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MT. SICKER EXPLORATION PROJECT  
Duncan, B.C. - VICTORIA MINING DIVISION

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NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

January 29, 1971

President & Directors,  
Mount Sicker Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.),  
P.O. Box 576,  
Victoria, B.C.

Gentlemen:

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GENERAL

The property centres at about 5 air-miles north of Duncan. It is readily accessible from the main Island Highway, at 7 miles north of Duncan, via 8 miles of paved and gravelled roads. The adequate exploration camp situates on an extensive flat area at an elevation of about 1350 feet. Average ground slopes are moderate - the exception to this being the north slopes of the mountain within, and on which the old mine workings and principal prospect zones situate. The area is well forested; local areas of dense, low underbrush do not constitute a serious obstacle to general surface exploration.

PROPERTY

This consists of 34 Crown-granted claims and 64 'located' claims - all within and adjacent to the perimeter of the Canpsc option block with areal extent of approximately 2540 acres. The above-noted, <sup>groups</sup> comprising one block of contiguous claims and leases, variously lie within the Chemainus, Seymour, and Somenos Districts.

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GEOLOGY & MINERALIZATION

At The Mt. Sicker property is underlain by an assemblage of variably sheared and altered sedimentary-volcanic and intrusive rocks.

The gross exploration cross-section includes massive and foliated diorites, chloritic tuff, quartzose-to-sericitic schists, <sup>graphitic-to-</sup> ~~graphitic-to-~~ <sup>sericitic</sup> schists, quartz porphyry, and quartz-feldspar porphyry. Diorites (loc. gabbro) and porphyries function as competent ribs within the section; the schist units, for the most part derived from the softer and more plastic sedimentary-volcanic components, represent zones of weakness in respect to intra-formational adjustments to close folding. Lithologic and structural trends are predominantly to the west and west-northwest, on near-vertical dips. There is, however, some indirect evidence of pronounced strike-wise flexuring and/or transverse faulting within some areas of the property.

Former mining and exploratory operations at the property were principally concerned with more-or-less massive Fe-Cu-Zn-Pb sulphide fillings and (banded) replacements within panels of sheared, folded, and crumpled <sup>quartz-sericite</sup> ~~quartz-talc~~ and graphitic schists. Ore occurred as large and small lenses, irregular masses, stringers and more-or-less tabular bodies. Within the Lenora-Tyce workings ore was mined from two parallel zones separated by 100-150 feet of <sup>sericitic</sup> ~~sericitic~~ and graphitic schist; these were designated the 'North' and 'South' orebodies. Quartz and barite, in varied proportions, comprised the principal gangues - the latter often occurring in economically-significant amounts. Both orebodies could be described as structurally-controlled <sup>relatively massive</sup> ~~replacements~~ of fault-paired, complex, strike-attenuated drag-folds. The North ore zone has strike and dip dimensions of 1700' and 120' respectively; those for the South ore zone are 2100' and 150'. Within both, ore widths <sup>commonly</sup> ~~locally~~ ranged up to 20 feet ~~or more~~, and locally to 30-40 feet.

Through the Lenora-Tyce workings the average strike and dip of the schist panel are N70°W and 70°S, respectively.

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The Tyee shaft, sunk to a depth of ~~1250~~ feet, provided geological indications of the persistence of the mine-panel to at least this general depth-range. However, development and exploratory operations were generally concerned with the one established fold complex extending to a depth of 400 feet below the (Tyee) outcrop. In the writer's opinion, the geological characteristics of the mine panel are such that <sup>other</sup> favourable fold structures ~~may be expected to occur at markedly greater depths.~~ <sup>at depth below this general 400-foot horizon</sup> That the productive section is only part of a through-going <sup>W. N. W. - trending</sup> regional structure of several miles strike-extent is supported by geophysical, geologic, and photogeologic evidence.

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In the course of the 1969-70 fieldwork minor, but potentially significant occurrences of Fe-Cu-Zn sulphides were noted within sheared, chloritic diorites and tuffs exposed via roads cut near the west end of the grid. Locally silicified and pyritized bands of white ~~sericitic~~ schist also occur within this generally dark dioritic assemblage. Initial soil-sampling traverses along parts of the access road cutting this section furnished strong 'copper indications'. The fact that these occurrences - admittedly sparse - occur within a section well north of, and significantly different from the mine panel implies that there are additional ore possibilities <sup>other than those</sup> ~~outside of the~~ <sup>within</sup> through-going schist belt which contains the Mt. Sicker ore zones and its immediate extensions.

A general reconnaissance of the southerly-contiguous ground disclosed a 500-foot cross-sectional width of Sicker Group volcanic-sedimentary rocks situating at some 3000 feet south of the Richard III mine workings. Other similar panels probably exist. This particular section includes diorites, andesites, (tuffs?), argillites, quartzites, and greywackes. At least locally, these have been sheared and altered to produce siliceous, chloritic, and <sup>sericitic</sup> ~~siliceous~~ schists; some massive, relatively more competent sections have been simply bleached and/or

*Patricia  
Showings (5 of  
Richard III)*

silicified. The average trend of rock units and schistosity is N 70° W, with near-vertical dips - generally parallel to the Lenora-Richard III trends. As with the 'Mt. Sicker' section, the local lithologic-structural features suggest repetitive close-folding on near-vertical axial planes. Mild pyritization of some schist bands comprises the only visible evidence of sulphide mineralization; however, the short time available for the examination allowed the writer to cover only a relatively small area of scattered, unequally-distributed outcrops. Twelve soil-samples taken in the course of the reconnaissance disclosed marked variations in the levels of geochemical copper, lead, and zinc.

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HISTORY

The oxidized ore outcrops of the South ore zone were discovered in 1897. Underground development and mining on the then-separately owned Tyee and Lenora claims commenced during 1897 and 1898, respectively. The properties were amalgamated into the Lenora-Mount Sicker Mining Company in 1900, with production continuing until about 1907. Between 1926-29 Ladysmith Tidewater Smelters Ltd. <sup>developed</sup> operated the property. P Sheep Creek Mines Ltd. optioned the group during 1939-40, and carried out further development and exploratory drilling (scanty records). Between 1943-47 Twin-J Mines Ltd. operated the mine, producing copper and zinc concentrates for Wartime Metals Corp. and, latterly, the open market. Vancouver Island Base Metals Ltd. undertook further exploration and mining between 1949-52.

The gross production from 1898-1952 is given as: 305,787 tons @ 0.127 oz./ton Au; 2.75 oz./ton Ag; 3.3% Cu, and plus 5% Zn - the latter not recovered from the 252,700 tons of ore mined between 1898-1907.

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+ 2.6  
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The present group became interested in the property in 1964 and subsequently formed Mount Sicker Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.). Since 1967 this Company has actively explored their ground during such periods as funds were available.

#### EXPLORATION DETAILS, 1969-70

The following exploration was carried out over a 12000 ft. E-W by 7200 ft. N-S area:

1. *Grid preparation by F.P.S.*
2. Grid preparation totalling 32½ miles.
4. Geochemical soil sampling over the full grid and portions of access roads.
5. Geological mapping over most of the grid.
6. Magnetometer surveying over 29.2 miles of the grid.
7. General-to-detailed V.L.F.-Electromagnetic surveying over 30.6 grid-miles.
8. Shallow X-Ray drill tests of V.L.F.-E.M. anomaly at one cross-section; 1 hole completed, 2 abandoned; gross 250'.

#### EXPLORATION RESULTS

Data from the above program revealed two panels of favourable host rocks (~~mic~~ <sup>sericite</sup> schist and (taic)-chlorite schist) apart from that comprising the mine panel. Extensive coincident geochemical-E.M. anomalies related to these schist panels provide several highly interesting drilling targets - particularly as subsequent field investigations have revealed the presence of stringer-type and disseminated chalcopyrite in local outcrops of pyritized, silicified ~~mic~~ <sup>sericite</sup> schists situating within two of these anomalous zones. Prior to embarking on a major drilling

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program, the current anomalies should be further investigated by low-frequency, vertical-loop E.M. and/or I.P. surveys - the selection of the appropriate method being based on data concerning the type-mineralization of specific zones.

Hole X-1, drilled for a shallow test of one composite V.L.F.-E.M./geochemical anomaly corresponding with a wide band of favourable talc schists, reached a depth of 149.5'. The hole effectively tested about 15-20% of the gross width of the panel to a mean depth of only 70 feet. The minus -35° south hole intersected a succession of banded cherts, silty argillites, chlorite-talc schists, and <sup>Ser.</sup> talc schists. Total core recovery was 54.2%.

Specks, small clots, and beaded veinlets of chalcopyrite, locally with sphalerite, occur over most of the section tested. Massive-type mineralization tends to associate with quartz veinlets and lenses. Silicification of <sup>Sericite</sup> schists and other rock types is general - locally to chert with only faint traces of the original bedding <sup>or schistosity</sup>. The several narrow, steeply-dipping sections with much disseminated, and occasional veining pyrite account for the V.L.F.-E.M. anomaly; however, copper assays in the range of 0.12 - 0.21% correspond to a lower level of copper mineralization than would be expected to relate to the strong geochemical anomaly present. The local geological-geochemical relationships suggest that the strong soil-anomaly <sup>relates to sporadic occurrences of conc. Cu mineralization</sup> is the result of artesian-type groundwater circulation involving deeper, more strongly mineralized zones of copper mineralization. *the gross effect being accentuated by the rel. thin cover of overburden.*

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0.12 - 1.43 Cu  
low high 3' to 4.25 Cu*

The 1970 work expenditure is reported as \$84,000 - not including the cost of summary compilations and evaluations of the accrued data.

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS:

Exploration accomplished to date comprises a systematic surface reconnaissance of one 7200' x 12000' area of the property. The combined data indicate several good possibilities for the occurrence of massive and/or dispersed Cu-Zn sulphide mineralization within three distinct belts of favourable ~~talcosse~~<sup>sericitic</sup> to chloritic schist host rocks striking with the longer dimension of the exploration block. The following recommendations are for follow-up detailed exploration of specific target zones:

RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATED COSTS

1. Low-frequency vertical-loop E.M. Survey	
(a) Grid rehabilitation, 10 Mi. @ \$100.00.....	\$ 1,000.00
(b) Survey, 10 Mi. @ \$300.00.....	\$ 3,000.00
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
2. I.P. Surveys, 7.5 K.W. Pulse-type	
(a) Grid preparation, 15 Mi. @ \$150.00.....	\$ 2,250.00
(b) Survey, reconn. & detail, 20 Mi. @ \$650.00... <i>incl. detail.</i>	\$13,000.00
	<u>\$ 15,250.00</u>
3. Diamond drilling, B.Q. core & sludges, 7500' @ \$15.00.....	\$112,500.00
4. Rotary drill-sampling, 'I.P.' zones, 5000' @ \$6.00.....	\$ 30,000.00
5. Provision, supervision, engineering, assaying, etc.....	\$ 15,000.00
6. Provision for access roads, transporta- tion, etc.....	\$ 5,000.00
7. Provision for omissions & contingencies @ 15% approx.....	\$ 26,750.00
	<u>\$ 204,500.00</u>

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\$40,000*

Respectfully submitted,

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East Lakes 1971 - Exploration - Mt. Seher Hope 4m. 5 - 1971.

Low Frequency vert-loop E.M. survey:

E.T. (a) 56E, 60E, 64E, 68E, 72E, 76E, 84E - between  
 Anom 18N - 34N - 7 @ 1600' - - - - - 11,200'  
 (1600')

(b) 70E, 74E, 78E, 82E, 86E, 88E @ 18N - 28N - 6,000'

S.W. Anom

(c) 48W, 46W, 44W, 42W, 40W, 38W, 36W, 34W, 32W,  
 28W, 24W, 20W, 16W, 12W, 8W @ 10S - 6N -  
 = 15 lines @ 1600' - - - - - 24,000'

(d) 4W, 8W, 12W, 16W, 20W, 24W, 28W, 32W, 36W @  
 26N - 34N = 9 lines @ 800' - - - - - 7,200'

Total - - - - - 48,400'  
 = 9.2 miles

Say 10 mi. @ 25¢/mi - - \$ 2500



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FEBRUARY 2, 1971

MR. C. B. FIELD, PRES.,  
MT. SICKER MINES LTD. (N.P.L.),  
P.O. BOX 576,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

DEAR CHARLES:

WITH THIS 3 REPORTS RE. THE MOUNT SICKER  
PROJECT FOR YOUR ATTENTION. PLEASE COMMENT  
AS YOU SEE FIT.

YOU MAY DECIDE TO SEND ONE DIRECTLY TO  
DONALDSON SECURITIES; HOWEVER, IF YOU CHOOSE  
TO RETURN ONE TO ME - WHICH I WOULD PASS  
JERRY & DON, PLEASE ACCOMPANY IT WITH ~~A~~  
THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION.

PLEASE INFORM JACK BROOKS THAT THE  
REQUESTED CLAIM SKETCH IS NOT URGENT.

YOUR SINCERELY,

W. M. Sharp, P.ENG.

Note Feb 23 - letter accomp received  
report (w. phototypes), with revisions  
excluding all mention of Patriarche ground  
& relevant recommendations & cost estimates.

ENCL.

May/71

MOUNT SILKER MINE PROPERTY

EXPLORATION RECOMMENDATIONS & COSTS.

Take these for May/72 report

STAGE I

A. LOW FREQUENCY, HI-POWER VERT-LOOP E.M. SURVEYS:

(a) GRID REHAB. 10 MI. @ \$100.00	---	---	\$ 1,000	(V.W.I.C.E. mark? ph call)
(b) SURVEY, 10 MI. @ \$300	---	---	3,000	
(c) MOB'N. & RELATED EXPENSE	---	---	1,000	

B.2. I.P. SURVEYS, 7.5 KW, PULSE-TYPE:

(a) GRID-PREP. 20 MI. @ \$150	---	---	3,000	
(b) SURVEY, INCL. RECONH & DETAIL, 20 @ \$650	---	13,000	16,000	+

C.3. GEOLOGICAL MAPPING & EVAL. OF GEN. ANDH. AREAS

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D.4. BULLDOZER TRENCH EXPLORATION, WHERE FEASIBLE, 20 DAYS @ \$250

(incl. open No. 3)	out to 10 hrs	2,500	5,000	27,000
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E.5. PRELIMINARY DIA. DRILLING (B. & W.L.)

2500' @ \$13 GROSS	1000	13	32,500	3,000
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F.6. PROVISION, ASSAYING, SUPERVISION, ETC.

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G.7. CONTINGENCIES & OVERHEAD @ 15% APPROX.

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TOTAL, STAGE I

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STAGE II

(a) DIAMOND DRILLING, 5000' @ \$13

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(b) PROVISION - ASSAYING, SUPERVISION, ETC.

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(c) CONTINGENCIES & OVERHEAD @ 15% APPROX

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TOTAL, STAGE II

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STAGE III

(A)1. ROTARY-DRILL SAMPLING I.P. ZONES,

7500' @ \$5	---	---	\$ 37,500
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(B)2. DIA. DRILLING (B. & W.L.) FOR DETAIL & CHECK,

2500' @ \$13	---	---	\$ 32,500
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(C)3. PROVISION, PRELIM. FEASIBILITY STUDIES

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(D)4. CONTINGENCIES & OVERHEAD @ 15% APPROX.

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TOTAL, STAGE III

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TOTAL STAGES I, II, & III

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(say \$250,000)

STAGE IV

(a) PROVISION FOR DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDIES - INCL. ORE DELINEATION, METALLURGY & MINING ECONOMICS

250,000	500,000	TOTAL
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(This put in only to best effort for Survey, Rainbow, etc. disbursements)

W.M. Sharp, P. Eng

April 22/71

May 5/71

MOUNT SICKER MINE PROPERTY

CURRENT EXPLORATION TARGETS

- E-1: <sup>2500' x 300' = 800'</sup> ~~3500' x 600'~~ GEOCHEM. ANOM. IN FAVOURABLE HOST ROCKS; COINCID. MAJOR E.M.-16 RESPONSE; ACTUAL EVIDENCE Cu-Zn MIN'L'N. BY VERY MINOR DRILL & TRENCH.
- E-2: <sup>1800 x 100 = 350'</sup> ~~2600 x 600~~ GEOCHEM.-ANOM. W COINCID. MAJOR E.M.-16 RESPONSE & SIMILAR FAVOURABLE (MINE PANEL-TYPE) HOST ROCKS; NO EXPOSURES OR INTERSECTS. TO DATE.
- M-1: MAJOR ZONE OF HIGH GEOCHEM.-E.M.-16 RESPONSE OVER 5200' LENGTH OF MINE PANEL FROM 1000' E. OF RICHARD III SHAFT TO 500' W. OF KEY CITY SHAFT; INCL. 2100' LENOVA-TYPE INTERVAL.
- M-2 - Possible fold structures below bottom main levels of productive part of mine panel
- W-1: STRONG LINEAR E.M. 16 ANOM. ON PROB. SOUTH BRANCH OF WEST EXTENSION OF MINE PANEL & STRUCTURE; 1000' STRIKE-LENGTH INDICATED & 'OPEN'. HOST ROCKS ARE MINE-TYPE PYRITIF. CHLORITE SCHISTS & DIORITE W. BANDS OF PYRITIF, SILIC. TALC & CHLOR. SCHIST. ONE POORLY SITED DRILL HOLE RETURNED ACTUAL EVIDENCE OF Cu-Zn-BN MIN'L'N.
- W-2: GENERAL COMPLEX OF LARGE Cu-Zn GEOCHEM. ANOM'S. TOWARDS W. END OF CLAIM BLOCK ASSOC W. COMPLEX. OF LOW TO FAIR E.M. 16 ANOM'S; ROCKS COMPRISE SHEARED, CHLOR. DIORITES, CHLOR. SCHISTS, & VARLY. SILIC. TALL SCHISTS - SOME STRONGLY PYRITIZED. GEN. O.B. PRECLUDES ADEQUATE EXPOSURES; HOWEVER, SOME EVIDENCE OF FRACT-FILL & DISSEM. Cu-Zn SULPHIDES. THIS AREA SELECTED, PRIMARILY FOR I.P. EXPLOR.
- M-3: NUMEROUS LESSER E.M.-16 & GEOCHEM. ANOM'S WITHIN BELT OF SCHISTS & DIORITES NORTH OF MINE PANEL AND BETWEEN E. & W. TARGET AREAS. MAINLY O.B., W. VERY MINOR % B.R. EXPOSURES.

M-1.

M. Max.  
April 22/71  
May 3/71

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3. <del>Geol. mapping of anomalous areas</del>		
3. <del>Drilling</del> Diamond drilling, B.Q. core & sludges, <i>incl sample analysis</i>		105,000.00
7500' @ \$15.00.....		\$112,500.00
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5. Provision, supervision, engineering, & <i>geological</i>		7,500
assaying, etc.....		\$ (15,000.00)
6. Provision for access roads, transporta-		
tion, etc. <i>(incl. miscell. mob. charges)</i>		\$ 5,000.00
7. Provision for omissions & contingencies		25,125.00
@ 15% approx.....		\$ 26,750.00
		<u>\$204,500.00</u>
		<u>\$ 192,625</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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**B. Patriarche Option**

1. Option payment.....	\$ 10,000.00
2. Line-cutting & geochemical survey.....	\$ 20,000.00
3. Detailed geologic mapping + compilation.....	\$ 5,000.00
4. V.L.F.-E.M. recon. survey, 400' x 50' spacing.....	\$ 2,500.00
5. Provision for supplementary geophysical surveys....	\$ 7,500.00
6. Provision for omissions & contingencies.....	\$ 5,000.00
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TOTAL, B.....	\$ 50,000.00

Gross Direct Expense, A & B.....\$254,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

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