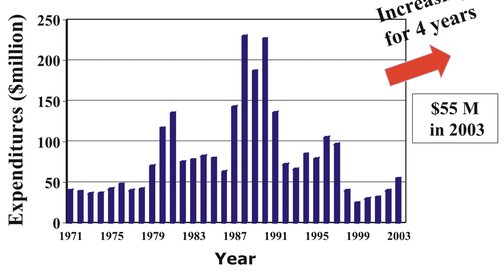

2003 Mineral Exploration Statistics

- 12 projects with budgets greater than $1 million
- 85 projects with budgets greater than $100,000
- 110 drilling projects = 317,000 m (up by 37%)
- Claim staking ~ 36,600 units (up by 30%)
- Mineral exploration expenditures ~ $55 M
- >20 new mineral discoveries

Communities Benefiting from BC Mineral Exploration Activity in 2003

#	Community/Region (# of projects)	Seasonal field jobs*	No. of drilling projects (metres)	Total expenditure (C$M)**
1	Atlin (9)	50	4 (14,000)	2.7
2	Dease Lake [Smithers] (10)	35	3 (11,200)	2.9
3	Iskut [Smithers, Terrace] (6)	25	2 (19,000)	4.9
4	Eskay Creek-Bob Quinn [Smithers, Stewart, Terrace] (11)	60	4 (40,700)	6.6
5	Stewart [Terrace] (12)	50	6 (6,500)	2.1
6	Terrace (2)	10		0.3
7	Smithers-Houston (8)	30	3 (4,000)	1.5
8	Fraser Lake (1)	4	1 (1,000)	0.1
	Northwest BC totals	264	23 (96,000)	**21.2**
9	Todoggone [Prince George, Mackenzie, Smithers] (16)	75	7 (19,000)	6.6
10	Fort St. James [Prince George] (12)	37	1 (7,200)	1.5
11	Vanderhoof [Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Prince George] (7)	20	1 (3,000)	0.87
12	Fort St. John (1)	1		0.1
13	Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge [Dawson Creek, Fort St. John] (3)	20	3 (6,000)	1.0
14	Quesnel-Wells-Williams Lake [Prince George] (27)	100	10 (53,500)	8.2
	Northeast BC totals	153	22 (88,700)	**18.3**
15	Lac La Hache-100 Mile House-Little Fort [Kamloops] (4)	16	1 (2,400)	0.3
16	Bridge River-Lillooet [Cache Creek, Kamloops] (6)	25	2 (2,200)	0.7
17	Kamloops-Merritt-Clinton-Cache Ck-Clearwater (18)	70	6 (25,000)	3.0
18	Princeton-Tulameen (4)	12	2 (1,500)	0.4
19	Revelstoke-Trout Lake [Kamloops] (4)	7		0.2
20	Vernon-Nakusp [Kamloops] (6)	20		0.3
21	Kelowna-Peachland [Penticton] (2)	17	2 (7,500)	0.5
22	Keremeos-Penticton-Beaverdell [Kelowna] (4)	17	2 (3,100)	0.7
	Central BC totals	184	15 (41,700)	**6.0**
23	Greenwood-Grand Forks [Osoyoos] (11)	40	3 (4,000)	0.9
24	Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-New Denver-Nelson-Salmo (9)	25	1 (1,100)	0.6
25	Spillamacheen-Invermere-Golden [Cranbrook] (3)	13	2 (5,700)	0.3
26	Cranbrook-Kimberley [Creston] (20)	75	8 (14,000)	2.9
27	Fernie-Sparwood [Cranbrook] (5)	25	5 (27,100)	1.4
	Southeast BC totals	178	19 (51,900)	**6.1**
28	Port Hardy-Port McNeil [Campbell River] (9)	17	1 (1,200)	0.5
29	Campbell River [Courtenay, Comox] (2)	15	2 (34,400)	1.2
30	Courtenay-Comox [Campbell River, Nanaimo] (2)	5		0.1
31	Port Alberni [Nanaimo] (5)	10		0.2
32	Texada Island [Powell River] (4)	14	2 (2,400)	0.3
33	Powell River-Sechelt (4)	8		0.1
34	Victoria-Port Renfrew (2)	8	1 (200)	0.2
35	Harrison Lake-Hope (4)	18	1 (700)	0.6
	Southwest BC totals	95	7 (38,900)	**3.1**
	Totals (~250 projects)	**874**	**85 (317,600)**	**55**

* There are more than 400 additional, full-time mineral exploration jobs based in the Lower Mainland.
** Expenditure estimates include field, office and service industry expenditures (lab analysis, legal services, etc.)

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Legend

Mines

- Operating Metal mine (metals)
- Operating Coal mine
- Industrial Mineral mine /quarry (commodity)

Major Exploration and Development Projects

- Metals
- Coal
- Industrial Minerals
- 24 — Community area of influence (see table)

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See *British Columbia Mineral Exploration Review 2003* for more information on mines and exploration projects

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Metal mines
(Metallic element symbols)

Ag - silver
Au - gold
Cu - copper
Mo - molybdenum
Zn - zinc

Industrial Minerals
(MINFILE commodity codes)

At - Aggregate
Ba - Barite
Bn - Bentonite
Bs - Building stone
Do - Dolomite
Fr - Fullers Earth
Gr - Granite
Gy - Gypsum
Ls - Limestone
Ma - Magnetite
Mt - Magnesite
Pu - Pumice
Sg - Slag
Sh - Shale
Si - Silica
Ze - Zeolite

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