

AKIE - [MI94F031]

On Tuesday, July 23, 1996 Bob Lane and I visited the Akie sedex Zn-Pb-Ag property, 49 km E of Ware. We used the Finbow (logging) camp as a base. Paul Baxter, Inmet (operator) [Ecstall Mining-owner], very kindly toured us around. Inmet's budget this year is \$1.5 million. This year, Inmet re-entered DDH A95-19 (at approx. 800m) and attempted to reach a target depth at 1200m (downdip of previously-intersected mineralization) by using a new "directional" drilling technique developed by Falcon Drilling. Unfortunately, the hole did NOT successfully intersect the deep target, due to technical difficulties. The drill was moved to the FOOTWALL (i.e. downslope) (A96-21) of the Cardiac horizon and will test the 75° southwesterly-dipping horizon at depth using the directional drilling technique. The target depth was 1110 feet (cf. 1110 metres in drilling from hangingwall). The upper part of the hole has intersected an interesting system (feeder?) of quartz veins with reddish-brown sphalerite (see photos). The deep drilling will continue to test mineralization below a previously "suggested" resource (by Ecstall); the distribution of coarse footwall breccia units as well as metal and geochemical zonations within the deposit are being used as vectoring tools for identifying syngenetic growth structures and the focus to the hydrothermal venting.

In addition to the deep drilling, Inmet has tested anomalies along strike of the Cardiac horizon, both to the south (downslope towards the Akie River) and north (upslope). Approx. 2 to 3 km to the SE of the 'main' zone (i.e. A94-12; A95-18), Inmet had completed 2 exploration holes (A96-20; A96-22) on the "South Zinc Anomaly" and the Waterfall barite showing (surface exposure of 8m of blebby barite). In the former, a 1.5m intersection (at approx. 392m assayed 3.5% Zn, and 1.5% Pb in a fault zone. Drilling had moved along strike to the northwest (see photo).

We examined core at the Finbow camp, as well as at "core ridge" on site (see photo). We examined the discovery outcrop (Cardiac) (see photos). [NOTE: This may be the 'make or break it' year for Inmet].

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