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By WilliamsLakeT, Apr20

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MINING: Copper discovery

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And the company plans to spend \$5.5 million to explore the Two Sisters area site over the next five years, including \$400,000 this year alone.

"We're just having a look," said Gerry Bidwell, a Hudson Bay contractor working at the site, about 15 kilometres north of Wells, west of the Bowron River Valley.

"We have boulders with copper value and we're trying to locate their origin. We haven't found where they

come from."

The company's exploration program will include soil sampling, electromagnatic surveys, airborne and ground surveys, geological mapping, and geochemical surveying.

Bidwell said it was much too early to speculate about whether the site could support a copper mine. But he confirmed that diamond drilling might begin as early as this fall.

Although the area's mineral attractions have now drawn a big player to the scene, the credit for the copper find belongs to Eureka Resources Inc., a Vancouver-based ju-

nior mining outfit.

Eureka first struck high-grade copper in the area in July, 1999.

By year's end, Eureka staff had battled rain, snow, and early darkness to stake two claim areas totalling 21,000 hectares.

According to Eureka, the two claim blocks - dubbed Lottie and Bow - contain "numerous boulders of massive sulphide, with values up to 24 per cent copper" plus traces of gold, silver, and zinc.

The rocks are believed to have come from a "major volcanogenic massive sulphide camp ... in the late Paleozoic Antler Formation."