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Mineralization at the Lorraine-Jajay property is described as similar to the Ernest Hendry mine in Australia, which is notable for its high grades (122 million tonnes of 1.1% copper and 0.6 gram gold).

Although access was a problem in the past, recent logging activity has pushed logging roads to within a few kilometres of the property from several directions.

Stalwarts

Exploration in British Columbia has long been dominated by juniors, and this year is no exception. Although levels of spending are expected to recover somewhat from the dismal \$30 million spent last year (well below the \$226 million spent in 1990), several advanced projects are taking the lion's share of dollars, and making the most news.

International Wayside (IWA-V) is continuing to explore the high-grade Bonanza Ledge gold zone in the historic Wells-Barkerville camp. Last year's discovery sparked a modest staking rush, with more than 6,000 new claims recorded along a northwest-trending belt of rocks.

The project contains a resource at Cow Mountain, which, at last report, stood at 6 million tonnes grading 2.23 grams gold per tonne, plus an additional 1.5 million tonnes grading 1.65 grams. Although Wayside intends to subject Cow Mountain to a scoping-level study, work will continue at Bonanza Ledge, where higher-grade mineralization was encountered. Two of the best holes returned 25.8 metres grading 24.6 grams and 33.2 metres of 10.6 grams. However, recent work has shown that the higher-grade zones are structurally complex, with limited continuity. Even so, the discovery is one of the more interesting targets found in recent years in the province.

Another high-profile project is being explored by DRC Resources (DRC-V) near Kamloops. The past-producing Afton property holds an indicated resource of 25 million tons averaging 0.2% copper and 0.045 oz. gold per ton. A scoping study showed positive economics, though a feasibility study still needs to be completed to confirm the project's viability.

In the Nelson region, Sultan Minerals (SUL-V) continues to test a bulk-tonnage target at the Kena gold property. Recent results include 106 metres of 1.16 grams gold and 58 metres of 1.21 grams. The current round of drilling is aimed at expanding this mineralization along strike.

Gitennes Exploration (GIT-T) was heartened by last year's discovery of a zone of high-grade zinc-copper mineralization at the Fox property, near Merritt, though subsequent drilling returned only modestly encouraging results. The best hole cut a 0.7-metre interval grading 16.5% zinc and 1.18% copper, plus 87.4 grams silver and 0.45 gram gold. Gitennes returned to the property this spring to carry out mapping and geophysical surveys.

For the most part, majors and smaller producers are confining their exploration programs on ground near their existing mines. For example, Kemess operator Northgate