CARLICK (BILL), ATAN

LOCATION

PRODUCT

Ancmaly No. 3

LEAD

Los. 59°12'

Long. 129°12'

Mining Division Liard

Cassiar District

County

Township or Parish

Concession or Range

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OWNER OR OPERATOR AND ADDRESS

Tournigan Mining Explorations Ltd.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT
The area of the claims though largely covered with overburden is considered to be underlain by Lower Cambrian rocks of the Atan Group. Locally these have been divided into a Younger Atan Group composed chiefly of limestone and dolomite with minor interbedded argillite, sandstone and quartzite, and an Older Atan Group comresed of cuartizite and shale. The mineralization is associated with a limestone-dolomite horizon about 400 feet wide that trends northwesterly through the claims for ly miles. The strike of the hedding varies from 300 to 315 degrees (szimuth) and dips vary between 45 and 60 degrees southwest. Faulting is common and predominantly southwesterly directed. It dissects the sedimentary secuence into a number of blocks, in some cases with considerable strike separation. Mineralization is exposed in 4 main areas along the limestone-dolomite horizon; three of these are on the Atan group and the other on the Bill group, which covers the westerly end of the horizon. Several lenses within the horizon contain abundant tarite, and knots and clusters of medium to coarse-grained foundland Exploration Limited optioned the property in

Associated minerals of products of value - Barite, coppor, silver, zinc.

HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT This property is located at Atan Lake, on the north side of the Dease River, about 25 miles east-southeast of Cassiar. The first recorded observation of the Atan Lake cocurrence

was by G.M. Dawson in 1887. He reported an "argentiferous lead occurrence, situated a mile down river from McDame Post."

The Carlick group, located just over 4 mile northwest of Atan Lake, was staked by Beal Carlick, of Lower Post, in the summer of 1949. Moccasin Mines, Ltd., which held considerable nearby placer ground, optioned the property later in the year and staked additional claims on strike with the initial discovery. Exploration work by the company was limited to bulldozer stripping and trenching. The company charter was surrendered in 1950. A few claims were reported staked on the showings by local prospectors in the 1960's. The Carlick group was restaked as the Bill group. The Bill claims were owned in 1970 by Dresser Industries, Inc. A geochemical soil survey was carried out during the year.

The Atan, Adair, Ski, Wolf, and August groups, adjoining the Bill group and surrounding Atan Lake, were staked in 1967 for Mournigan Mining Explorations Ltd. Additional staking was done to a total of 43 full and 3 fractional claims. In 1968 geo-Acgical mapping, induced polarization, gravity test, and gaochamical soil surveys were carried out. The induced polarization kurvey outlined 3 strong chargeability anomalies. During 1969 the No. 1 ancealy, located south of Atan Luke, was tested by 3 diamond drill holes; minor barite, pyrite, and magnesite was encountered. The No. 3 anomaly, located between Atan Leke and the Bill group, was trenched by bulldorer. Lenses and pods of massive barite, knots of galena, scattered chalcopyrite and fine grained tetrahedrite were exposed by this work. Tranching on No. 2 anomaly, north of Atan Lake, failed to reach bedrock. Diamond drilling for the year totalled 1,375 feet in 4 holes.

New Jersey Zinc Exploration Company (Canada) Ltd. in 1970 optioned the Tournigan property and carried out a gravity survey over part of the claims. The results showed a residual gravity beak of 2.17 milligals coinciding with No. 3 anomaly. The option was subsequently dropped. Work by Tournigan Mining during 1971-72 included geological mapping and trenching, mainly on the No. 3 anomaly. British New-Work during the year included 22 line-miles of

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HISTORY OF PRODUCTION

MAP REFERENCES

Map 1110 A, McDeme, (Geol.), Sc. 1":4 miles - accomp. Memoir 319.

*Map 104 P/3, McDame, (Topo.), Sc. 1:50,000.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT (continued) galena. Trace amounts of chalcopyrite, tetrahedrite, and chalcocite occur in shears and brecciated zones, and is sometimes associated with the barite and galena.

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HISTORY OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

gravity survey covering all claims, and about 2,000 feet of surface diamond drilling in 8 holes. Three of the drill holes cut several bands of 0.3% to 17.0% stratiform sedimentary sphalerite. The option was subsequently given up.

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