



The above is a standard package being offered as a gold plus 20 element deal. Gold pathfinder elements such as Ag (too high of a D.L.) Ba, Mo, As, Sb, Se, W yield excellent data at low to high concentrations. Combined with Bi, Ag and the base metal results of the HF total digestion and AA determinations we should have a reasonable elemental association package to investigate alteration, mineralization and halo signatures around and through the various zones that you sampled. Hopefully, the majors and minors will give some clues about the parenthood of your intensely altered samples as well as define the intensity of alteration and/or overprinting of alteration styles.

The GSC check analysis of gold versus NAA gold values have shown very similar results over the concentration range of 1 ppb - 23 ppm. We therefore should be fairly confident in reporting these gold numbers if the control reference material assays are within the previously defined limits.

I have taken your request seriously and I am pushing for analysis well in advance of your January presentation. Depending on what comes back first, I could do some processing here. Maybe some down hole X-Y plots of the variation of total sulphur versus precious metals and other pathfinders would be useful? I'll give you a ring to check on your needs before proceeding. I will of course send you all data sets as soon as they come out of the lab and I'll let you pass on these results to the different company officials as you see fit.

I'm presently building up a data base on Tl contents of various rock types and precious metal deposits in the Cordillera. Presently the analysis is quite costly but an in-house method is expected soon. However, I don't think we will have time before the forum to give you thallium results.

Best of luck with your talk; I hope to get out for the forum but one never knows these days. It would be a great time to discuss logistics with Dan, yourself, and the companies, but this, of course, is tied to receiving our management's blessing to go ahead with a cooperative program including well funded lithochemical studies.

In the meantime thank you for the samples and have a happy Xmas and an golden New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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