slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The property supports at least two major mineral deposits plus several others that remain largely unexplored.

Mariah (MRS:VSE) has the option to acquire up to a 20% interest in this project

The claim block subject to this joint-venture covers approximately 3,800 acres, which were optioned from Minerals Engineering Co. (Meco) of Englewood, Colorado. Previous operators, including Anglo Canadian, have spent in excess of C\$1

## Mariah begins drilling on Vancouver Island gold/silver/copper property

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC—A diamond drilling program has started on Mariah Resources Ltd.'s Kola gold/silver/copper property located on Vancouver Island.

Mariah (MRS:VSE) can earn up to 50% in the Kola No. 2 claim that is a joint venture with Amstar Venture Corp. The property is located near the Westmin/Nexus Thistle property in the Alberni Mining Division, where three million tons of 0.2 ounces of gold per ton have already been outlined.

An I.P. survey conducted late in 1985 on

the Kola property identified an anomaly 60 feet wide and 1,000 feet long, with a minimum down dip extension of approximately 400 feet still open to depth.

The 1,000-foot strike length on surface carries assay values of 0.12 to 0.32 ounces of gold per ton, 1.6 to 8.6 ounces of silver per ton, and 0.3 to 17% copper.

Trans Arctic Explorations Ltd. of Vancouver is contracted to conduct Phase I of the drilling program, which will include 2,000 feet of diamond drilling.

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Mariah's Kola property is located on Vancouver Island, and is situated to the west of the Westmin/Nexus Thistle property with three million tons grading 0.2 ounces of gold per ton. Diamond drilling on the Mariah propety is now underway.

## Brican teams up with Abermin for exploration at Rabbitt Mountain

VERNON, BC—Brican Resources Ltd. and Abermin Corp. have completed plans for a 1986 program of exploration on the Rabbitt Mountain joint venture, says Ken Daughtry, director for Brican.

Brican (BRI:VSE, BRIIF:NASDAQ) acquired this large claim block near Tulameen in the Princeton Mining Division of British Columbia in 1980. A total of C\$140,000 was spent on exploration up to the end of 1984, at which time Abermin's predecessor company formed the current joint venture with Brican.

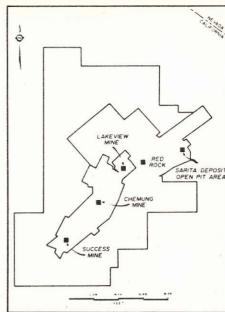
Since then, Abermin has spent C\$130,000 on the project. In 1985, a systematic surface exploration program on the northern half of the property has defined several attractive targets. Detailed geological, geophysical,

and geochemical surveys are being used to delineate zones of potentially significant precious and base metal mineralization.

The 1986 program will explore the southern part of the property and more intensive follow-up exploration will be carried out on targets already identified on the northern claims. Daughtry reports at least C\$100,000 will be spent by Abermin to identify targets for trenching and drilling.

Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, Abermin may earn a 75% interest in the property by spending C\$1 million before March 1, 1990. As part of this agreement, Abermin has now made the March 1, 1986, payment of C\$10,000 to Brican, says Daughtry.

total approximately two million tons grading 0.08 to 0.09 ounces of gold and 0.2 to 0.5 ounces of silver per ton.





Current exploration at Mariah's Masonic gold project is focused on the Sarita pit and the Lakeview gold occurrences. Management is optimistic that with favorable drill results from a planned program the joint venture project could reach the production stage by late 1986.

At the Lakeview mine area, located west of the Sarita pit, the silver values are higher, with one drill hole returning a grade of 5.0 ounces of silver per ton. Other holes drilled in the area intercepted gold mineralization with values between 0.04 and 0.12 ounces of gold per ton. Five additional known mineral occurrences have not been explored.

Historically, the property yielded sporadic production from 1907 until the early 1950s. Mining between 1951 and 1952 yielded 35 tons per day grading 0.17 ounces of gold per ton. The mine was closed in 1954.

Since the mine's closure, Meco and Santa Fe have both conducted exploratory work consisting of geophysical surveying, metallurgical work, and reverse circulation drilling.

Anglo Canadian retained Whitney and Whitney Inc., a geological consulting firm based in Reno, to further evaluate the property on their behalf. Whitney and Whitney have proposed a work flow sheet using conventional cyanidation process for the recovery of the property's precious metals. Anglo Canadian has stated that metallurgical testing indicates a 94% recovery of

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