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Drilling is continuing on the Westmont silver property jointly held by Alto Exploration and Hoko Exploration in the Slocan Mining Division of B.C., says Andrew Robertson, president of both companies.

Last year, a 500-ft. drive was constructed to give access to the north lode on the fifth level. Silver mineralization encountered at the projected location is being prepared for mining and high grade material is being stockpiled for smelter shipment after the spring thaw.

In addition, previous drilling from the north drive intersected a parallel vein structure approximately 200 ft. to the west; vein material in the first two holes assayed 69.08 oz. and 39.5 oz. of silver per ton.

Hoko, which had a working capital deficiency of over \$35,000 last year (as compared to approximately \$57,900 in 1979) was unable to carry out planned development on its Tanya tungsten property in the Yukon Territory in 1980 but hopes to do so in the fall of this year.

Alto has an option to purchase the Jumbo gold prospect in the Slocan field on which it began work last fall. The company's working capital as of Oct. 31, 1980, was more than \$334,000. In 1979, it was only about \$14,000.

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ACTIVITIES ON PRECIOUS METALS - Alto Exploration Ltd. and Hoko Exploration Ltd., in a joint venture, are developing the Westmount property for production 9 miles south of Silverton in the Slocan district of SE B.C. Andrew Robertson, president of both companies, reports that a test run of material from drift headings put through a custom mill produced 11.8 tons of concentrate for which the smelter paid \$8,272.86. At present, a 500-foot line drive to the north lode is half way to its objective. The north lode has been the major source of silver production at the property in the past. P

Independently, Hoko Exploration have obtained an option to buy the Metallic claim group 3 miles from Silverton, subject to regulatory approval. Immediate development work is planned. A limited amount of underground work previously carried out exposed a vein with lead-silver mineralization.

Independently, Alto Exploration Ltd. have obtained an option to buy a gold prospect in Slocan mining division, B.C., subject to regulatory approval. Mary and Sydney Berisoff of Silverton are vendors of the Jumbo claim. Mr. Robertson says mineralization occurs in a strong fracture zone in a granodiorite porphyry. The zone has been exposed over a length of 300 meters. It is highly oxidized and weathered and shows a maximum width of 5 feet. Sampling of the weathered material gave assays ranging from gold 0.14 oz/ton with silver 1.64 oz./ton to gold 1.12 oz./ton with silver 5.89 oz./ton.

Alto's immediate plans are to explore the vein below the weathered zone by means of a short adit. Access to the property is by road. The claims are $7\frac{1}{2}$ km from the Westmount group, the joint venture with Hoko referred to above.

GCNL #59 26 MARCH 81 ALTO EXPLORATION LTD. HOKO EXPLORATION LTD.

SLOCAN PROPERTY IS BEING PREPARED FOR PRODUCTION - Alto Exploration Ltd. and Hoko Exploration Ltd. will hold their annual meetings on 14Apr81 in Georgia Hotel, Vancouver, at 11:30 and 10:30 a.m. respectively. Principal shareholders are Andrew Robertson, president, owning 370,000 shares of Alto and of Hoko, Paul K.W.Chan and Jack T.Eng., each with 203,950 Alto shares and 199,051 Hoko shares. They and W.Earl Essery, secretary-treasurer, are nominees for re-election as directors.

As at 20Mar81, Alto had 1,939,002 and Hoko 1,900,002 shares outstanding, unchanged since Oct. 31/80 when Alto had \$334,401 in working capital and Hoko had a deficiency of \$35,461. In his annual reports, Mr. Robertson says the companies, during the past year, concentrated on their Westmount property in the Slocan district of SE B.C. in a 50-50 joint venture. Preparing the south lode for production, which included sub level drifting and raising, was suspended while a 500-foot drive was made to give access to the north lode on the 5th level. The objective was reached late in the year. Silver mineralization was encountered at the projected location and is now being prepared for mining. F

Exploration drilling horizontally from the north drive intersected a parallel vein structure some 200 feet to the west. Vein material in the first two holes assayed 69.08 and 39.5 ounces silver per ton, respectively. Drilling continues. Highgrade material is being stockpiled for smelter shipment after the spring thaw. BAF/14W

Alto has an option to buy the 12-unit Jumbo group in the Slocan camp. This Jumbo gold prospect has highgrade showing in surface samples. Work has started in the fall but had to be suspended until after spring break-up. F

Hoko lacked sufficient funds to develop the tungsten showings on their Tanya property in Yukon Territory where a fall program is now planned.

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**Hoko, Alto option
silver-lead-zinc bet**

Hoko Exploration and Alto Exploration have exercised their option to purchase the ^{82F/14W} Westmont silver-lead-zinc property 15 miles from New Denver, Slokan District, and, as soon as snow conditions permit, plan to bring it into production. Hoko President Andrew Robertson says the property was in production from 1907 to 1914 when ore was hand sorted and shipped to Trail.

Detailed examination of surface and workings shows substantial amounts of ore easily accessible and the potential can be increased by establishing a new level below the present workings, he said. Sampling at the bottom level gave average values of 25.1 oz. silver per ton, 7.60% lead and 12.20% zinc.

GCN L #224 21-11-79 HOKO EXPLORATION LTD. 082F/NW145 082F/14W
EXPLORATION RESUMED ON - Hoko Exploration Ltd. on 7Nov79 received an underwriting which
SLOCAN SILVER CLAIMS provided \$100,000. The funds are to be used to continue exploration on the 50% owned Westmont property on the north side of Enterprise Creek Valley, Slokan district, 15 miles from New Denver, B.C. F

Earlier this year, the timbering at the portal to the lowest level adit was replaced. Four diamond drill holes were put down from surface confirming the continuity of the south ore zone between levels. Work was then suspended pending financing. Work has now been resumed. The present program includes the completion of the ore-pass raise between levels in preparation for production. Also, a 100 ton bulk sample is being prepared for pilot plant testing of the metallurgical process.

A 50% interest in the property is held by Alto Exploration Ltd. which is providing 50% of the exploration funds through a joint venture agreement.

GCN L #14 ALTO EXPLORATION LTD. 21-01-80 82F/14W HOKO EXPLORATION LTD. 082F/NW145
DEVELOPMENT OF SILVER PROPERTY - In a joint venture, Alto Exploration Ltd. and Hoko Exploration Ltd. continue development of the south lode on their
IN SLOCAN AREA, B.C. CONTINUES Westmont silver property in the Slokan district of SE B.C. F

Andrew Robertson, a director of both companies, reports that silver mineralization occurs in a strong shear zone from 4 to 6 feet wide. The zone has been developed on the 4th and 5th levels and on a third side by a raise between levels. Continuity of the silver mineralization between levels has been established by sampling in the raise and by two diamond drill intersections midway between levels. A rich band of quartz veining lies along the footwall of the zone. Assays over 50 ounces silver to the ton across widths of 1.1 to 1.9 feet have been obtained at top, bottom and centre of the lode. The indicated average grade is 30 ounces silver to the ton. The developed section contains 4,000 tons.

Material derived from development work in the lode is being stock piled in two classifications: direct smelting high-grade which will be shipped to the smelter without treatment; milling grade which will be processed by the local "Ottawa" mill on a customs basis.

The mine roads have been improved and an additional roadway built in conjunction with the construction of storage and loading facilities. Further development is planned including advancing the 5th level drift to the projected position of the larger north lode.