

KUTCHO CREEK PROJECT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Target: Volcanogenic massive sulfide mineralization in Triassic volcanic rocks.

History: The Kutcho Creek deposit was discovered by geochemical sediment sampling techniques which resulted in strongly anomalous values for copper and zinc in a stream which transects the deposit. The orebody is covered by a thin mantle of overburden where it comes to the bedrock surface, consequently prospecting located numerous angular sulfide boulders, one of which, weighing about 650 kg, contained significant amounts of chalcopyrite.

Evaluation of the deposit commenced in 1973 and has continued to the present with both Sumac Mines Ltd. and Esso Minerals Canada freely exchanging exploration data.

From a report prepared by Esso Minerals Canada, Project Development Group, August 1980, "Total estimated mine recoverable reserves at Kutcho Creek are 20.6 million tonnes, at an average grade of 1.53% Cu, 2.22% Zn, 28.2 g/t Ag, and 0.30 g/t Au."

1981 Programme:

Three wedge branches, comprising 2761' (841.5 m), were drilled using existing DDH 97 as the pilot hole. A 'fence' of holes which was started in 1980 was completed in the 1981 programme, the purpose being to test the westerly extension of the south limb of the Esso West Zone. A sulfide horizon was intersected

1981 Programme (Cont'd.)

with the series of drill holes and the best intersection occurs in 9783 with 0.50% Cu, 2.81% Zn, 14.1 g/t Ag over 8.4 m. However grades/sulfide thicknesses and alteration assemblages could not be interpreted as indicating the presence of an economically significant ore zone.

A limited amount of rock chip geochemistry and geophysics was done along the property's southern boundary.

<u>Expenditures 1981:</u>	Exploration	\$	170,000
	Total to Date	\$	3,329,000

1982 Programme:

A technical meeting is planned with Sumac in December to arrive at a mutually agreeable plan of attack for the 1982 field season.



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KUTCHO CREEK PROPERTY

Scale 1 : 250,000
 1 Inch to 4 Miles Approximately

