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**ECHO PROPERTY - COWICHAN LAKE - VANCOUVER ISLAND**

Location - 18 km by road southwest of the village of Cowichan Lake which is 25 km west of Duncan. Main showing is at 620 m. elevation (2,000 ft.) on a fairly steep south facing slope. Forest cover is second growth which has been thinned.

Property - 19 2-post claims and one Modified Grid claim (20 units) for a total of 39 claim units. Four central 2-post claims are in good standing to 1994, the remainder until May of this year (one year's assessment work done but not yet filed). Main contact is:

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Ownership is split 50/50 between wife Jean and son Paul who lives in Nanaimo.

Previous Work - Main copper-gold showing was found while building road for logging in 1957. At that time there was little interest in gold and most mineral rights were owned by CPR inasmuch as this area is within the E & N Railroad land grant. These rights were returned to the Province in the mid-1970's and the first record I can find of work being done included a 27 ft. Winkie hole from which sludge samples assayed 1.489 oz/ton gold. The claims were held by Wally Deans of Duncan for a number of years and there are stories of high grading but little other work except for a prospecting and sampling program in 1986 which was supervised by Peter Fox. It seems that little if any work has been done away from the main showing other than limited rock sampling by Noranda in 1990. No significant results were obtained.

Main Showing - a 19 metre wide zone in a road cut contains several northerly trending, steeply dipping fracture zones with with some quartz stringers. Chalcopyrite and bornite are disseminated on fractures which are coated with green copper stain (malachite) - free gold is easy to see on fractures. Obviously the fracture system contains gold but there is little doubt that it is probably upgraded in this oxidized zone. Better mineralization is contained in the western 10 metres of the zone and previous sampling indicates grades ranging from 0.02 oz/ton to several ounces gold. Limits of the zone are not known - I did not walk the upper road which is only 200 metres away - this should be done before any deal is finalized. About 1000 - 1500 ft. of drilling is required to properly assess the zone. 7 samples are in for analysis.