

# BLUEBIRD MINERALS LTD.

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Bluebird Minerals Ltd. (BBM-ASE) is a new company (based in Calgary) with an exploration project near the Bayonne Mine, midway between Salmo and Creston. Bluebird's "North 40" property is 100% owned and is situated immediately north of the Bayonne Mine, and east of the Spokane Mine.

Funds are in place to complete phase 1 of the 1997 program. This phase will cost \$211,000 and will consist of diamond drilling, mapping, geochemistry, geophysics and prospecting. Drill targets have been delineated by previous work. A soil geochem anomaly measuring 100 by 400 metres is coincident with VLF conductors. Six 500 foot drill holes will be drilled to test this target. Mineralized vein material from this area assayed between 0.13 and 1.54 oz/ton gold over 9 rock samples,

and the widths varied from 10cm to 40cm, as well as float. The grid will need to be expanded to the east and west because more anomalies appear on the edges of the existing surveys.

The deposit models for the mineralization are:

1. Granite hosted quartz veins;
2. Shear zone hosted parallel veins and veinlets; and/or
3. Porphyry style mineralization.

The porphyry type has not been identified yet but it should be noted that at the Spokane Mine, and in a piece of float on the North 40, that galena in altered granite carried low gold values. So far only 13% of the 4067 acre property has been explored, and most of the ground is covered by heavy overburden so the old-timers didn't have a chance to discover these deposits.

## ECHO BAY MINES / KETTLE RIVER RESOURCES JOINT VENTURE PROPOSED

from Internet

Kettle River has entered into a Confidentiality Agreement with Echo Bay Mines Ltd. giving Echo Bay the exclusive right to review data pertaining to Kettle River properties located in south central British Columbia. It is anticipated a formal agreement between Echo Bay and Kettle River will be reached during the due diligence period.

Kettle River, being the largest mineral land holder in the Greenwood Mining District has during the past 17 years acquired the better mineral prospects and areas of prospective geology. The exploration team of Kettle River has

recently developed a number of these properties to the drilling stage.

The Greenwood Mining District is the northern extension of the Washington State gold camp which hosts the several producing gold mines of Echo Bay's Kettle River Operations as well as the Crown Jewel deposit owned by Battle Mountain and Crown Resources Corporation.

Kettle River is currently well funded with \$1.5 m in cash, no debt and has 4.5 million shares issued.

Kettle River's Web site may be viewed at <http://www.kettleriver.com>.

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The 1997 program is scheduled to start in mid-June (or when the heavy snow-pack melts off). Permitting and bonding are in place, and more funds are available to do more drilling if results are encouraging. Bluebird is using the new GPS and GIS mapping systems, and the new geology map is also in digital form. It is interesting to note that 100 years after the initial discoveries in this area we can apply modern techniques and make new finds. We at Bluebird want the old saying that "you find new mines by old mines" to be fact.

A different drill core sampling procedure will be used in light of recent assay fiascos. The NQ drill core will be sawed in half, and then one of these halves will be sawed into quarters. One quarter will be assayed using standard fire assay methods in a registered Canadian assay lab. The saw cuttings will also be assayed and if there is too much of a difference, the other quarter will be assayed. The company will keep the half piece of core for display and due diligence purposes.

\*\*\* GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE IN THE 1997 EXPLORATION SEASON \*\*\* ■

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