

situations e.g. measuring the relative intensity of a (magnetite-destructive) hydrothermal alteration envelope can provide a vector towards the heat source / mineralisation.

- Ash has return from holiday and leaves for the field next week to set up the mapping program in the Gibraltar open pit. He will then return to the office to complete the remaining edits to his Ophiolite-Associated Gold bulletin
- Massey has completed the text component for his upcoming publication on Potential for Gold-Rich VMS deposits in BC. He will continue to improve the map and figures while the text receives peer review. *GS to review*
- Alldrick and Gallagher are incorporating edits to the Anyox geology map, preparing material and equipment for fieldwork in the Ecstall VMS belt and preparing figures and base maps for planned Ecstall reports & maps. Departure for the field is scheduled for August 5. Initial work will be a joint regional reconnaissance/overview with Ame Birkeland who has several years exploration experience in the belt, followed by mapping of the extensive logging road network in the northern 1/3 of the belt.
- Trygve Hoy's field season has been postponed due to deep snowpack. *(+ Fournier)*
- Ryan, Simandl and Payie are in the field now
- Brown, Jones, Owsiacski and Wilcox are on holiday

Industry News

*Silver King
Lustdust*
U.S.-based consultant Dr. Peter Megaw has been busy in BC working at both the Midway Ag-Pb-Zn manto deposit and will be starting work at the Lustdust manto/skam deposits for Alpha Gold Corp

Scotia
Bishop Resources is planning a more modest exploration program (no drilling this year) in the Ecstall VMS belt southeast of Prince Rupert. Work will include additional sampling at established showings, evaluation of 4 new showings discovered during preliminary follow-up of stream geochem survey data near the end of last season, and follow-up of the next lower priority rank of stream geochem anomalies (all this work - and several discoveries - generated from their 1997 geochem survey in this belt). Elsewhere in the region, they will follow up BC RGS anomalies in the database that are associated with 'favourable' bedrock geology, and which show no signs of previous investigations. These "regional" targets have been on their "things-to-do list" since their were first spotted during the Mineral Potential Workshops of the early 1990s. The demands of the on-property work of the past several years have not permitted time for investigation of these remote, regional geochem targets.

Section and Branch Issues for Managers & Staff

- One for the 'Bring-Forward File' - for April 1, 2000: Lack of our traditional second person ("helper") in the warehouse has led to a (more) chaotic start to the season. We feel that through the June-July period this is always a two-person job. The crews impacted most were those that left their equipment checking/preparations/loading until the final one to two days before departure. Lots of anecdotes on this matter. If this was a cost-saving measure, we have spent more that the wages required to hire an assistant in lost staff time and other costs. (This is not a criticism of the sole warehouseman.)
- "Uneasy Rider" or "The Truck Stops Here.....Then Again, Maybe Not": A reminder to everyone that your first step upon collection of every ministry truck must be a thorough (mechanics) inspection before leaving for the field. If you are uncertain who is really responsible for ensuring that these trucks are in good working order - you're it! Expect to find problems. Assume that the last operator will not have bothered to undertake obvious necessary repairs (Case 1: The completely disconnected gearshift lever is still my all-time favourite. How did they manage to get that truck into the parking bay? And why would anyone walk away and leave it like that? Case 2: Luckily, brakes worn down beyond usefulness were discovered and reported by the mechanic during a recent tune-up & mechanical inspection just prior to departure for the field, but review of the truck service records revealed that the brakes were specified as dangerously worn / overdue for