

This year at (Liard Copper) Hecla drilled a single vertical hole on the northeastern fringe of the mineral zone to a depth in excess of 2,100 feet. In this area of the Schaft Creek property the stripping ratio increases rapidly and one objective of the drilling was to test for an extension of the mineral zone that might be minable by underground caving. The hole intersected what is interpreted to be the hangingwall section of the mineralization. A further 500 feet of hole would have tested the projection of the strong footwall section, but, unfortunately, the equipment was not capable of drilling to greater depth.

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## Highhawk starts work on gold bet

VANCOUVER - Highhawk Mines has started exploration on what it regards as a very attractive gold prospect in the Kiniskan Lake area, about 15 miles west of the Stewart-Cassiar highway. Attention will be directed to several vein outcrops that have yet to be tested. Previous work on this gold prospect was in 1956 when the price of gold was about \$35 an oz.

Negotiations have been completed for a partner to expend, on an optional basis, an initial \$150,000 on the Hedley, B.C., gold-tungsten prospect.

The company's Ortell Lake lead-zinc prospect, Yukon, is under option to Northgate Exploration, which is seeking a partner in this venture.

Working capital at June 30, 1978, was \$38,604.

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### (CONSOLIDATED SILVER RIDGE MINES LTD.)

**GOLD EXPLORATION - PROGRAM UNDERWAY** - Gold values both in veinlets and disseminations were noted in a previous exploration program on the Red Dog claim block located 25 kilometers northwest of Kiniskan Lake in the Liard mining division of northwest B.C. Consolidated Silver Ridge Mines Ltd. recently completed a financing and has started the first phase of a two phased exploration program recommended by G.A. Noel, P.Eng., for the property.

Mr. Noel noted that the best section of gold encountered in the previous drill program on the property, which was directed to test for the copper content and to date has yielded only low copper values, was found in silicified siltstone and assayed 0.587 oz. gold per ton across 9 meters.

The work started about ten days ago under the direction of Mr. Noel and is to include geological mapping, prospecting, soil sampling and some surface hand trenching with sampling. A granodiorite porphyry dike intruding sedimentary and volcanic rocks carried disseminated pyrite and copper minerals. Significant gold content is found in most of the rocks over the entire property and further definition of the gold potential is definitely warranted.

The first phase of work is expected to be completed towards the end of August. The second stage will be contingent upon the results of the Stage One and will involve 3,000 feet of B.Q. diamond drilling.

Donald A. McLeod, president of Consolidated Silver Ridge Mines, who is also president of Northair Mines Ltd., stated that the Red Dog property has some good gold values and holds a very large tonnage potential which will be thoroughly tested by the program now underway. He said he was confident that the trenching program will provide the good gold grades necessary to encourage the next stage of work.