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ATLIN AREA PGE PROSPECTING PROJECT B.C. PROSPECTORS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Days

1)Atlin PGE project 104N: 25 prospecting days + 5 travel days = 30 days total

Positive results:

1) Stream sediment and rock assays and area history and geology point to three areas with potential for a hard-rock PGE source:

1) Ruby Mountain and it's slopes (104N/11)

- 2) Monarch mountain (104N/12)
- 3) the east slopes of Atlin mountain, north of Torres Channel (104N/12)

2) Some of the analytical data supports the hypothesis that Atlin area placer miners should be paying more attention to the PGE potential in their concentrates.

3) Also supported is the hypothesis that magnetic separation may be separating a magnetic alloy (isoferoplatinum) of platinum from the gold cleanup.

Location/commodities:

Project Area:

I am viewing my field work as one project with (initially) seven targets inside the project area.

Atlin Map Sheet, 104NNTSLat: variousLong: various

Description of location:

Target locations were as follows:

Please see attached geology maps (especially Map 1082A; Atlin 1960 with targets marked) for project location.

Could not complete targets 7 and 6 (Hall lake) because boat motor broke while working on Atlin lake and could not get another (inexpensive!) motor to use on Teslin Lake to access these targets. Also, target 5 was dropped after speaking with Frank Tvetter (a local prospector) and his partners about the discovery potential in this area in the lowlands. There was too much snow up high to prospect effectively and safely.

Prospecting assistants:

Greg Roberts: several years bush experience in exploration and other camps. 3 years working on the Brewery Creek property and mine near Dawson City, Yukon.

Pascal Roi-Levesque: degree in Geography with minor in Geology. Worked with Parks with specialty in surficial geology, last two years in Skagway and Kluane Park on staff.

Joshua Bailey; many years prospecting and mapping experience with Aurum, Amerok Geosciences, Yukor Geology Program among others. Currently finishing Geology Degree at Memorial University. Worked one week as unpaid helper for experience in Atlin area.

Main commodities searched for:

- 1) Platinum Group Elements (Pt, Pd, Os, Rh, Ir)
- 2) Au, Ni, Cu, Podiform Chromite (Mineral Deposit Profile M03), UM hosted Chrysotile Asbestos (Mineral Deposit Profile M06)

Known mineral occurances:

Too many to list as this has traditionally been a big placer gold area and much prospecting has been done trying to find the source,-but occurances of PGEs are only found in old placer recovery records.

Work:

Conventional prospecting: prospecting traverses with rock and stream sediment sampling performed. Also streams panned for fines for ID where possible.

Please see 3 field maps for: 1) Traverses marked in vellow (note: the Atlin lakeshore was closely followed using a zodiak, with stors at all visible outcrop) 2) Assayed Rock samples sites as numbered black points example: "R2J001" where: "R" designates rock "2" designates year 2000 "J" designates sampler's initial "001" designates number 001 Note: sampling lables changed to "MC01" at mid point in program due to strange and bad decisions which will not be repeated! 3) Assayed Stream Sediment sample sites are numbered black points example: "D2J001" where: "D" designates sediment the rest as above 4) Assayed Placer Concentrate sites are numbered with the approximate area-of-recovery circled example: "C2J001" where: "C" designates concentrate the rest as above 5) Non-assayed sites of Rock & Sediment with un-numbered "X", and non-assayed concentrates with un-numbered "X" within circled area 6) Samples with anomalous Au/PGE values are highlighted in Orange

Geochemical: Lab work by ACME Analytical Laboratories Ltd.

Fire assay on concentrates: 4 samples Fire assay of rock samples 41 samples Stream sediment samples 7 samples

Interviews with local placer miners and prospectors re. mineral occurances, types of heavies recovered and PGE potential for area. Some concentrates of black sand pre and post-magnetic separation were collected from placer operations.

Best discovery:

No major discovery was made. Please see prospecting and geo-chemical results below for best prospects.

Feedback:

Comments and suggestions:

Excellent program but it would be extremely helpful to have permission and money available sooner for planning the field season and starting work in May if the spring is mild.

Also, it would be good if any unused portions of grant money from the program were available for prospectors to assay extra samples (they would have to submit a mini-proposal explaining the merit of follow up lab work).

Location of project area:

Please see maps and above

Program Objective/Rationale:

To test the potential of ultramafic units of the Atlin Map sheet to host economic concentrations of Platinum Group Elements. (a secondary objective was to test the same units for economic Gold potential) This was to be done by covering as much ground and as many prospective drainages as possible, with special attention paid to geo-chemical anomalies.

It is my belief that PGE potential of northern B.C./southern Yukon is largely untapped. Partially this results from a historical lack of geochemical testing methods for PGE, and lab analysis has been, and remains, very expensive for these elements and their pathfinders. In addition, most RGS did not test for Cr, let alone Sb, Ti, or V.

At the moment, world PGE prices are holding at very high values. South African production has been down due to labour/management problems and increasing depth and costs, and Russian production was completely halted due to political/legal problems. Presently demand exceeds supply and the high-tech and automotive industries see increased demand for Pt/Pd. If a promising property were found in north-west B.C. it would be possible to attract investment for further exploration or option agreements.

The targets 1 to 4 are well suited to property promotion as they have historical Platinum recovery, are located close to the highway, and are accessible year round.

Target Selection:

1) In my research I found evidence that silt geochemistry anomalies were effective exploration tools for PGE. Take the placers of Florence Creek located in 115H/15, 16 for example:

Remarkable concentrations of "black sand" have been recovered with non-magnetic HMC assay of 32 oz/t gold and 70ppm platinum.

NGR regional stream sediment geochemistry reveals a multi-element anomaly of Cu, Fe, Ni, As, Co, V, on a tributary entering Florence Creek from the South. This element association may be important in characterizing source rocks for alluvial PGM grains. (Templeman-Kluit, 1974).

In "Eastern Wrangellia- A New Ni-Cu-PGE Metallogenic Terrane with Special Reference to Recent Findings in Alaska" L. Hulberts states:

A strong correspondence between the behavior of NiO and TiO2, and their enrichment in zones of anomalous sulphides, have been detected. Mineralized ultramafic rocks and intrusions were also found to contain a greater frequency of chromites with elevated Fe3+ ratios than their unmineralized counterparts. The refractory nature of chromite makes it amenable to regional stream geochem and heavy mineral surveys when exploring for this type of deposit.

Unfortunately, the geochem data for this area is somewhat limited (I used Open File 517; Geochemical Reconnaisance Map 9-1977) and only assayed for Cu, Ni, Co, and Fe. I used only values of over the 95th percentile for choosing my targets.

In addition, there is some more detailed data on Cr available from a study that was part of a (Open File 2390; Exploration Geochemistry Workshop 1991, J.M.Franklin et al. This data shows Spruce and Birch Creeks to have very anomalous Cr values.

Lastly, as part of Ash's 1994 Bulletin 94 there is some nice detailed mapping at the 1:20,000 scale on a map including Table1 of very useful assay results from this area. It is the only source of correlated geochem data for Au, Co, Ni, Cr, As and Sb.

It is my belief that placer platinum is closely related to bedrock sources

Mertie (1969) discusses platimum placers in great detail. He concludes that placers containing PGE are commonly derived from dunite and serpentinite, in which PGE are sparsely and irregularily distributed. Mertie also reports that platimum alloys "rarely migrate far downstream from their bedrock sources, unless they are so fine grained as to be moved by swift water or floated by surface tension". "Generally,

however, ordinary detrital grains of platinum or gold work rapidly downward through alluvial deposits, and come to rest near, on, or in bedrock". Note: Glaciation will affect the platinum placers and the Atlin area was glaciated.

I selected the Alpine Ultramafic deposit model as the PGE target deposit.

Almost all of the world's reserves of Platinum Group Elements occur in layered matic and ultramafic complexes in Africa, the U.S.S.R., and North America. I have studied numerous PGE deposit models, both for placer and hardrock. A number of these models could be applied to the Atlin area (as in the case of the Ruby Creek property.). For this grant work I targeted Alpine-Type Ultramafic deposits. The following is an excerpt from GSC Open File 1433 by Evenchick:

In the Cordillera, Alpine-type ultramafics appear to have originated as part of newly formed ocean floor (ophiolitic sequence). They are associated with other oceanic lithologies (including mafic pillowed volcanics, ribbon chert, argillite, and limestone) and occur in oceanic terranes. Oceanic rocks that formed in basins between other terranes were intensely folded and faulted during amalgamation of the terranes, and as a result Alpine-type ultramafics (dunite, pyroxenite, peridotite, hazburgite, gabbro, serpentinite) are refered to as "tectonically emplaced". The oceanic terranes in the Cordillera, Slide Mountain, Cache Creek, Bridge River, and several "Outer" terranes, all contain numerous bodies of ultramafic rocks. PGE's are concentrated in the dunite and pyroxinite cumulates.

The Nahlin ultramafic body in the Cache Creek Terrane is the largest Alpine-type ultramafic in the Canadian Cordillera. It is dominantly dunite peridotite, but cumulates are rare. The ultramafic rocks of the Cache Creek Terrane in northern B.C. are probably the source of PGE's in the placers of Ruby and Thibert creeks

(Please note the attached map #2 showing the Cache Creek [Oceanic Terrain] overlying parts (target 1) of the Atlin area)

I have selected Altered Ultramafic Hosted Au as my gold target deposit

As stated in Bulletin 105: "Geology and Mineral Resources of the Tagish Lake Area" by Mitch Mihalymu':

Ultramafic rocks of the Cache Creek Terrane have historically been called the "Gold Series' in order to underscore their persistent association with the placer gold camps. In the prolific Atlin camp no lode deposits have yet been discovered that could explain the spectacular placer gold recovery from surrounding streams. Despite the historical lack of success of lode gold exploration, the Atlin area still holds significant promise. Two metallogenic environments warrant particular attention. These are: quartz-carbonate- mariposite altered mafic and ultramafic units, and altered zones surrounding secondary intrusive bodies with particular focus on lamprophyres.

Quartz-carbonate-mariposite alteration of ultramafic units is common in the Atlin Complex. In the study area, virtually every major occurrence of ultramafic is locally altered to some degree - particularily adjacent to significant fault zones (Ash 1994).

In "Stratigraphy of the Placers in the Atlin Placer Mining Camp" Proudlock, P.J. and Proudlock, W.M. discuss placer source rocks:

It is also necessary to consider the potential for bedrock in the area to yield gold to the placer enviornment. Ash and Arksey(1990a) have suggested a probable connection between allered ultramafic rocks (listwanites) and lode and placer gold production in the Atlin area.

Methodology:

The sediment silt surveys were conducted to test drainages for their PGE/Au potential

The rock samples were taken for 2 reasons:

- to test geochemical anomalies of elements believed to be indicators of PGE potential (ie: Co, As, Ni, Cr, Fe) (Monarch and Union mountains, for example, seemed to have excellent potential with high Cr, Ni & Co. Please see map 104N/12)
- to test prospective rock units above creeks with known anomalous PGE levels in their silt sediments. The goal was to identify a local PGE source rock. (the work above Ruby and Boulder creek is an example)

The concentrates were collected from various placer miners and tested with 3 objectives:

- 1) to test the PGE potential of the drainages where they were working (in effect massive silt samples).
- 2) to test the theory that magnetic separation was removing significant amounts of PGE out of the potential precious metals recovery.
- the amounts of recovered Pt and Pd, when compared, can give an indication of the hard rock source and deposit model to target.

Prospecting results:

A large amount of rock samples were collected representing various mafic and ultramafic rocks along the traverses. The large program area contains intermixed igneous and volcanic units which are many degrees more complicated than the available regional geological mapping. I have not tried to map out all the units encountered as it is beyond my technical ability and time.

Unfortunately, the only findings of economic mineralization were:

- 3 showings of minor amounts of Chrysotile Asbestos (samples R2J029 & R2J030)(see photo) occured in a very magnetic serpenized UM.

- 1 showing of Molybdenite (mapped as "new molybdenite showing" (sample R2J027) at the head of Ruby Creek on map 104N/11. The Moly occured as small flecks, only visible with a hand lense but positive ID, in a intermediate volcanic rock. As this was not a target metal, I have not yet assayed this sample).

In some of the panned fines there were the predictable heavies such as magnetite and garnets, but only twice were specks of Au found. In two samples (draining into Ruby creek) small flat silver grey grains of high density were found but cannot be positively identified as Pt at this time

Geochemical results:

Geochem Objectives:

Potential host hard-rock Geochem:

Au values of 177ppb found in sample MC6

Pt/Pd values (ppb) from samples:	MC17	9/14
	MC34	16/18
	R2J052	13/14
	R2J053	13/9
	D2J001	15/14
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Stream sediment/silt Geochem:

Sample D2J001 had anomalous Pt (15ppb) and Pd (14ppb)

Concentrate Geochem:

C2J001 showing anomalous Au (29.62 gm/mt) and Pt (0.96 gm/mt) values left in postmagnetic-seperation discard from placer operation on creek C2J003 showing anomalous post-magnetic-separation Au (1581.14 gm/mt) and Pt (4.03 gm/mt) values from creek. In this case the black sands were stored to be run through a bull mill later so, presumably, more of the Pt would be recovered.

Conclusion:

The field and assay results suggest that there is not a huge, obvious PGE deposit along the traverses or in some of the drainages studied. However, they do give anomalous values suggesting that the potential is still there. Unfortunately, it is most likely that PGEs, while present, will not be easy to find in economic concentrations.

Most importantly, in almost all samples assayed the Pt/Pd values were very similar, suggesting that an Alpine deposit model (which is often Pd rich) does make sense in this area, as the Alaskan type PGE model (please see excellent description by G.Nixon in Geological Survey Mineral Profile M05) has no significant Pd present.

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MC8		25	2	6
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R2J013	< 2		4	7
R2J014		4	4	5
R2J015	< 2		3	7
R2J017		4 < 2		7
R2J022	< 2		4	8
R2J025	< 2	< 2	< 2	
R2J029		9 < 2	< 2	
R2J032		7	4	8
R2J033		5 < 2	< 2	
R2J038		7	2	4
R2J040		2 < 2	< 2	
R2J043		22 < 2		3
R2J047	< 2	< 2	< 2	
R2J052		6	13	14
R2J053	Section 1	3	13	9
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SAMPLES ppb	ppb	daa	
MC2	6	2 < 2	
MC9	8	2	3
MC37	4 < 2	< 2	0
MC40	4 < 2		3
MC41	3 < 2	< 2	0
MC49	4	3 < 2	
P2J001	32	15	14
Ø2J007	4	2 < 2	
Ø2J008	12 < 2		2
RE D2J008	9 < 2	<2	
Ø2J009	15 < 2	< 2	
Ø2J010	4 < 2	<2	
Ø2J012	3	3 < 2	
Ø2J019	11	6	2
STANDAR	479	463	466

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ELEMENT Au	Pt			
SAMPLES ppb	ppb			
MC11	1.4 < 2			
D2J011	7.7	3		
D2J011B	7.6	2		
D2J016	7.1 < 2			
D2J042	30 < 2			
D2J051	2.8 < 2			
D2J060	14.5	2		
RE D2J06(7.6	2		
STANDAR	202.6 < 2			

From ACME ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES LTD. 852 E. HASTINGS ST. VANCOUVER BC V6A 1R Jeffrey D. Boyce, B.C. Prospectors Assistance Program Acme file # A100817 Received: MAR 23 2001 * 5 samples in this disk file. Concentrate **ELEMENT Au**** Pt** Pd** SAMPLES gm/mt gm/mt gm/mt Boulder C2J001 29.62 0.96 0.01 Birch C2J002 660.63 0.03 0.03 C2J003 0.03 } Spruce Ck 1581.14 4.03 C2J004 1254.62 0.07 0.02 RE C2J004 1094.08 0.03 < .01 STANDAR 0.49 0.51 0.49

D. TECHNICAL REPORT One technical report to be completed for each		
Refer to Program Regulations 15 to 17, page	Energy and Minerals Division	
 SUMMARY OF RESULTS This summary section must be filled out by all grantees, one for each project area 		Information on this form is confidential subject to the provisions of the <i>Freecom of</i> <i>Information Act</i> .
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LOCATION/COMMODITIES		
Project Area (as listed in Part A)	MINFILI	E No. if applicable
Location of Project Area NTS	Lat	Long
Description of Location and Access		
Prospecting Assistants(s) - give name(s) and quali	fications of assistant(s) (see Program Re	gulation 13, page 6)
Main Commodities Searched For		
Known Mineral Occurrences in Project Area		
 Geological Mapping (hectares/scale) Geochemical (type and no. of samples) Geophysical (type and line km) Physical Work (type and amount) Drilling (no. holes, size, depth in m, total m) 		
7. Other (specify)		
Best Discovery Project/Claim Name	Commodities	
Location (show on map) Lat Best assay/sample type	Long	Elevation
Description of mineralization, host rocks, anomali	ies	
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