

## TOODOGGONE REGION FACT SHEET

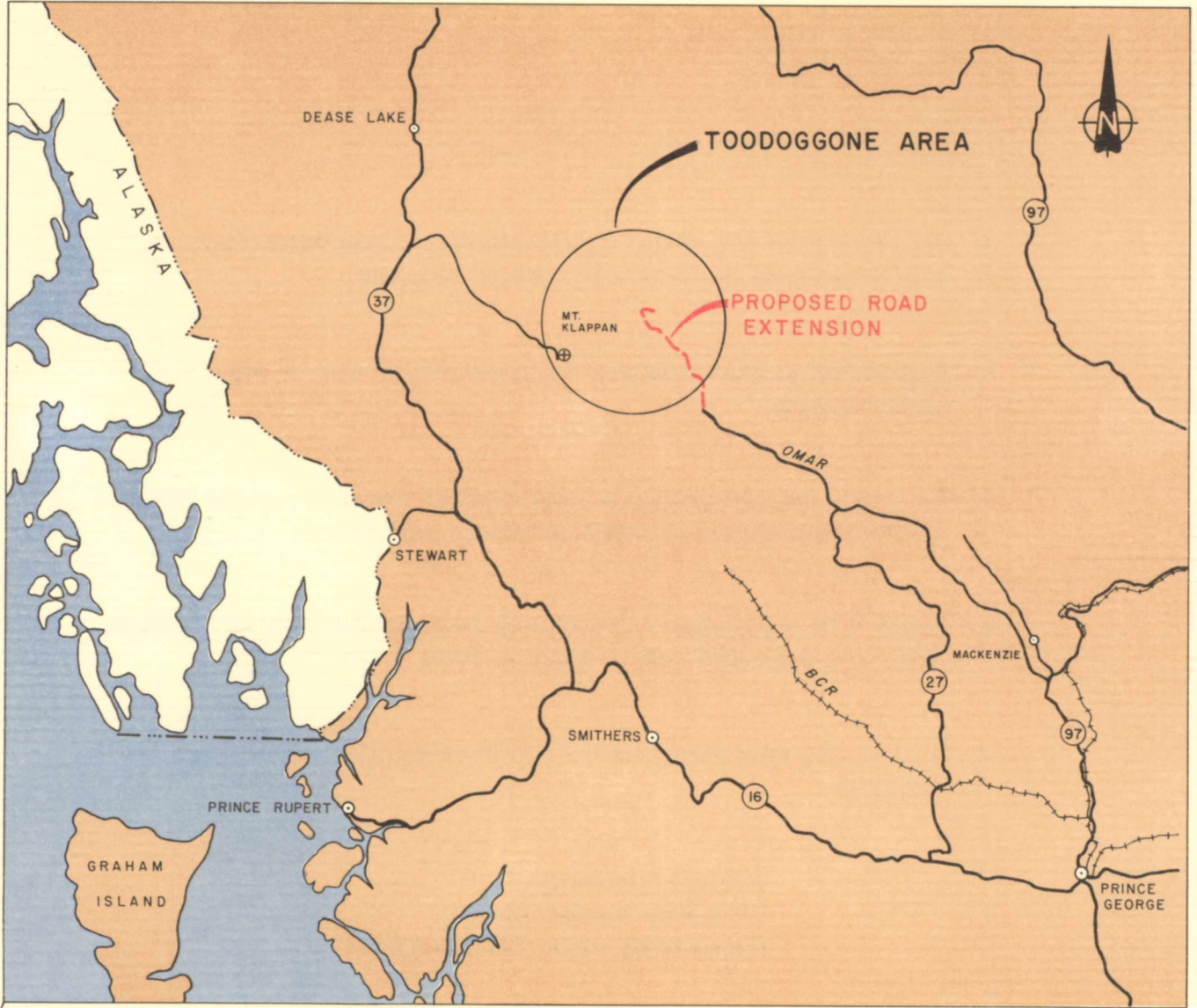
- With less than 5% of the region intensively examined, there are now seven gold deposits with defined reserves.
- Exploration to date indicates the possibility of one or more world class deposits.
- Six major mining companies and over 50 British Columbia-based juniors are engaged in precious metals exploration.
- Since 1978 exploration expenditures have totalled over \$20 million with more than \$3.5 million spent in 1986.
- To date, the total identified mineral inventory for the Toodoggone includes:

400,000 ounces gold  
7.6 million ounces silver  
Gross metal value **\$292,000,000**

- Potential of the known deposits is conservatively estimated at:

1,000,000 ounces gold  
23,000,000 ounces silver  
Gross metal value **\$742,000,000**

# OMINECA MINE ACCESS ROAD (OMAR)



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# **BENEFITS - THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS**

## **EXPENDITURES**

### Exploration

- 1987 budgets are in excess of \$3 million.

### Mine Development and Production

- 1987 expenditures on mine development are projected at over \$6 million.
- 1988 and 1989 mine development expenditures will exceed \$70 million.
- 100% of mine development expenditures will occur in British Columbia with an estimated 25% benefitting the local economies.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### Exploration

- over 100 direct jobs will be created in 1987, with an equal or greater number created in subsequent years.

### Mine Development and Production

- 100 - 150 direct jobs will be created in 1987.
- increasing to over 300 direct jobs by 1989.
- direct jobs will account for over 2,000 man years through 1997.
- the local region will supply 80% of the workforce.
- over 4,500 man years of employment will be created in secondary jobs (50% - 80% within north-central British Columbia).

## **ACCESS**

### **Exploration**

- Helicopter transport and air expediting currently account for over 20% of exploration costs.
- Road access would allow approximately \$1.0 million in 1987 - 88 to be redirected to mine-finding, funds now budgeted for highest cost transportation.

### **Mine Development**

- Improved access will enhance mine economics, accelerate construction decisions and thereby increase revenue flows to the British Columbia Government.

### **Omineca Mine Access Road Proposal**

- Estimated cost: \$9,000,000
- Project duration: 1 year
- Approximately 50 direct jobs will be created during construction.

This letter regarding the Toadoggone River precious metals district in north-central British Columbia is written by one who has been directly involved in the area for 15 years, initially carrying out geological studies on behalf of the Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources and more recently as a consultant to several companies.

The Toadoggone region has the near term potential of being one of the richest gold (and silver) discoveries in western Canada. Timely development of this resource will significantly sustain and increase provincial employment and greatly enhance private sector investment in British Columbia.

The main key to this activity is an 80 kilometre extension to the existing Omineca Resource Road. A commitment by government to the immediate construction of this important transportation link would send a much needed signal to the international mining community of the positive and supportive economic environment which exists within the Province.

The attached fact sheet, prepared by a consortium of companies actively involved in the area, sets out pertinent information on development of the Toadoggone gold region. In virtually no other endeavour can government gain such a strong economic response for such a relatively modest stimulus.

Over the next seven years the private sector is prepared to create an estimated 6,500 man years of new employment in the Province and undertake investment expenditures conservatively estimated at \$80-100 million.

In the course of developing the Toadoggone the mining industry recognizes the important roles that their operations can play in furthering B.C.'s industrial and social development. In this regard the industry looks forward to continuing to work with appropriate government and regulatory bodies to ensure Toadoggone development is undertaken in a manner that maximizes the potential benefits to all concerned,

The mining community is convinced that extending ground access into the Toadoggone in the immediate future is of major importance to the economic well-being of British Columbia. We look forward to working closely with government on this estimated \$9million project. The subsequent development of the close to three quarter billion dollar potential of the known precious metals reserves in the area will rapidly repay this initial public sector investment.

On behalf of those who will benefit directly and indirectly by government sponsorship of the Omineca Resource Road Extension, I solicit support for this initiative and the resulting resource development and job creation it will stimulate.

Yours very truly,