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Dear Mr. Bristow:

Re: Exploration Program for Richfield Property, Gold-Silver-Zinc : Topley, B.C.

When you spoke to me late last week advising me that you had approved a grant of some \$ 7000 towards the cost of the 1979 work program onmy RRPASS # 1 - # 10 claims, you mentioned that you were going over your file of submissions for a second time, and you also asked about other claims I had applied for assistance on. I mentioned the Richfield property near Topley, B.C., which I have just finished staking.

In the hope that you might be able to find a small amount of funding for this extremely interesting deposit, I am forwarding the enclosed application.

The Topley Richfield gold-silver-zinc property was found in 1926 and explored on surface and by sinking and the driving of underground levels in 1927-28-29. It was re-activated in 1937; tested again in 1955, and last drilled by Canadian Superior Expl. in 1974-75. Good-grade gold-silver-zinc ore was found in the early work, contained in a highly altered zone striking north across andesitic volcanic beds. What makes the property interesting now is :

The great increases in the prices of gold and silver.
The fact that the deposit has never been delineated on strike or

at depth. Indeed, even the full width of the gold-silver-zinc zone has never been determined.

3. The demonstrated existence of a multiplicity of mineralized zones - they all seem to strike roughly north, cutting across the andesitic volcanics. At least four such zones have been reported. From my examination of the terrain, which is gently-sloping, generally featureless, and covered by a blanket of glacial till, there are ample possibilities for the occurrence of several buried ore zones.

This is one of the few properties in B.C. that has never been drilled out , down dip and along strike, to find out where the best mineralization is, and what tonnage exists. Given the reported grades of the known ore, which at today's prices sum up to over \$ 200 per ton across mining width, the ore-making potential is high.

This property could make a medium-sized underground mine, or a small open-pit producer, taking the rich ore bands together with the intervening low-grade.

My work proposals for this year are modest. I want to map the geology, pick up all the old workings, map the few outcrops that exist, and do a soil-sampling program. Enclosed is a reprint of a sampling method for gold which recommends sampling the humus layer - I want to try this, on a grid of lines perpendicular to the average strike of the alteration zones that carry the ore. My hope is to show that the zones extend long distances north and south from the small area tested by the 1927-29 diggings, and to find evidence of new, buried zones, worth testing by drilling . The intent is to define targets for an extensive drilling program for 1980.

While ⁱt may be a little late to add this to your already lengthy list of worthy properties, I urge you to take a good look

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at the data.

I haven't had time to put all the old reports together yet, but am working on it. I have all the assessment reports from years back, when metal prices were much lower, plus air photos and geological maps.

Any money you can provide wil go directly into finding ore zones. There is a rough road right to the old workings, so access is easy. This is an accepted mining district with Bell Copper and Granisle to the north, and Endako to the south-east; far enough away from civilization so that no one objects to another mine, but close enough in so that services are available. The property is 2 miles off the Topley-Granisle highway, and one mile from the main power line.

I urgently request your most serious consideration of this very worthy project.

Yours truly,

F.B. Whiting, President Whiting Mining Services International Ltd.