

International Coast Minerals

Drill Program Underway in Kennedy River Gold Camp



International Coast geologist examining outcrops on the company's Bear Property on Vancouver Island.

International Coast Minerals Corporation is underway with a drilling program on its Bear Property in the Kennedy River Valley Gold Camp of Vancouver Island, located 55 kilometres west of Port Alberni.

The company's objective is to prove up 150,000 tons of ore at a grade in the .3 to .5 oz. gold per ton range and become a producing mine; financing ongoing exploration from production revenues.

Along with several associated companies, International Coast undertook an aggressive property acquisition program in this historic gold camp which it believes has many geological similarities to the Tertiary epithermal gold deposits of the southwestern United States, and to the Zeballos and Toodoggone Districts and the Blackdome Mine in British Columbia. The companies now hold considerable ground in the heart of the camp, as well as sizeable peripheral ground made accessible by recent logging operations.

According to company president Waldo Ejtél, it was the high concentration of gold showings and old workings on the government's mineral inventory maps that first attracted him to seriously re-examine the region's gold potential.

The Kennedy River Valley gold camp has been intermittently active since the initial discovery of gold at the turn of the century. The dominant structure in the camp is the Mine Creek Fault, traceable for approximately 45 km from Alberni Inlet through to Tofino Inlet. According to In-

ternational Coast's consulting geologist Tim Henneberry, observations suggest that most of the known quartz sulphide veins occur in shear zones splaying from this structure.

Kerr Addison Mines is presently conducting a large scale exploration program in the district and one of its major projects is the Tommy Property, directly across the Kennedy River from the Bear Property. It was optioned from International Coast Minerals in early 1987; Kerr can earn 60% by expending \$1.75 million. International Coast believes the Tommy Vein on this property, (primarily a sheeted veinlet zone ranging from 60-200 metres in width), has the potential to be a low-grade bulk-tonnage deposit. The concept of a "porphyry" gold deposit may be new, but the company believes the concentration of gold in veinlets on fracture surfaces - but not within the actual volcanic rock - makes this type of gold amenable to low cost recovery methods.

Also nearby, Multinational Resources in joint venture with Teck Corporation, has been exploring the Au Claims 3 kms from the Bear Project. A number of other junior companies are also active in the area.

Currently, International Coast's most advanced project is its 100%-owned Bear Property which hosts high-grade gold mineralization within quartz sulphide veins. The Bear and Black Veins are the priority targets; both are spatially related to the main Mine Creek fault and occur near or at the contact of Karmutsen andesitic volcanics and a quartz diorite intrusive.

An ore shoot of 27 metres strike length grading 0.311 oz/ton gold over 1.0 metre has been outlined in the Bear Vein adit and the vein has been traced on surface for over 45 metres. Peak grade from this vein is 1.35 oz/ton gold.

The Black Vein has been explored along strike for over 40 metres on surface and ranges from 0.4 to 2.9 metres in width. Twenty-three metres of 0.40 oz/ton gold over 0.72m in width has been outlined on surface with peak values reported as being 1.23 oz/ton gold over 2.74 metres in width, from sampling by the government district geologist.

The current drill program of 2000 metres has been designed to test the Bear and Black Vein systems at depth and along strike and drilling will also probe the strong VLF response over the Mine Creek Fault for mineralized veins. The company anticipates the results will warrant the driving of an adit to intersect and further explore the orebody underground.

According to Ejtél, the current drill program testing the Black Vein is indicating the presence of significant gold values over mineable widths. Peak values in the vein system were recently reported to have graded as high as 3.692 oz/ton gold. Results in-

clude: 2.17 metres of 0.936 oz/ton gold; 1.84 metres of 0.313 oz/ton gold; 1.87 metres of 0.321 oz/ton gold.

International Coast also recently reported that a "significant" new zone of quartz sulphide veinlets with gold values had been discovered during the current program, which indicates the potential for

larger tonnage through underground mining, or the eventual possibility of open-pit.

Tom Waterland, well known in mining and political circles, joined the Board of International Coast Minerals Corporation in 1987. The company trades on the Vancouver Stock Exchange; trading symbol INK.

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Drilling on 'Bear' property to begin soon



Ralph Martinson, contract driller, and Tim Henneberry, I.C.M. Geologist, on the 'Bear' Property. Bear Creek is on the immediate left of the adit.

Waldo Ejtet, President of International Coast Mineral Corporation, based in Vancouver, told The Westerly News Wednesday that he is so confident of the value of the Bear Property located 40 kilometres east of Ucluelet on the Pacific Rim Highway, 1200 metres from Kennedy River, that ICM will finance its own drilling program after raising funds through the Vancouver Stock Exchange, rather than accepting offers from several major mining companies to become partners.

At this time Kerr Addison Mines Ltd. has a joint venture with ICM Corp on the Tommy Property across the highway, adjacent to the Bear Property.

Mr. Ejtet said ICM plans diamond drilling by the end of this year to outline 150,000 tons of ore at a grade of 0.3 to 0.7 oz. gold per ton and become a producing mine.

ICM Corp recently completed a geochemical and geophysical survey. The strike extension of the 'bear Shear Zone was successfully traced by both surveys. The Company's consulting geologist, Tim Henneberry, FGAC recommended an exploration program with an estimated cost of 1.43 million dollars.

The first phase of the Exploration Program will include 3,000 metres of diamond drilling at a cost of \$344,000.

Mr. Henneberry is pre-

sently guiding drilling bidders over the property and this reporter accompanied him and Ralph Martinson of Cannon Drilling, Courtenay, on Friday. Although inexperienced in the mining business, this reporter could not help but be caught up in the excitement of looking for gold, nor help but conjure up visions of the 'Klondike'.

After riding on the Pacific Rim Highway 40 kilometres, we waited at the bottom of the hill, off the highway, for Mr. Martinson. At approximately 10 am we then drove up the mountain, a greater part of the time in 4-wheel drive, to the bottom of a recently

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logged area. With hiking boots on, picks strapped on, the three of us climbed 200 metres up the recently burned off hillside to the adit, pushed 60 metres into the hillside in 1913. We then walked the creek beside the adit up another shoot of about 27 metres to the black vein along the strike. Earlier this year, Mr Henneberry had carried out surveying, mapping and sampling, both on surface and underground. Detailed sampling outlined that the 27 metre shoot averaged .311 ounces of gold per ton over a width of 1 metre, as well as indications of additional mineralized shoots within the previous "Foot Wall Vein" workings. "Additional geophysical anomalies have been identified outside the known zone of mineralization" says Henneberry in a preliminary ICM prospectus.

Martinson then returned to his office in Courtenay and will be submitting a bid, along with a number of other drillers, for the contract to drill the Bear Property. What he found out that may make his job easier and less costly, is that MacMillan Bloedel is installing a logging road which transects the top of the Bear Property, which would allow easier portability of the drill rig.

A company prospectus was submitted to the Superintendent of Brokers by the Company lawyer on August 26th, 1987, and ICM has appointed the following as its agents to offer the shares through the Vancouver Stock Exchange, Continental Carlisle Douglas, Georgia Pacific Securities Corporation and McDermid S. Lawrence Limited will offer 600,000 shares at \$0.85 through the Vancouver Stock Exchange.

The Company's prospectus was approved on September 1st, 1987.

Handling the shares locally will be Nairne McConnachie of the C.M.

ni. Information on the Bear property can be obtained from Ted Walker or Joe Stanhope in Ucluelet.

Ejtel is quite optimistic about the Bear property and has set a goal to provide 30-40 jobs to the area in mining 150,000 tonnes "to begin with". Ejtel and Henneberry hope to have a mine in production within two years, taking out 150 tonnes per day. They said they will be able to mill the ore of other mines in the area as well, and feel the Kennedy Lake area "is one of the richest mineralization properties on Vancouver Island".

"The potential for the Bear property is much greater than we initially figured.

"Preliminary evaluations indicate we can mine 150,000 tonnes per year over five years and replace that as we go in explorations", Waldo Ejtel told The Westerly News, with some excitement. "I believe the Kennedy River Valley could represent the

largest undeveloped gold resource in western Canada", Ejtel added.

Mr. Ejtel was pleased to announce that Mr. Thomas M. Waterland is appointed to the Board of Directors of International Coast Minerals Corporation. Mr Waterland has been involved in all aspects of the mining industry from engineering and mine production through contracting and consulting, including a period of time with the Ministry of Mines, Engineering and Inspection Branch and is now President of the Mining Association of BC. He took this position after leaving politics in 1986 when he served in Premier Bill Bennett's Cabinet. His portfolios held during that time included Mines and Petroleum Resources, Forest and Agriculture. Mr. Waterland's expertise in the mining industry will be of considerable value to I.C.M., writes Mr. Ejtel in a news release of August 26th, 1987.

When tenders have been

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let, the first phase of the Exploration Program will include 3,000 metres of diamond drilling at a cost of \$344,000.

More detailed information on ICM Corp. is available from Ted Walker and Joe Stanhope in Ucluelet, or Mr. Ejtel can be reached at ICM head office, suite 1500-1176 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 4A2; Tel (604)685-4335

Presently ICM is looking for housing and "will be establishing an office in Ucluelet".

Ted Walker, Chairman of the Ucluelet Economic Development Committee, has been instrumental and

"very helpful" in providing information to International Coast Minerals, President, Ejtel.