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Mineral Deposits and Exploration Trends in the Galore Creek Area, Northwestern British Columbia.

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Exploration activity in the Galore Creek Camp during the mid-1950s to early 1970s identified and defined several major porphyry copper occurrences. Following upon nearly

a decade and a half of dormancy, the area has, since 1988, seen renewed high levels of exploration interest. Mineral exploration activity is being conducted by numerous junior resource and major mining companies, aided by recent reconnaissance geological mapping undertaken by the Geological Survey Branch. Re-examination of the known porphyry deposits at Galore Creek and Copper Canyon has established the presence of discrete gold-rich zones within and adjacent to the main copper zones, as well as confirming the spatial association of these deposits with high level potassic intrusive rocks and undersaturated, possibly comagniatic volcanic rocks of Late Triassic or Early Jurassic age.

The remote location and lack of infrasturcture dictate that for any deposit to be economically viable it must be high grade, and for base metal deposits, carry significant precious metal credits.