formation in several localities. The nature of these occurrences is not greatly different from the sulphide-rich veins or shears (4) present in Karmutsen and Bonanza volcanics. Bedded cherts, that may be ferruginous, pyritic, or manganiferous (2), are common in the McLaughlin Ridge and lower Cameron River formations. Some of these are significantly auriferous and may have an exhalative origin. Deposits of chalcocite, native copper and vanadium minerals in inter-lava calcareous shales, such as occur near Menzies Bay (3), occur in very minor amounts in the upper Karmutsen Formation near Sproat Lake. There are many sulphide ocurrences in vein and shear zones cutting Wrangellian rocks (4). These appear related to the development of the volcanic piles and are weak analogs to volcanic massive sulphide deposits.

The principal settings of skarn deposits (5A) are at or near the triple junction of Karmutsen Formation, Quatsino Formation and Island intrusions, or less commonly the upper Quatsino and Bonanza formations, or the Buttle Lake Group, with plutons. Dyke-like bodies of skarn (5B), slightly removed from the main settings, occur in the Karmutsen and Bonanza formations and the Island intrusions. Small plutons of the Island intrusions are the most common site for porphyry deposits of copper and molybdenum (6A) or molybdenum (6B). Quartz veins occur in Wrangellian rocks without significant distinguishing features (7); some may be related to Jurassic plutonism and others to any of the volcanic episodes.

Post-accretionary syngenetic deposits, apart from non-metallic bedded ones such as coal (8) or limestone (9), are not known in the Alberni region. Post-accretionary epigenetic deposits are mostly ' quartz veins. Many of these are epigenetic precious metal deposits in Wrangellian rocks, associated with young fault zones and characterized by ferroan-dolomite vein filling and wallrock alteration (10). A few contain arsenic or antimony minerals (11), a characteristic mineralogy in other parts of Vancouver Island. Some of these in the Alberni region occur within the Nanaimo Group, establishing their post-accretionary origin. Also important on Vancouver Island are porphyry copper-molybdenum, copper-gold-silver (molybdenum) or gold-silver deposits in Catface plutons although these are but weakly developed in the Alberni region (12).

A few deposits are difficult to assign to a category in the table and may involve two cycles of mineralization. One such occurrence is a skarn deposit enriched and altered by supergene processes at the Nanaimo unconformity (Villalta), another appears to combine gold-bearing ferruginous bedded chert in schistose Sicker rocks with an auriferous quartz ferroan dolomite stockwork (Debbie 900 zone).

DEPOSIT DISTRIBUTION

Mineral occurrences in the Alberni region do not have a random distribution but, with few exceptions, are clustered into groups of generally similar or related showings. These groups of deposits are evident (*see* Figure 1) and fall fairly naturally into 10 clusters of varying density. The clusters, named informally for reference, from southwest to northeast are as follows:

Pachena Cone cluster, centred about this peak, includes a variety of pre-accretionary deposit types including two of the main porphyry prospects of the region (DA, (C/82); SR, (C/83), as well as an iron skarn at the contact of the Quatsino and Karmutsen formations and an Island intrusion (Doer,

TABLE 3 MINERAL DEPOSIT CLASSIFICATION

Deposit Code	Type Name	Common Metals	Host Units	Vancouver Island Examples	Alberni Region Examples			
PRE-ACCRETIONARY "SYNGENETIC"								
1A	Volcanogenic	Cu,Zn,Ag,Au	PMR	Lynx-Myra-Price	?			
1B	massive sulphide Kuroko type Dyke type	Cu,Zn,Ag,Au	TrKi	HW Lara	F/246a, Cameron Lake			
2	Bedded cherts	Au,Fe,Mn	PMR, PCR		F/83, Thistle, in part F/245, Lacy Lake F/246, Cameron Lake F/331a, Debbie 900			
3 4	Inter-lava copper Sulphide veins	Cu,Ag,V Cu,Au,Ag	TrKc TrK, JB	Menzies Bay	zone, in part ? F/103, Kola C/80, Tam 24, Jasper			
	PRE-ACCRETIONARY "EPIGENETIC"							
5A	Skarn, massive replacement	Fe,Cu,Au,Ag	TrQ, TrKc, PMM, PCR, Iq. IB	Kennedy Lake Zeballos Coast Copper	C/08, Happy John C/06, Doer C/24, Nadira			
5B	Skarn, veins	Cu,Au,Ag,Fe	TrK, JB	Kingfisher	C/07, Monitor C/67, Southern Cross			
6A	Porphyry	Cu,Mo,Au,Ag	Jg, TrK,	Island Copper	F/217, Andy			
6B 7	Porphyry Quartz-sulphide veins	Mo Cu,Au,Ag	Jb, JB PN to JB	?	C/83, SR, WET			
		PO	ST-ACCRETIONARY "SYN	GENETIC"				
8 9	Coal Limestone		KEP, KC TrQ, PMM	No. 1 mine Cobble Hill quarry	F/324, Lantzville mine F/409, Mt. Spencer			
		РО	ST-ACCRETIONARY "EPI	GENETIC"				
10	Quartz-ferroan dolomite veins	Au,Ag (Cu,Zn,Pb)	All		F/79, Victoria F/82, Havilah F/331a, Debbie 900			
11	Quartz-arsenic	As,Sb,Au,Ag	KH, PN	Domineer	F/172, Grizzly			
12	Porphyry	Cu,Mo	Tg	Catface	?			

C/6), and a vein-like massive sulphide body in a shear in Karmutsen volcanic rocks (Sarita, C/32). The DA porphyry prospect occurs near the northeastern contact of the Westcoast complex in a zone of intensive dyking of hornfelsic Bonanza rocks near Island intrusions. The SR porphyry molybdenum prospect is a circular stockwork zone of quartz-molybdenite veinlets and dry, molybdenite-coated fractures, in felsic Bonanza rocks between two small zoned Island intrusions.

Little Nitinat River cluster, centred on the confluence of the Little Nitinat and Nitinat rivers, includes a variety of pre-accretionary deposits in a loose group, many close to the Harrison Creek fault zone. A small producing mine (Nadira, C/34) and the Avallin prospect (C/37) are representative skarn deposits; the MJ showing (C/78) and occurrence C/78a are massive to disseminated sulphide deposits at the contact of a small Island intrusion with Bonanza rocks; Tam 24 (C/80) is a massive sulphide vein or shear deposit in Bonanza Group rocks, and NI (C/92) is a somewhat similar deposit of massive sulphide lenses in a strand of the Harrison Creek fault. In addition there are numerous simple veins.

Hecate Mountain cluster, at the west entrance to Alberni Inlet, includes closely grouped and related skarn and skarn-vein deposits centred on the characteristic stratigraphy, Island intrusions and cut by major and minor faults. Included are four small mines that produced at the turn of the century, Monitor (C/9), Southern Cross (C/67), Sunshine (F/129) and Cascade (F/157), as well as six similar prospects of the same vintage.

Coleman Creek cluster, opposite the mouth of the Nahmint River, has a similar setting to the Hecate Mountain cluster. Some of the deposits are skarn, such as the former producing mine, Kitchener (F/138), however most are veins, some of which, such as the Three Jays (F/140), contain skarn minerals. The Three Jays was a producing mine with extensive development but modest output.

Corrigan Creek cluster extends along the mafic phase of the pluton centred on Corrigan Creek. Most of the deposits are quartz veins within the pluton, including the former producing mine WWW (F/141), and the Mount Olsen prospect (F/381). A copper-molybdenum porphyry prospect (Andy, F/217) is situated at the southeast end of the pluton within a more felsic phase. The Mary prospect (F/207) is a linear zone of quartz veins and disseminated and massive sulphides in a shear zone cutting the Karmutsen Formation. All these deposits appear to be pre-accretionary, however, at the northwest end of the cluster some veins contain ferroan dolomite, such as is observed at the Star of the West (F/215), Cor 14 (F/398) and Cor 6 (F/399), and so these veins may be younger.

Mount McQuillan cluster occurs in the faulted southern limb of the Cowichan anticlinorium, straddling China Creek. It is a complex cluster including occurrences of both pre and post-accretionary age and of differing characeristics. The area is underlain by felsic volcanics of the McLaughlin Ridge Formation as well as ferruginous cherts, an environment favourable for volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits. However, this group of deposits is dominated by quartz ferroan-dolomite veins along two northerly trending faults, Yellows Creek and McQuillan. These include the former producing mines, Victoria (F/79), Havilah (F/82) and Black Panther (F/84) as well as the prospects Golden Eagle (F/80), B&K (F/81), Black Lion (F/85), Sol (F/385) and part of the Regina (F/78). In addition the cluster includes the unique formerly producing Thistle (F/83) mine, where precious-metal rich copperskarn ore replaced Buttle Lake Group limestone. Contemporary exploration is concentrated on adjacent sheeted diabase dykes of the Karmutsen Formation that contain lenses of massive sulphide. The Debbie 900 zone (F/331a), which is adjacent to the Yellows Creek fault and the Victoria vein system, also lies within this cluster. The nature of the Debbie 900 zone is not fully understood but it seems to include both auriferous bedded cherts and a ramifying quartz ferroan-dolomite stockwork. High gold assays have been recorded and it is possible that there are two phases of mineralization. The environment at the Regina is similar but no significant occurrence has yet been found. A definite postaccretionary vein of arsenopyrite with precious metals (Grizzly, F/172) occurs at the base of the Patlicant Catface pluton in the Haslam shales along a strand of the Cowichan Lake fault zone.

Labour Day Lake cluster, a small one, centred on the lake and the Catface pluton of the same name, includes some diverse and enigmatic deposits. These include the Skarn (F/182) at the contact of the Cameron River Formation with the Skarn pluton of the Island intrusions, Villalta (F/384) and Specogna Copper (F/37). The latter is a vein shear at the base of the thick sill-like Catface pluton but within the Karmutsen Formation. Villalta is a complex deposit that has elements of a skarn replacing Cameron River limestone but the main showing is a lens of auriferous hematite at the Nanaimo unconformity and may represent supergene enrichment of the original skarn.

Stamp Point cluster, on both sides of the inlet near Alberni was explored mostly at the turn of the century. It consists of a small group of copper-bearing quartz veins with some gold, in the Karmutsen Formation. Included are the Raven (F/155), Dauntless (F/168), Campbell (F/382), BK 136G (F/383) and Mount Hankin (F/390) occurrences.

French Creek cluster, northeast of Mount Arrowsmith, is a tight group of copper-bearing veins and vein-like skarn deposits in the Nanaimo Lakes pluton and adjacent Karmutsen Formation. Included are the Coombs Copper (F/367), Skarn (F/386), Louishman-Maureenah (F/387) and Cup (F/388) prospects.

Lacy Lake cluster occurs on the upland between Alberni and Horne Lake, on the west flank of the plunging nose of the Cowichan anticlinorium, within the McLaughlin Ridge and Cameron River formations. The occurrences are mostly ferruginous or manganiferous bedded cherts, some of which contain some gold. Included are the Lacy Lake iron (F/244), Lacy Lake manganese (F/245) and Cameron Lake (F/246) occurrences. The Cameron Lake railway showing (F/246a) in the same cluster is a massive sulphide lens within the Karmutsen diabase sheeted-dyke system. Nearer Horne Lake is a probable post-accretionary deposit, Silver Bell (F/243), which is a quartz-stibuite vein in the Nitinat Formation.

Relatively few deposits that have seemed important enough to receive extensive exploration occur outside the ten clusters. One is the Fit #2 (C/111) which is a molybdenum porphyry at the northwest end of Nitinat Lake. It is fracture and veinlet stockwork centred on a small pluton and dykes of the Island intrusions in Bonanza rhyolite. Another is the Georgina (F/324) near Nanoose Creek, which consists of a number of small massive sulphide showings and quartz veins in the upper Sicker Group. A third is A North (F/360) near Sproat Lake on Arbutus Summit, a copper-iron skarn deposit in Quatsino limestone and Karmutsen basalt. A fourth is Kola (F/103) which is a massive sulphide lens in a shear in the Karmutsen Formation.

The highly clustered distribution of known deposits in the Alberni region is only partly explicable. Such non-random distribution is fairly typical of terrains of varied stratigraphy and structure and can be attributed in part to the non-random distribution of favourable hosts, heat sources and structures. Other factors affecting the uneven distribution of known deposits include accessibility, and the depth and nature of unconsolidated cover. Beyond this there is still a fundamental problem of clustered distribution that would probably seem more explicable with greater knowledge of the third dimension, the main objective of LITHOPROBE.

The influence of favourable geology is best illustrated by the cluster of copper and iron skarn deposits on Hecate Mountain where the factors necessary for their development exist, namely a reactive carbonate host, nearby plutons in digestive contact with iron and copper-rich volcanic sources as well as many pre-ore faults. Similarly the Mount McQuillan cluster has some characteristics that help explain its existence. These include the presence of McLaughlin Ridge Formation with integral felsic volcanic and exhalative cherts, small Island intrusions that may have had a role in the reconcentration of metals, and two important northerly trending faults that may have acted as late conduits and depositional sites. However, many of these conditions also exist on the northern part of the Cowichan anticlinorium without the same density of deposits.

The influence of deep transported soils, gentle relief, sparse outcrop and poor road access in accenting the apparent clustered distribution is evident in the southern part of the Little River area between Frederick and Nitinat lakes where there is a paucity of recorded occurrences.

ANALYSIS

The majority of metallic deposits in the Alberni region are veins, some 55 per cent compared to 26 per cent skarns, 9 per cent massive sulphide related lenses or shears, 4 per cent porphyries and 6 per cent unknown or complex (*see* Table 4). Subjective judgement was used to assign a classification deposit type as well as to divide the types between multiple hosts. Nevertheless Table 4 shows the Karmutsen Formation is the commonest host unit (29 per cent) although the deposits discovered in it so far have been relatively unimportant. The Bonanza Group and Island intrusions both host 19 per cent of occurrences, the Sicker Group 17.5 per cent, the Quatsino Group 12 per cent, the Buttle Lake Group 3 per cent and the Nanaimo Group 1 per cent.

The veins in the Alberni region are not a single related family but form at least three groups of different character, age and origin. Most common (39 per cent of all occurrences) are crosscutting and fissure-filling quartz veins with weak wallrock alteration and few distinctive features. Mineralogy is variable but sulphides are a minor constituent; pyrite and chalcopyrite are most common and may be auriferous. These are found in all Wrangellian units, particularly Karmutsen and Bonanza volcanics and many are within or adjacent to Island intrusions. Just as many are remote from these plutons and they could occur in any cooling volcanic pile.

A second group of sulphide-rich veins (some 8 per cent of all deposits) are dominated by pyrite and pyrrhotite with lesser quartz, commonly as stringers. Chalcopyrite and lesser sphalerite and galena are normally present. These veins are closely associated with volcanic rocks and form in any of the piles, quite commonly within minor shear zones. Their general nature and physical association with the volcanic rocks is probably indicative of their origin. In some respects they could be considered weakly developed volcanic massive sulphide deposits.

The third group (8 per cent) are quartz ferroan-dolomite veins. These commonly have extensive orange-red weathering wallrock alteration as well as ferroan-dolomite vein fillings. Quartz filling frequently forms shoots and these may display a ribbon texture believed to be indicative of incremental secular movement during vein formation. Sulphides form a few to 10 per cent of the veins and may be auriferous. These veins are closely associated with the Late Cretaceous and Early Tertiary fault systems, both the northwesterly striking thrusts and the later vertical northerly trending wrenches. They are believed to represent dewatering of the subducting Juan de Fuca plate (Fyfe *et al.*, 1987).

Skarns are the second most common deposit type in the region and the most common type of formerly producing metal mines (7 of 13). The common model of coastal skarn deposits (15), described previously, is generally applicable in the area, modified only in the more common occurrence of skarn veins, especially in Bonanza hosts, and the occurrence of a moderately important deposit, Thistle, in the Buttle Lake Group.

The volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits (in the broad sense) occur in all volcanic suites but most commonly in the Sicker Group. The deposits included are all somewhat aberrant and Kuroko-type massive sulphides have yet to be discovered in the Alberni region. The commonest occurrences are auriferous cherts, which may have an exhalative origin, occur principally in the McLaughlin Ridge Formation and possibly at the base of the Cameron River Formation. Also included are the occurrences of massive sulphides in diabase dykes of the Karmutsen Formation. If the sulphide-rich veins are included, the distribution between the three volcanic piles becomes fairly even (Sicker and Cameron River, 8.5; Karmutsen, 4.5; Bonanza, 7.5).

Porphyry deposits are relatively uncommon (4) and uneconomic at present, but because of their large size potentially they are important. Three of them occur in Bonanza felsic volcanics intruded by cogenetic Island intrusions, the Island Copper model, whereas the other occurs in a more felsic phase of a mafic Island intrusion that cuts Karmutsen rocks. Catface porphyries have not been discovered.

The complex deposits are enigmatic and seemingly each involves multiphase mineralization. The potentially very important Debbie 900 zone appears to be a high-grade gold deposit that combines original auriferous McLaughlin Ridge cherts cut, and possibly upgraded, by a quartz ferroan-dolomite stockwork close to the Yellows Creek fault and the Victoria veins. The Villalta deposit appears to combine a skarn, developed in the Cameron River Formation, with supergene enrichment during the tropical weathering which preceded the deposition of the Comox Formation.

TABLE 4						
MATRIX	OF	DEPOSIT	TYPE	AND	HOST	UNIT

Deposit		Buttle				Island			
Туре	Sicker	Lake	Karmutsen	Quatsino	Bonanza	Intrusions	Nanaimo	Total	Per Cent
Vein-Q	2	1	18.5	0	9	13	0	43.5	39.2
Vein-S	1.5	0	3	0	4	0.5	0	9.0	8.1
Vein-A	7	0	0	0	-10	1	1	9.0	8.1
Skarn	0	1.5	9	13	3.5	2	0	29.0	26.1
VMS	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4.0	3.6
Dyke MS	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	1.4
Chert	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	4.5
Porphyry	0	0	0	0	1.5	2.5	0	4.0	3.6
Complex	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	1.8
Unknown	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	4.0	3.6
TOTAL	20	3.5	32.0	13.0	21.0	21.0	1.0	111.0	
PER CENT	17.6	3.2	28.8	11.7	18.9	18.9	0.9		

CONCLUSIONS

The mineral deposit types described as occurring in the Alberni region have varied importance and probability of discovery or development. Of first importance are volcanic massive sulphide, auriferous cherts and auriferous quartz ferroan-dolomite veins and stockworks. Of secondary importance are skarn and porphyry deposits, important because they offer the possibility of significant size and (if they are auriferous), grade. The commonest deposits, quartz veins, are interesting chiefly as pathfinders but also as sources of precious metals. Sulphide veins and massive sulphides in dykes are unlikely in themselves to be large enough to excite interest but again might be useful as guides. An outside possibility exists of finding paleo-epithermal deposits in the Bonanza rhyolites.

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APPENDIX 1

INVENTORY OF MINERAL DEPOSITS IN THE ALBERNI REGION

The inventory covers the areas mapped for the LITHOPROBE project during 1984-1985. Mineral resource studies were only an incidental part of this project and deposits were not specifically visited in the field. This inventory depends mainly on the following information sources: geological mapping by the author, the British Columbia Geological Survey Branch mineral inventory, MINFILE, assessment reports, Annual Reports of the Minister of Mines, GEM, and the Northern Miner and other journals. Citing references would greatly add to the text and most are internal to the Survey so that only pertinent Assessment Reports are included.

The LITHOPROBE project involved the following areas mapped at 1:50 000 scale: Little Nitinat River (92C/15), Alberni Inlet (92F/2), Horne Lake (92F/7), the Vancouver Island part of Parksville (92F/8), and parts of Barkley Sound (92C/14) and Nanaimo Lakes (92F/1). The inventory deals only with the areas mapped (*see* Figure 1) and is in two lists, one for each NTS sheet. The listing is in alpha-numerical order by map sheet from 92C/14 (Barkley Sound) to 92F/8 (Parksville) and within each area by MINFILEnumber. Hence 92C/82 in Barkley Sound precedes 92C/34 in Little Nitinat River. The normal MINFILE number is augmented by the 1:50 000 sheet number.

Abbreviations are used for metals, minerals and exploration methods. Abbreviations for geological units are those used in Table 2 of Formations, in the text minerals from the the following two-letter code:

as	-	arsenopyrite	mo	-	molybdenite
Au	-	gold	mt	-	magnetite
bn	-	bornite	ро	-	pyrrhotite
ср	-	chalcopyrite	ру	-	pyrite
gl	-	galena	sb	-	stibnite
hm	-	hematite	sl	-	sphalerite
iv	-	ilvaite	tg	-	thurginite

MINERAL INVENTORY

NTS SHEET 92C

MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS:** WORKINGS: **PRODUCTION:** MINFILE NO .: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE:** HOST UNIT:: **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS**: MINERALS: **PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE:** HOST UNIT:: **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS**: **MINERALS: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO.: **DEPOSIT TYPE:** HOST UNIT: **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS**: **EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE:** HOST UNIT:

092C 033 NTS MAP: 092/C14 Mountain 01 skarn TrQ and Jg Irregular lenses of magnetite in inclusions and breccia of calcsilicate and marble of Quatsino Fm. in Island intrusions and near significant Quatsino outcrop. Fe mt 30 m adit 0 092C 050 NTS MAP: 092C/14 Marble Cove 02 skarn TrQ inlier in Jg Irregular lenses of calcsilicate with chalcopyrite and sulphide-bearing dyke in Island intrusions near Quatsino marble. Cu cp, mt, po 0 092C 052 NTS MAP: 092C/14 Sudbury Pacific 03 sulphide-bearing shear Jgm Shear with some small sulphide lenses. Ni po, as 0 092C 064 NTS MAP: 092C/14 Dan 04 9509 skarn and vein? TrO and JB Shattered pyritic shear's in Bonanza Gr. with minor limestone at the base, possibly Quatsino; near Westcoast complex. Cu, Au py, po, mt, cp mapping, soil geochem 0 092C 066 NTS MAP: 092C/14 Santa Maria 05 magmatic vein? WCC

A vein in mafic phase of the Westcoast complex. **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS:** Fe **MINERALS**: mt, po, py WORKINGS: small shaft **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 082 NTS MAP: 092C/14 NAME(S): DA 06 **RECORD NO.:** 3794 ASST. REPT. NO.: porphyry, stockwork **DEPOSIT TYPE:** Jg and JB HOST UNIT: **GEOL. FEATURES:** Island intrusion dyke complex at the edge of the Westcoast complex intruding Bonanza pyroclastic rocks. **METALS:** Mo, Cu **MINERALS:** py, mo, cp mapping, soil geochem, IP **EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 118 NTS MAP: 092C/14 NAME(S): Barkley Sound **RECORD NO.:** 07 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** metamorphosed bedded **HOST UNIT:** TrO **GEOL. FEATURES:** Marbleized inlier of Quatsino limestone in Westcoast complex? non-metallic **METALS: MINERALS:** calcitic marble **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 006 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Doer **RECORD NO.:** 08 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5472, 9505 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn HOST UNIT: TrQ, TrK and Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** A lens of magnetite some 40 by 20m occurs at contact of Quatsino limestone and Karmutsen greenstone near Island intrusions. Only 100m from Sarita showing (92C/15/032). **METALS:** Fe (Cu, Zn) **MINERALS:** mt, po, py, cp, sl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, mag, EM, soil geochem, perc. dh 646 m, ddh 289 m WORKINGS: adit and crosscuts, ca. 85 m development **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 007 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Monitor **RECORD NO.:** 09 ASST. REPT. NO.: 15199 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrQ and TrK near Jg

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GEOL. FEATURES:

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Three separate vein-like skarn bodies, at least one of which is a vein in Karmutsen. Others may be associated with Ouatsino or Karmutsen limestone. Cu, Au cp, mt, py, po mapping, mag 3 adits and at least 300 m of underground development 1900-1901, 1918; 1289 tonnes, Cu 233 960 kg 092C 008 NTS MAP: 092C/15 Happy John 10 15199 skarn TrO and TrK Mineralization developed mainly at Quatsino-Karmutsen contact. Cu, Au cp, py, mt mapping, mag 3 adits 0 092C 032 NTS MAP: 092C/15 Sarita 11 5472, 7943, 9509 massive sulphide TrK Lens of massive sulphide along a shear in Karmutsen greenstone normal to an important easterly fault. The shear trends toward the Doer (92C/15/006) magnetite skarn deposit about 100m away. Cu, Fe, Zn cp, py, po, as, sl mapping, mag, EM, soil geochem, perc. and ddh 70 m adit and crosscuts 0 092C 034 NTS MAP: 092C/15 Nadira 12 291, 4105 skarn JB Skarn developed near the base of the Bonanza Gr. with some thin limestone, possibly Quatsino, near Island intrusions and cut by peripheral dykes. Iron is present as the unusual mineral ilvaite with actinolite and garnet. Cu cp, py, iv ca. 4000 m ddh in 1942, 1956 small open pit 1960; 4665 tonnes, Cu 61 929 kg

MINFILE NO.: 092C 037 NTS MAP: 092C/15 Avallin NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** 13 ASST. REPT. NO.: 12434, 48526 **DEPOSIT. TYPE:** Skarn HOST UNIT: TrK, TrPB/TrQ **GEOL. FEATURES:** Skarn developed at the faulted crest of a small anticline cored by Karmutsen Fm. with the mineralization in Quatsino and Parson Bay limestone and Bonanza tuff. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp, iv, gt **EXPLORATION:** mapping, mag, soil geochem, 300 m ddh in 1956 **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 038 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Tanitin **RECORD NO.:** 14 ASST. REPT. NO.: 11950 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrK and Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** Skarn developed at the contact of the Karmutsen Gr. and Island intrusions. METALS: Cu, Fe **MINERALS:** cp, mt **EXPLORATION:** ca. 300 m ddh **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 047 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Gladys, San Mateo **RECORD NO.:** 15 9761 ASST. REPT. NO .: **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrQ inclusions in Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** Large blocks of Quatsino limestone in the northern contact of the Sarita pluton contain areas of skarn. Similar to the Edith (92C/15/048). **METALS:** Cu, Au, Ag **MINERALS:** cp, mt **EXPLORATION:** mapping **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 048 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Edith **RECORD NO.:** 16 ASST. REPT. NO.: 9761 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrQ inclusions in Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** Skarn developed at contact of large blocks of limestone with the north end of the Sarita pluton. **METALS:** Cu, Ag **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0

MINFILE NO.: 092C 054 NTS MAP: 092C/15 Copper King NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** 17 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein HOST UNIT: JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** Showing at the base of the Bonanza Gr. consists of a 2+m wide vein of pyrrhotite and skarn minerals with chalcopyrite lenses. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp, po **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 055 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): **Copper Prince RECORD NO.:** 18 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** JB and Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** A narrow vein is contained in a dyke(?) of granodiorite in Bonanza Fm. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp, py, po **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 056 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): WW **RECORD NO.:** 19 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein HOST UNIT: JB and TrPB **GEOL. FEATURES:** A thin vein occurs in an easterly trending shear between Bonanza andesite and limy shales of the Parson Bay Fm. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp, py, po **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 060 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Dickson **RECORD NO.:** 20 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** Small quartz vein with pyrite and galena occur in Bonanza Fm. **METALS:** Ag, Pb **MINERALS:** py, gl WORKINGS: small adit **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 061 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Flora, Jumbo **RECORD NO.:** 21 ASST. REPT. NO.: 11143 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** Several northeasterly striking quartz pyrrhotite veins and mineralized shears occur in metamorphosed Bonanza Fm.

METALS:	Ag, Cu	
MINERALS:	po, py, cp	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092C 062	NTS MAP: 092C/15
NAME(S):	Panther	
RECORD NO.:	22	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	2	
HOST UNIT:	IB	
METALS.	Cu	
MINERALS.	Cu	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092C 063	NTS MAP: 092C/15
NAME(S):	Mal	
RECORD NO.:	23	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	vein	
HOST UNIT.	Ig	
CEOL FEATURES	A northwesterly 7	m wide fault zone contains lances of
GEOL. FEATORES.	A northwesterly 7	in wide fault zone contains fenses of
MICTAL	sulphides up to 0.0	im wide.
MILIALS:	Cu	
MINERALS:	cp, py, sl, tg	
EXPLORATION:	soil geochem	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	.092C 067	NTS MAP: 092C/15
NAME(S):	Southern Cross	
RECORD NO.:	24	
ASST. REPT. NO.:	15199	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	skarn	
HOST UNIT:	TrQ, JB and Jg dy	kes
GEOL. FEATURES:	Skarn mineralizati Bonanza Fm. with	on seems restricted to vein-like bodies in granitic and diabase dykes.
METALS:	Cu, Ag	
MINERALS:	CD, DV	
WORKINGS:	several adits	
PRODUCTION:	1905-1906; 290 ton	nnes, Cu 6104 kg, Ag 5132 g
MINFILE NO.:	092C 070	NTS MAP: 092C/15
NAME(S):	Klanawa, Canyon	
RECORD NO.:	25	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	veins and dissemin	ations
HOST UNIT:	IB and Ig	
GEOL FEATURES	Denosit in a broad	Invitia and arcillically altered contact
GEOL, FEATORES.	zone of Sarita plut	on with Bonanza Gr.
METALS:	Cu	
MINERALS:	ср	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092C 078	NTS MAP: 092C/15
NAME(S):	MJ	
RECORD NO.:	26	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	massive sulphide	
HOST UNIT:	JB and Jg	
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A body of silicified and pyritized rock at the contact of **GEOL. FEATURES:** Bonanza and a small hybrid and mafic pluton and on the probable extension of the Harrison Creek fault. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** py, po, cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** NTS MAP: 092C/15 092C 078a NAME(S): 2 **RECORD NO.:** 27 **DEPT. TYPE:** massive sulphide HOST UNIT: JB and Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** A small body of massive and disseminated sulphides at the contact of a small mafic pluton but chiefly in Bonanza rocks. Showing covered by claims but not named or inventoried. **METALS:** Cu MINERALS: py, po, cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 080 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Tam 24, Jasper **RECORD NO.:** 28 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13916 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** massive sulphide **HOST UNIT:** JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** The main showing on the Jasper claims consists of massive to disseminated sulphides with some quartz stringers across 28m in felsic tuffs and breccias of the Bonanza Gr. **METALS:** Cu, Zn, Au **MINERALS:** py, cp, sl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem, EM, 4 ddh **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 081 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Tam 16, Jasper **RECORD NO.:** 29 **ASST. REPT. NO.:** 13916 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein shear **HOST UNIT:** JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** Disseminated sulphides and quartz filled breccia zones occur in sheared felsic Bonanza tuffs and breccias. **METALS:** Zn, Pb, Zu MINERALS: py, sl, gl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem, EM, ddh **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 083 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): SR, WET **RECORD NO.:** 30 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5772, 7927 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** porphyry **HOST UNIT:** Jg and JB **GEOL. FEATURES:** A small differentiated Island intrusion, quartz diorite with

hybrid borders and quartz monzonite cores, intrudes felsic

pyroclastic rocks of the Bonanza Gr. and is cut by northeasterly trending Bonanza-type dykes and later northwesterly faults. An irregular zone of silicification, qtzpy and qtz-mo veinlets with a higher grade core (400m diameter) is centred between the pluton and smaller boss. **METALS:** Mo py, mo MINERALS: **EXPLORATION:** mapping, mag, IP, silt and soil geochem, ddh 775 m **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 084 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Spencer Creek **RECORD NO.:** 31 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** bedded **HOST UNIT:** TrQ **GEOL. FEATURES:** A bluff of Quatsino limestone occurs adjacent to an Island intrusion. **METALS:** non-metallic **MINERALS:** calcite **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 088 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Pan **RECORD NO.:** 32 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein HOST UNIT: JB **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 092 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): NI **RECORD NO.:** 33 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13706 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein shear **HOST UNIT:** JB and Jgm sill **GEOL. FEATURES:** A gossanous shear zone, part of the Harrison Creek fault zone, and nearby areas, contain disseminated sulphides and small lenses of massive sulphides. The fault cuts andesitic and felsic Bonanza pyroclastic rocks that have been argillically altered and intruded by dykes. **METALS:** Cu, Zn, Pb, Ag MINERALS: py, cp, sl, gl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092C 096 NTS MAP: 092C/15 NAME(S): Gambler, Omar **RECORD NO.:** 34 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5470 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn? **HOST UNIT:** TrO? **GEOL. FEATURES:** Near the Doer, no information. **METALS:** Cu, Ag

MINERALS: PRODUCTION:

MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO.:

DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES:

METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:

MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO.: **DEPOSIT TYPE:**

> **HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES:**

METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:

MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES:**

> **METALS: MINERALS: PRODUCTION:**

MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES:**

> **METALS: MINERALS:**

cp 0

092C 097 Bus 35 4357, 8719 vein shear, skarn JB Many small showings of sulphide veins, commonly in shear zones, and some vein-like skarn mineralization occur within andesitic and felsic Bonanza rocks.

092C 111

092C 119

Fit NO.2, Marge

Cu, Ag cp, py, po, mt mapping, soil geochem, EM 0

NTS MAP: 092C/15

36 9182. 13849 porphyry, stockwork JB and Jg dykes Bonanza rhyolitic tuffs and breccias are cut by small Island intrusions, mainly dykes, and show hydrothermal alteration and silicification adjacent to quartz pyrite vein stockwork with minor molybdenite over an area of 300 by 400m in the intrusive rocks. Mo

py, mo mapping, soil geochem, mag, EM, IP, ddh 0

NTS MAP: 092C/15

ABC Summit 37 skarn JB and Jg A pyritic skarn at the contact of Bonanza Gr. and the south end of the Corrigan Creek pluton. Pb, Zn, Cu, Ag sl, gl, cp, py 0

092C 125 NTS MAP: 092C/15 CR 38 skarn TrK, TrQ and Jg The showing is in the Quatsino and top of the Karmutsen intruded by Island intrusion and on the projection of the Harrison Creek fault. Cu, Ag, Au cp, mt, py

NTS MAP: 092C/15

EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:

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PRODUCTION:

092F 182 NTS MAP: 092F/1 Skarn 01 6585, 8487 skarn PCR at contact Skarn pluton A skarn developed at the contact of the Cameron River limestone and the Skarn pluton adjacent to the Nanaimo unconformity. Cu cp, py, po, sl mapping, soil geochem, 14 ddh totaling 3187 m 0 092F 376 NTS MAP: 092F/1 Karlsson 02 8571 vein TrK by Labour Day L. pluton Mineral Inventory inaccurate. Cu, Au, Zn cp, sl mag, EM, soil geochem 0 NTS MAP: 092F/1 092F 384 Villalta 03 7792, 10789, 13236 complex Cameron River Fm.+ Lens of auriferous hematite in thinly bedded limestone, chert and argillite with evidence of skarn mineralization at or near the Nanaimo unconformity, and also the contact of both Island and Catface plutons. Au, Fe py, po, Au, hm, cp, bn, sl numerous short dd holes (400 m), soil geochem, VLF 0 0 NTS MAP: 092F/2 092F 037 Specogna Copper, Waterfall 04 13236 vein shear, skarn TrK near Tg Pods of sulphides occur in a shear in Karmutsen basalts near the Catface Labour Lake pluton. Cu, Zn, Ag cp, sl mapping, soil geochem, EM, several short dd holes

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NAME(S): RECORD NO.: ASST. REPT. NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: 092F 078 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Regina 05 1401, 12664 veins, bedded cherts PMR cut by TrKi Narrow veins and "exhalative" pyritic cherts occur near the intersection of Cowichan Lake and Yellows Creek faults and also a felsic unit of the PMR Fm. Au, Ag, Cu py, cp mapping, soil geochem, EM adit 0

092F 079 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Victoria, Alberni, Debbie 06 4915, 14483 vein shear, stockwork PN and PMR Several discrete deposits in and close to the Yellows Creek fault: the Victoria mine, a series of three quartz-ferroan dolomite veins in and adjacent to the fault; Linda similar in the east wall; and the Debbie southwest of the Victoria and combining pyritic cherts with an extensive stockwork of quartz ferroan-dolomite veins. Au (Ag, Cu)

py (cp) soil geochem, VLF?, extensive diamond drilling 8 adits 1898, 1934-1936, 365 tonnes, Au 9425 g, Ag 1679g, Cu 88 kg

NTS MAP: 092F/2

Golden Eagle 07 10194 vein PMR andesite Veins in and adjacent to a strong northerly trending fault. Au py, cp silt and soil geochem, EM, VLF, 453 m ddh 8 adits, one 700 m long 0

092F 081 NTS B & K 08 10194, 13670 vein PMR andesite, volc. ss., chert

092F 080

NTS MAP: 092F/2

GEOL. FEATURES:

METALS: MINERALS: PRODUCTION:

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MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): RECORD NO.: ASST. REPT. NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL, FEATURES:

METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: WORKINGS: Small quartz veins are contained in ankeritic alteration zones along a northerly shear zone.

Au, Ag py, gl, sl 0

092F 082 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Havilah 09 6643, 10194, 13904 vein PMR andesite Three veins, all northerly striking, steeply dipping ribbon veins with some silicification and shearing. Hybrid diorite, Jg and Catface dykes occur nearby. Au, Ag, Cu, Pb py, po (cp, as, sl, gl, mo) IP, soil geochm, 446 m ddh 4 adits, 3 on the Gillespie vein and 1 on the McQuillan 1936, 1939, 949 tonnes, Au 8056 g, Ag 43 669 g, Cu 1925 kg, Pb 5750 kg

092F 083 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Thistle 10 11064 skarn and VMS in dykes Buttle Lake Gr. and Trki Mined ore came from skarn developed in Mt. Mark limestone adjacent to the Cowichan Lake fault. Recent exploration has concentrated on massive sulphides contained in steeply dipping sheeted diabase, dykes which are feeders to the overlying Karmutsen tholeiites. Cu, Au, Ag cp, py, mt mapping, mag, IP, soil geochem, ddh 4 adits 1938-1942, 6238 tonnes, Au 85 874 g, Ag 65 969 g, Cu 309 088 kg

092F 084 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Black Panther 11 7857, 9639 vein PMR and Jgm diorite Vein contained in northerly trending vertical fault separating PMR andesite on the west from diorite pluton (Jgm) on the east. Extensive ferroan dolomite alteration of the walls and quartz/ferroan dolomite vein filling. Au, Ag, Pb, Cu py, gl, sl, cp soil geochem, 5 ddh, 1154 m 4 adits

PRODUCTION: 1947-1948, 1950; 1715 tonnes, Au 15832 g, Ag 29642 g, Pb +5588 kg, Cu226 kg **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 085 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Black Lion **RECORD NO.:** 12 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** PMR and Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** PMR andesites are in fault contact with diorite of Island intrusions. The northerly trending shear is the locus of ribbon quartz veining and ferroan dolomite alteration and a continuation of the Black Panther structure. **METALS:** Au **MINERALS:** py, gl **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 086 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): **Black Prince RECORD NO.:** 13 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** Ouatsino Fm. and Bonanza Gr. **METALS:** Fe **MINERALS:** mt **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 103 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Kola **RECORD NO.:** 14 ASST. REPT. NO .: 10288, 12052 massive sulphide vein **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT:** Trkc **GEOL. FEATURES:** Massive sulphides occur in a shear zone cutting massive amygdaloidal basalts of the upper member of the Karmutsen Formation. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp, bn **EXPLORATION:** stripping, airborne EM and mag, ground EM **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 129 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Sunshine **RECORD NO.:** 15 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrQ and Jg dykes **GEOL. FEATURES:** Mainly narrow skarn-type veinlets rich in sulphides near the contact of Quatsino limestone, Bonanza Gr. and Jg dykes. **METALS:** Cu, Ag, Au MINERALS: cp, po, mt, py WORKINGS: 3 adits **PRODUCTION:** 1916, 5 tonnes, Cu 869 kg, Ag 218 g, Au 5 g **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 138 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Kitchener **RECORD NO.:** 16 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn

Karmutsen limestone? **HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES:** Vein-like sulphide-rich bodies in a thin limestone in the Karmutsen. **METALS:** Cu (Au, Ag) **MINERALS:** cp, po, py, mt **EXPLORATION:** 230 m ddh in 1957 WORKINGS: 1 adit **PRODUCTION:** 1929, 168 tonnes, Cu 5336 kg, Au 124 g, Ag 653 g **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 140 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Three Jays **RECORD NO.:** 17 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein HOST UNIT: Karmutsen Fm. **GEOL. FEATURES:** Narrow quartz veins occur in shears in Karmutsen basalt. **METALS:** Au, Ag, Cu **MINERALS:** cp, py, mt WORKINGS: ca. 2000 m of workings mainly in 3 adits and 2 shafts **PRODUCTION:** 1898-1899, 1902, 1981 tonnes, Cu 148 889 kg, Au 1929 g, Ag 75 207 g **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 141 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): WWW **RECORD NO.:** 18 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13857 **DEPT. TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** Jg and Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** Two westerly striking quartz fissure veins and a mineralized shear cut hybrid diorite and granodiorite near the western margin of the Corrigan Creek pluton of the Island intrusions. **METALS:** Au, Ag, Pb, Cu **MINERALS:** py, gl, sl, cp **EXPLORATION:** mapping, VLF WORKINGS: 4 adits **PRODUCTION:** 1899, 1935, 1940-1941; 106 tonnes, Au 14 650 g, Ag 15 552 g, Pb 1100 kg, Cu 244 kg **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 149 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Golden Slipper **RECORD NO.:** 19 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13857 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein HOST UNIT: Jg diorite **METALS:** Au, Ag, Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp WORKINGS: shallow shaft and short adit **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 155 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Raven, Stamp, Hoik **RECORD NO.:** 20 ASST. REPT. NO.: 11337 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein

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HOST UNIT: Karmutsen, Trkb top Quartz veins up to 1 m wide with 0.2 m of sulphides in **GEOL. FEATURES:** Karmutsen pillow breccia. **METALS:** Cu, Au **MINERALS:** ср ĒM **EXPLORATION:** 1 adit WORKINGS: **PRODUCTION:** 0 NTS MAP: 092F/2 092F 156 **MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): Saucy Lass **RECORD NO.:** 21 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrQ? **METALS:** Fe, Cu **MINERALS:** mt, cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 NTS MAP: 092F/2 092F 157 **MINFILE NO.:** Cascade NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** 22 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrO **METALS:** Cu, Ag **MINERALS:** ср WORKINGS: 2 adits 1904-1905; 113 tonnes, Ag 3235 g, Cu 14 629 kg **PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** 092F 162 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Darby and Joan **RECORD NO.:** 23 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn TrK near TrO contact HOST UNIT: **METALS:** Fe **MINERALS:** mt **PRODUCTION:** 0 NTS MAP: 092F/2 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 167 NAME(S): Bank 24 **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO .: 14389 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT: PMR** Disseminated pyrite and quartz/ferroan dolomite veins **GEOL. FEATURES:** occur in andesitic pillow lavas and dacite of the PMR Fm. **METALS:** Au **MINERALS:** py mapping **EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 168 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Dauntless NAME(S): 25 **RECORD NO.:** vein **DEPOSIT TYPE:**

HOST UNIT:	TrK	
METALS:	Au, Ag, Cu	
MINERALS:	cp, py	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092F 172	NTS MAP: 092F/2
NAME(S):	Grizzly	
RECORD NO :	26	
ASST. REPT. NO.:	15368	
DEPOSIT TYPE.	vein	
HOST UNIT.	Haslam Fm. and Catface	
CEOL FEATURES.	On a main strand of the Cowichan Lake fault at the base of	
GEOL. FEATURES.	the Patlicant Catface pluton.	
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METALS:	Au, Ag, As	
MINERALS:	as, py	
EXPLORATION:	mapping	
WORKINGS:	1 adıt	
PRODUCTION:	0	
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MINFILE NO.:	092F 185	N15 MAP: 092F/2
NAME(S):	Defiance	
RECORD NO.:	27	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	skarn	
HOST UNIT:	TrK	
GEOL. FEATURES:	Skarn mineralization in limestone at the top of the	
	Karmutsen Fm. and near Island intrusions.	
METALS:	Fe, Cu, Ag	
MINERALS:	mt, cp	
WORKINGS:	2 short adits	
PRODUCTION:	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092F 195	NTS MAP: 092F/2
NAME(S):	Contented	
RECORD NO.:	28	
ASST. REPT. NO.:	12044	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	vein	
HOST UNIT:	TrKa near Jga	
GEOL. FEATURES:	Veins and shears in Karmutsen contain sulphide	
	mineralization.	
METALS:	Cu	
MINERALS	ny no cn	
PRODUCTION:	py, po, op	
	0	
MINFILE NO.:	092F 207	NTS MAP: 092F/2
NAME(S):	Mary	
RECORD NO.:	29	
ASST REPT NO :	13564	
DEPOSIT TYPE:	vein and skarn	
HOST UNIT.	TrK	
CEOL FEATURES	A zone 400 m long and up to 100 m wide of massive and	
GEOL, FEATURES;	disseminated mineralization contained mostly within east-	
	striking faults and quartz using in Karmutsan Em nillow	
	striking faults an	a quartz venis in Karmusen Fin, pinow
METALO	oreccias and mir	tor skarny milestone, possibly Quatsino Fill.
METALS:	Cu, Ag, Mo, Zn	

MINERALS: cp, py, po, mo, sl, bn **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem, EM, SP, IP, mag, 20 ddh totaling 1850 m **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 213 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Union Jack **RECORD NO.:** 30 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** top of Bonanza Fm.? **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 214 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Canadian **RECORD NO.:** 31 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn? **HOST UNIT:** TrK **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 215 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Star of the West **RECORD NO.:** 32 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5400, 6675 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** TrK near Jg contact **GEOL. FEATURES:** A quartz carbonate vein up to 1.5 m wide is contained in the Corrigan Creek pluton near its contact with the Karmutsen Fm. **METALS:** Au, Cu, Zn **MINERALS:** py, cp, sl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, trenching, geochem **PRODUCTION:** 1 ton reported shipped in 1895 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 216 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Starlight **RECORD NO.:** 33 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** disseminated sulphides **HOST UNIT:** Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** Disseminated mineralization in altered band of diabase, in hybrid part of the Corrigan Creek pluton. Au, Pb **METALS: MINERALS:** gl, py **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 217 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Andy **RECORD NO.:** 34 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13857 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** stockwork, porphyry **HOST UNIT:** Jgm

GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.: NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE:** HOST UNIT: **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.: DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO.: **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** ASST. REPT. NO.: **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: GEOL. FEATURES: METALS: MINERALS: EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:**

A stockwork of fractures and small quartz-hornblende veinlets occur in a granodiorite plug within a more mafic phase of the Corrigan Creek pluton. Cu, Mo, Zn py, cp, mo, po, sl silt and soil geochem, EM, IP, mag, 19 ddh 2400 m 0 092F 218 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Golden Rule 35 vein Jg A vein up to 0.8 m wide in the Corrigan Creek pluton, probably explored as part of the Andy. Au, Ag, Cu, Pb py, gl, as 0 NTS MAP: 092F/2 092F 221 Rex

36 vein TrKa A quartz vein in Karmutsen Fm. Cu, Mo cp, mo mapping, silt and soil geochem 0

NTS MAP: 092F/2

37 13934 minor VMS Nitinat Fm. Minor sulphide lenses occur in the top of the Nitinat Fm. Cu

mapping 0

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Independent

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NTS MAP: 092F/2

38 15171 vein TrK Quartz veins occur in fault zones within the Karmutsen Fm. Cu py, cp, po mapping 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 247 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Duke of York **RECORD NO.:** 39 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** placer Au deposit **HOST UNIT:** Now covered by dam and pondage of Port Alberni's water **GEOL. FEATURES:** supply. **METALS:** Au **MINERALS:** gold **PRODUCTION:** ? **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 282 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Kit Kat **RECORD NO.:** 40 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13945 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** massive sulphide and vein **HOST UNIT:** top of Nitinat Fm. Disseminated and lenses of massive sulphide in Nitinat and **GEOL. FEATURES:** Jg hybrid gabbro as well as later quartz/ferroan dolomite veins, anomalous Cu, Au, Ni, Pt **METALS:** Cu, Au, Ag **MINERALS:** cp, py, po **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem, EM, mag, ddh **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 285 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Ken **RECORD NO.:** 41 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein? HOST UNIT: TrK **GEOL. FEATURES:** On the Yellows Creek fault south of Lizard Lake. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 311 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Raft **RECORD NO.:** 42 12444, 13954 ASST. REPT. NO.: **DEPOSIT TYPE:** disseminated and vein HOST UNIT: PMR and Jgm diorite **GEOL. FEATURES:** McLaughlin Ridge pillowed andesites cut by dacite and quartz diorite dykes and mineralized by disseminated sulphides with stringers and veins of massive sulphides and quartz. **METALS:** Cu (Au, Ag) **MINERALS:** py, cp, sl **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 331 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Debbie **RECORD NO.:** 43 ASST. REPT. NO.: 4875, 15287

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DEPOSIT TYPE: vein stockwork and bedded **HOST UNIT:** PMR and PN **GEOL. FEATURES:** Large property covers many showings of diverse types, some bedded pyritic chert or jasper and vein sulphide showings in the north near the Cameron Main, as well the 900 zone, Linda and Victoria on Mineral Creek in the south. **METALS:** Au, Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem, mag **PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** 092F 331a NAME(S): Debbie, 900 Zone **RECORD NO.:** 44 ASST. REPT. NO .: 15285 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** stockwork and bedded HOST UNIT: PMR and PN **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS:** Au **MINERALS:** py, Au **EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 348 NAME(S): BDO **RECORD NO.:** 45 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein? **HOST UNIT:** Jg **GEOL. FEATURES:** Vein in Alberni pluton. **METALS:** Au, Ag, Cu **MINERALS:** cp, py **PRODUCTION: MINFILE NO.:** 092F 360 NAME(S): A North **RECORD NO.:** 46 ASST. REPT. NO .: 5981 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn HOST UNIT: TrO and TrK **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS:** Cu, Fe **MINERALS:** cp, mt **EXPLORATION: PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 361 NAME(S): A South **RECORD NO.:** 47

NTS MAP: 092F/2 A complex deposit not fully explored or understood, combining pyritic cherts or jaspers with an extensive vein stockwork of quartz and ferroan dolomite rich in gold. mapping, soil geochem, extensive diamond drilling NTS MAP: 092F/2 1940, 1 tonne; Au 62 g, Ag 156 g, Cu 11 kg NTS MAP: 092F/2 On the eastern limb of the Arbutus syncline, magnetite with chalcopyrite replace limestone and diabase dyke in the limestone and form a series of small showings dispersed in the upper Karmutsen Fm. The Corrigan Creek pluton outcrops to the east and probably underlies the showings. mapping, mag, EM, soil geochem, 213 m perc.dh NTS MAP: 092F/2

ASST. REPT. NO.: 5981 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn **HOST UNIT:** TrO and TrK **GEOL. FEATURES:** Magnetite with chalcopyrite showings occur near the southeastern keel of the Arbutus Summit syncline. The area is near the Alberni pluton. **METALS:** Cu, Fe **MINERALS:** cp, mt **EXPLORATION:** mapping, mag, soil geochem **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 380 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Lofstrom **RECORD NO.:** 48 ASST. REPT. NO.: 12735 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** TrK **GEOL. FEATURES:** Ouartz vein in shear in Karmutsen Fm. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp, py **EXPLORATION:** silt and soil geochem **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 381 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Mt. Olsen **RECORD NO.:** 49 ASST. REPT. NO.: 13857 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** Jg and TrK **GEOL. FEATURES:** Quartz veins on either side of a contact of diorite with Karmutsen Fm. **METALS:** Cu, Zn **MINERALS:** py, po, cp, sl **EXPLORATION:** mapping **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 382 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Campbell **RECORD NO.:** 50 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** TrK **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 383 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): BK 136G **RECORD NO.:** 51 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein? **HOST UNIT:** TrK **GEOL. FEATURES:** Probably a vein in Karmutsen near the Alberni pluton. **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** ср **PRODUCTION:** 0

NTS MAP: 092F/2 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 385 NAME(S): Sol 52 **RECORD NO.:** 13904 ASST. REPT. NO.: vein **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT: PMR GEOL. FEATURES:** On or adjacent to the Havilah fault. **METALS:** Cu, Mo **MINERALS:** cp, mo **EXPLORATION:** mapping **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 390 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Mt. Hankin **RECORD NO.:** 53 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** TrK **METALS:** Cu **MINERALS:** ср **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 398 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Cor 14 **RECORD NO.:** 54 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5400, 6675 **DEPOSIT. TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** Quartz-ankerite veins near the contact of Karmutsen Fm. and diorite of the Corrigan Creek pluton. **METALS:** Au, Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp **EXPLORATION:** mapping, soil geochem **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 399 NTS MAP: 092F/2 NAME(S): Cor 6 **RECORD NO.:** 55 ASST. REPT. NO.: 5400 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** TrK and Jgm **GEOL. FEATURES:** Quartz/ferroan dolomite veins at the contact of Karmutsen Fm. and diorite of the Corrigan Creek pluton. **METALS:** Au, Cu **MINERALS:** py, cp **EXPLORATION:** mapping, geochem WORKINGS: 2 small adits driven in 1890s **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** NTS MAP: 092F/2 092F 400 NAME(S): MOR **RECORD NO.:** 56 ASST. REPT. NO.: 6655 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein

HOST UNIT: **GEOL. FEATURES:**

METALS: MINERALS: PRODUCTION:

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JB and Jg Narrow quartz veins occur in a shear zone in Bonanza Gr. and granitic dykes. Cu cp, bn

NTS MAP: 092F/2

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092F 411

bedded

TrO

0

Hecate Mtn.

non-metallic

092F 412

Sproat 60

bedded

non-metallic

092F 429

calcite/limestone

McOuillan Cr.

Gemstone deposit.

non-metallic

TrQ

0

61

0

PMR

calcite/limestone

Mt. Spencer 57 bedded Mt. Mark Fm. Thick limestone unit. non-metallic calcite/limestone 0

calcite/limestone

092F 410 NTS MAP: 092F/2 Parsons Creek bedded Quatsino Fm. Folded relatively thin locality of Quatsino limestone. non-metallic

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MINFILE NO.: 092F 89 NTS MAP: 092F/7 Horne Lake NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** 62 non-metallic **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT:** Mt. Mark Fm. 350 m of massive bioclastic limestone. **GEOL. FEATURES: METALS:** non-metallic calcite **MINERALS: PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 161 NTS MAP: 092F/7 NAME(S): Arrowsmith **RECORD NO.:** 63 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** skarn? **HOST UNIT:** Karmutsen Fm. at contact of Island intrusion, Nanaimo River pluton **METALS:** Cu, Au, Ag **MINERALS:** cp **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 171 NTS MAP: 092F/7 PD NAME(S): **RECORD NO.:** 64 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT: PMM GEOL. FEATURES:** A vein and replacement along a fault zone in Mt. Mark limestone. **METALS:** Zn, Au, Ag **MINERALS:** sl, as **EXPLORATION:** mag, EM **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 193 NTS MAP: 092F/7 NAME(S): Port Alberni **RECORD NO.:** 65 **DEPOSIT TYPE: HOST UNIT:** Haslam Fm. **METALS:** non-metallic **MINERALS:** shale **PRODUCTION:** 0 **MINFILE NO.:** 092F 243 NTS MAP: 092F/7 NAME(S): Silver Bell **RECORD NO.:** 66 ASST. REPT. NO .: 11024, 16197 **DEPOSIT TYPE:** vein **HOST UNIT:** PN/PMR **GEOL. FEATURES:** A quartz-stibnite vein occurs in the Nitinat Fm. **METALS:** Sb, Cu, Au, Ag, As **MINERALS:** py, sb, cp, as **EXPLORATION:** mapping, silt geochem WORKINGS: 1 adit **PRODUCTION:** 0

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vein or shear TrK? Cu 0 092F 323 NTS MAP: 092F/7 CIH 72 vein TrK Au 0 092F 367 NTS MAP: 092F/7 **Coombs** Copper 73 6042 vein TrK and Jg A vein and skarn deposit at the contact of the Nanaimo Lakes pluton. Cu py, cp 0 092F 377 NTS MAP: 092F/7 Little Qualicum Falls 74 skarn? TrK at Nanaimo Lakes pluton(Jg) contact Cu 0 092F 386 NTS MAP: 092F/7 Skarn 75 6305 skarn vein Nanaimo Lakes pluton (Jg) Vein occurs in a fault zone with skarn minerals. Fe, Cu mt, cp 0 092F 387 NTS MAP: 092F/7 Louishman-Maureenah 76 ? Nanaimo Lakes pluton (Jg)

Fe, Cu

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092F 404 Rogers Creek 78 ? Haslam Fm. non-metallic clay 0

092F 127 Ballenas Island 79

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bedded Buttle Lake Gr. Massive crinoidal limestone of the Nanoose facies of the Buttle Lake Gr. occurs on tidewater. non-metallic calcite 0

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Georgina 80 14762 qtz. vein, mass. sulph. Sicker Gr., PMR? Quartz vein with sulphides on Georgina 4 claim, strikes 320 degrees steep. Several showings of massive pyrite, arsenopyrite with gold on Bonell Cr. and Nanoose Cr. Au, Cu py, ap, Au prospecting and trenching 18 m shaft near Nanoose Cr. and power line on Georgina4 claim 0

092F 324 Lantzville No. 1 81 coal Extension Protection Fm.

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The Wellington coal seam in the base of the Extension Protection Fm. outcrops on the shore of Nanoose Bay and was mined seaward. non-metallic coal slope mine 1924-1942; 259 528 tonnes

092F 326 NTS MAP: 092F/8 Lantzville shaft mine 82 coal Extension Protection Fm. Wellington seam. non-metallic coal shaft connected with the slope mine when they were amalgamated shown for No. 1 mine