

THE WILLA PROSPECT. SOUTHER^BEASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Willa prospect is situated 12 kilometres south of New Denver in southeastern B.C. Surface drilling, followed by underground exploration delineated two zones of gold-silver and copper mineralization, mainly within a steeply plunging breccia pipe. The pipe, a heterolithic intrusive breccia, is approximately 200m by 300m in plan dimension.

Published reserves ^{from the Main Zone} are 3 million tonnes of 1.3g/t Au, 4.8g/t Ag and 0.32% Cu, but Northair Mines Ltd., the operator, recently reported high grade intersections in the ^{Ring or} West Zone that may significantly affect the economic viability of the project.

Regionally, the deposit is in a roof pendant of presumed Rossland Group volcanic and sedimentary rocks of Jurassic age that lie in the Jurassic to Cretaceous Nelson Batholith. The Rossland rocks are cut by a ring dyke-cone sheet complex of porphyritic intrusive rocks of uncertain age. The quartz latite ring dyke which encloses the central breccia pipe contains quartz-molybdenite stockworks. The breccia carries a chaotic mixture of metavolcanic, metasedimentary and intrusive fragments; at its contact it grades out into crackle breccia. Mineralization consists of pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite and magnetite as matrix-fillings and replacing fragments in the breccia, and as veins in adjacent country rock. Early potassic alteration associated with the mineralization is overprinted by epidote-actinolite-silica alteration.

In summary, the deposit is in a ring dyke-cone sheet complex within a roof pendant of volcanic and sedimentary rocks in the

Jura-Cretaceous Nelson Batholith. Gold-silver-copper mineralization occurs within and adjacent to a central, slightly younger intrusive breccia pipe central to the ring dyke. Early porphyry-type molybdenite mineralization was followed by later gold-silver copper mineralization associated with epidote-actinolite-silica alteration overprinted on early potassic alteration.

Zircon 194 ±
2330 ±