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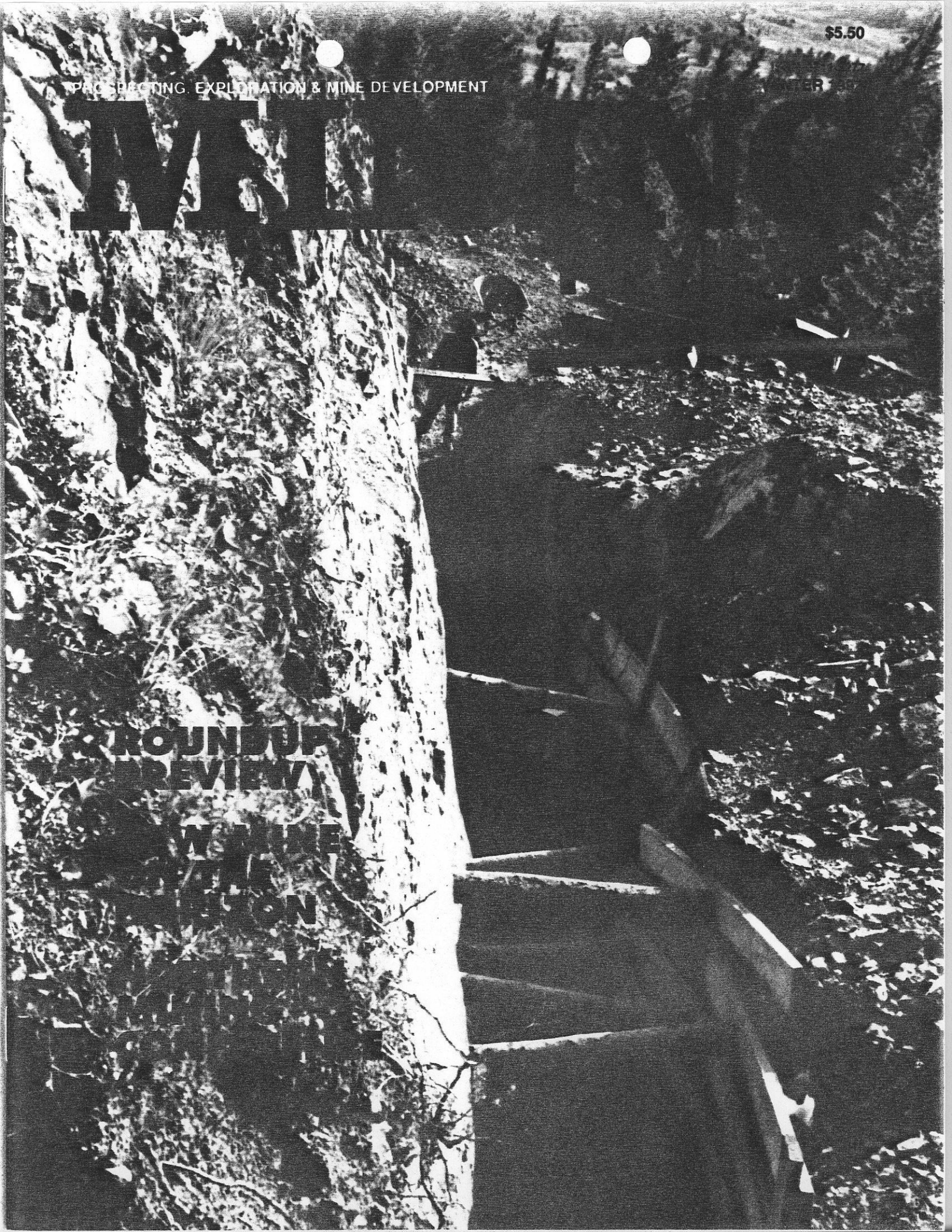
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NEW DISCOVERY GAINING INTEREST



Louis Bernoilles has a lot to smile about these days.

The affable prospector is gearing up for his next phase of exploration at his promising Skinner prospect 100 kilometres southwest of Williams Lake.

The Skinner intrusive-hosted mesothermal vein prospect was discovered in June 1990 by Bernoilles, president of Ottarasko Mines Ltd. The area is a new mineral locality and may represent a northern extension of the "Taseko" (Chilcotin) mineral belt, according to Tom Schroeter and Bob Lane of the provincial Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Schroeter and Lane included a report on the property in the EMPR's British Columbia 1991 exploration review.

The Skinner property is located on the southwest flank of Mount Skinner in the northern part of the rugged Chilcotin ranges.

The Skinner property originally consisted of seven two-post claims, later surrounded by conventionally staked claims. The main showing, the Victoria vein, was the target of exploration in 1990 and was exposed by hand trenching. The property was optioned to Northair Mines Ltd. in 1991. Northair

focused on the Victoria vein and immediate area and work included the completion of a grid, preliminary bedrock mapping and prospecting, electromagnetic and magnetic surveys, construction of a four-kilometre access road, mechanized trenching and diamond drilling.

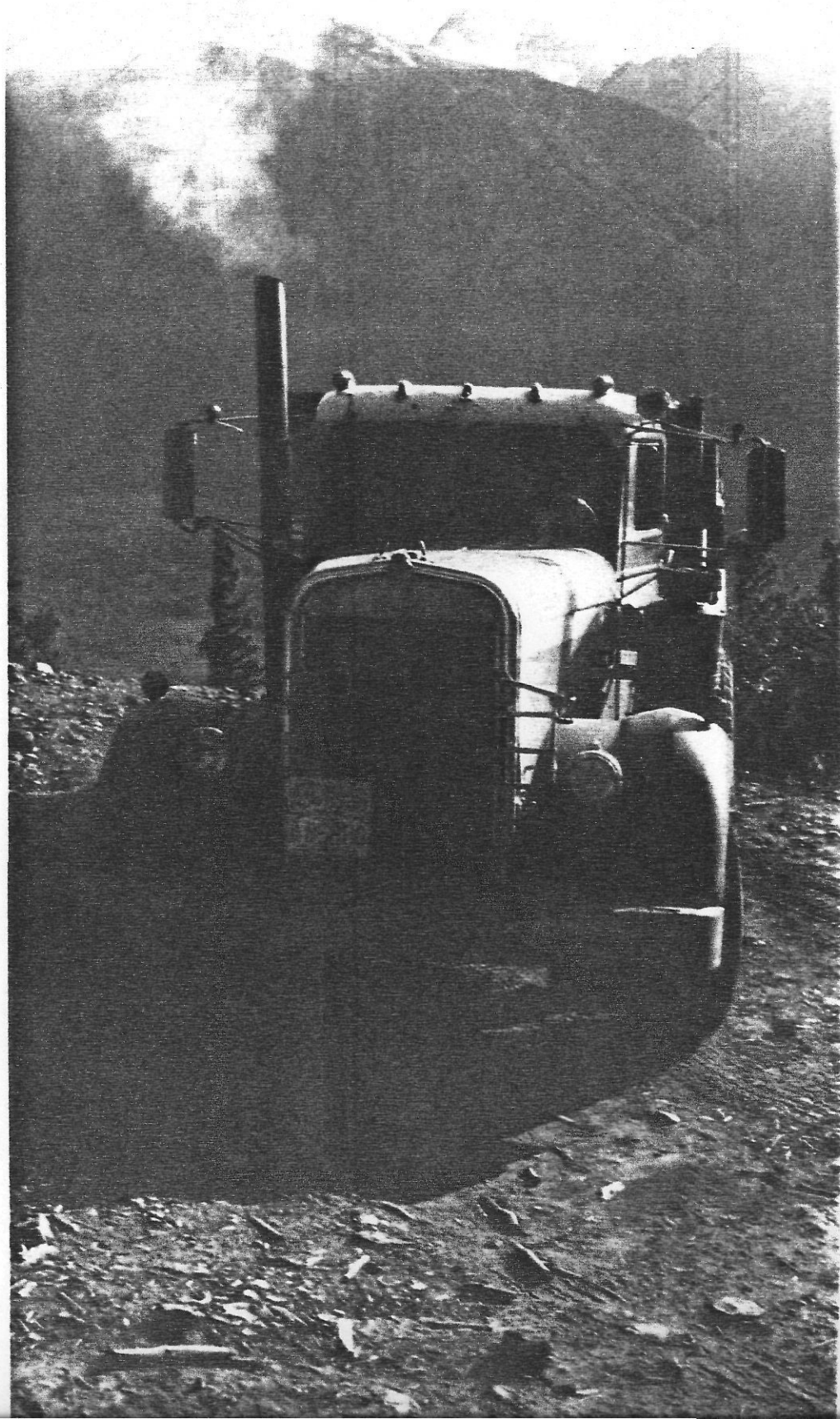
Schroeter and Lane reported that the Victoria vein was exposed intermittently over a strike of 130 metres. Covered by talus to the west, it appeared to feather out to the east. Vein width was variable, but it reached a maximum of 1.4 metres.

Grades were variable along the length of the vein. A composite of chip samples taken by Northair across the vein — according to the EMPR report — averaged 28.7 grams per tonne gold over a 1.05-metre width and strike length of 59 metres.

In October 1991, a six-hole diamond drilling program totalling 260 metres was completed. All holes intersected the shear zone that hosts the vein.

The best intersections are in holes 91-3 and 91-4 (0.9 m at 20.85 g/t Au and 1.0 m at 62.40 g/t Au, respectively).

Bernoilles has made a preliminary resource estimate for the Victoria vein of 11 300 tonnes grading 20.23 grams per tonne gold. ►



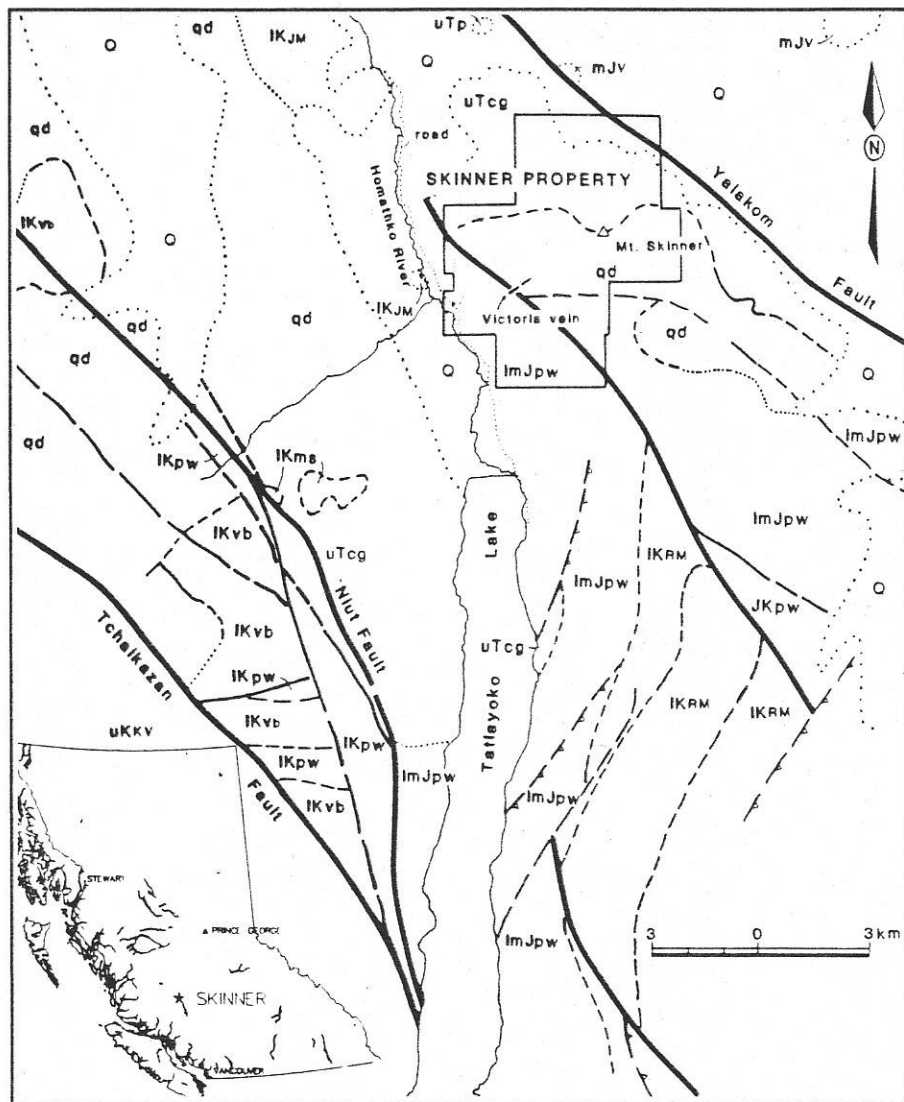


Figure B-8-1. Location of the Skinner property (inset) and regional geology of the Mount Skinner area (after Roddick and Tipper, 1985).

LEGEND

QUATERNARY

Q Till, gravel, sand and alluvium

UPPER CRETACEOUS

uKkv Kingsvale Group; Andesitic and basaltic breccia and tuff

LOWER CRETACEOUS

IKJM Jackass Mountain Group; Greywacke, siltstone and conglomerate
 IKvb Andesitic and basaltic breccia and tuff
 IKpw siltstone, greywacke and conglomerate, breccia, quartz sandstone and limestone
 IKms Metasediments and migmatite
 IKRM Relay Mountain Group; Arkose, conglomerate, greywacke, siltstone, coquinoid limestone

JURASSIC AND CRETACEOUS

JKpw Siltstone, greywacke, conglomerate and arkose

UPPER JURASSIC

uJcg Conglomerate, shale, arkose, greywacke and tuff.

LOWER AND MIDDLE JURASSIC

ImJpw Siltstone, shale, greywacke, grit and conglomerate
 mJv Tuff and volcanic breccia; minor conglomerate and shale

UPPER TRIASSIC

uTp Shale, siltstone, greywacke, conglomerate, volcanic breccia and tuff.
 uTog Conglomerate, limestone and greywacke.

COAST PLUTONIC COMPLEX

qd quartz diorite
 --- Geologic contact
 = Fault
 - - - Thrust fault
 ... Limit of outcrop

Due to the suspected limited size potential of the vein, Northair terminated its option and turned the property back to the owner.

In mid-1992, a 157-tonne bulk sample produced 208 oz. of gold. Ore was shipped to Westmin's Premier Gold Project. Bernoilles says there was an excellent extraction percentage (99 per cent range).

"The program's wrapped up now," Bernoilles said in a recent interview before heading to Montreal for the winter. "We've had great satisfaction in dealing with Westmin this past summer."

The narrow vein mining consisted of a trench two feet wide and 100 feet long. Bernoilles says it took a lot of careful hand work but the promising results made the blood, sweat and tears worth it.

Ore was taken in a 10-ton truck on the private access road before reaching the already-existing logging roads and then onto Highway 20 to Williams Lake.

Next phase begins in March of 1993 with more bulk sampling and underground work.

"The grades should be better," Bernoilles assures.

As Schroeter and Lane concluded in their '91 exploration review:

"The Skinner mesothermal gold prospect, although small, is an interesting new discovery in a generally poorly known and underexplored area of the province. The intrusive-hosted-shear-controlled vein is a new target in this area of the province." □

Skinner mesothermal vein prospect

Location: UTM Zone: 10U Northing: 5727600 Easting: 404600 (092N/ 09W)
 Clinton Mining Division, 100 kilometres southwest of Williams Lake, 5 kilometres north of the north end of Tatayoko Lake on the southwest flank of Mount Skinner.

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Claims: SK1 - SK7, Skinner 1 - Skinner 7 and Lincoln 1.

Access: 180 kilometres east along Highway 20 from Williams Lake, then south along logging roads for about 30 kilometres, then west for several kilometres to the property via a 4-wheel drive, private access road.

Owner/Operator: Ottarasko Mines Ltd.