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## FOREWORD

The British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines presents the results of provincial geoscience surveys in its thirtieth edition of *Geological Fieldwork: A Summary of Fieldwork and Current Research*. Most articles are contributions from staff of the Geological Survey Branch or are related to field programs being carried out by the Branch. These field surveys have led directly to claim staking and enhanced mineral exploration expenditures, which may ultimately lead to new mines in the province. As in previous years, the volume also publishes studies by university and industry authors.

This past year, the British Columbia Geological Survey regional field surveys and collaborative geoscience studies were delivered largely through partnerships with government, industry and universities. The Geological Survey of Canada was a strong partner in the Iskut and Toodoggone field programs in northern British Columbia through their Targeted Geoscience Initiatives Program. Articles in this volume include reports on continuing programs of regional mapping and geochemical surveys in the area north and east of the Eskay Creek gold mine and in the Toodoggone mining camp north of Kemess mine.

Industry partnerships provided operating funds and access to private sector information for both the porphyry copper-gold program (Galore Creek, Iron Mask and Mt Polley) and the Kalum gold project near Terrace.

Two articles report results of investigations into the province's diamond potential. They provide significant new information on the setting and increased potential for discoveries in the northeast corner of British Columbia.

This volume also includes 16 articles derived from projects funded, at least in part, by the BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines through their *Rocks to Riches* program. These span a wide spectrum from geochemical and geophysical surveys, geological mapping and to new tools for accessing the provincial databases.

During the past year the Geological Survey Branch published *Geological Fieldwork 2003*, 17 Open Files, 4 Geoscience Maps, 13 GeoFiles, 7 Information Circulars and 1 Paper. Geoscience publications are now routinely posted to the Ministry of Energy and Mines website. MapPlace, one of the world's premier geoscience internet-map systems, continues to improve with the addition of new tools and data layers. The site is expected to exceed four million hits in 2004.

This *Fieldwork* volume reflects the hard work and expertise of numerous authors who have earned our thanks for their contributions. The articles have been improved by peer and supervisor review. The quality services of RnD Technical are acknowledged for their help in publication production. Again, for yet another year, Brian Grant earns special commendation for coordinating the organization and publication of the volume.

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